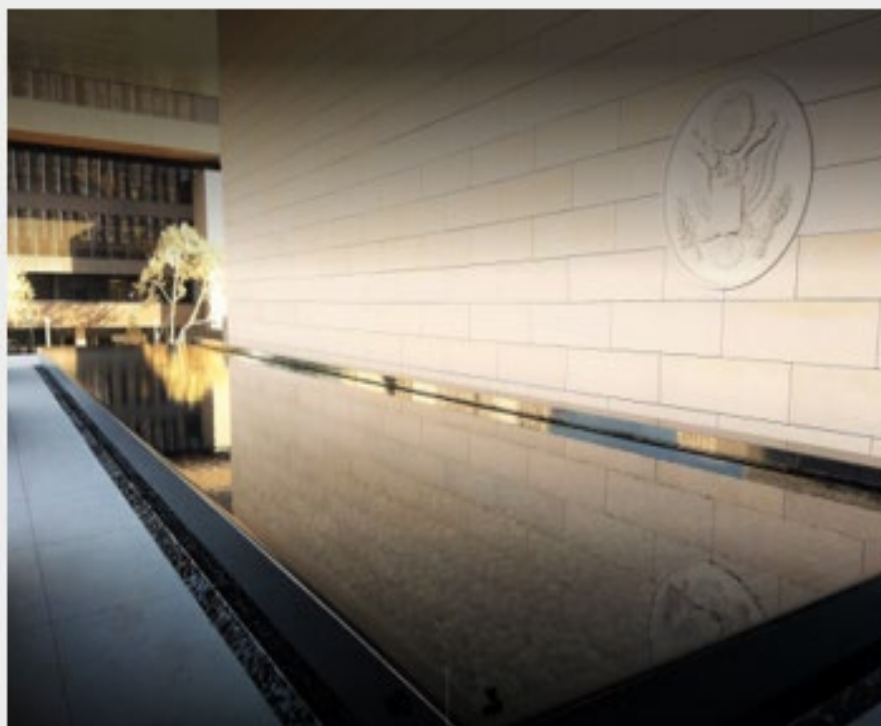


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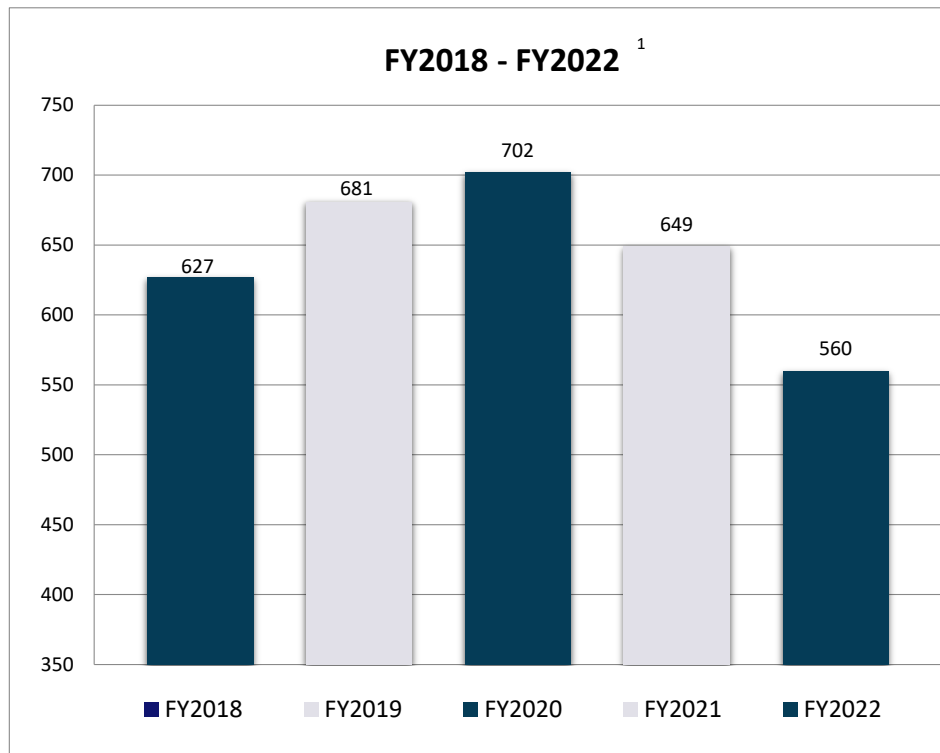
Annual Report of Caseload Statistics

Fiscal Year 2022

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Weighted Filings per Judgeship



The number of weighted filings per judgeship for the Central District of California declined to 560 for fiscal year¹ ("FY") 2022, a decrease of 14 percent from 649 in the prior year. Overall, weighted filings have decreased 11 percent over the five-year period from FY2018 to FY2022. The Central District of California's weighted filings per judgeship was 17 percent higher than the national average of 479. The Central District of California ranked 19th in the nation and 3rd in the Ninth Circuit for weighted filings in FY2022.

¹ The fiscal year is the 12-month period ending September 30.

Judicial Vacancies

Vacant Judgeship Months				
FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
72	94.7	113.9	95.5	85.3

Number of Judicial Vacancies				
FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
6	9	7	6	4

The Central District of California has 28 authorized Article III judgeships. At the end of FY2022, the Central District had four vacancies with the oldest vacancy from October 29, 2015. At the end of FY2022, the number of vacant judgeship months was the fourth highest in the Court's history at 85.3 months. During the five-year period ending September 30, 2022, vacant judgeship months rose 18.5 percent from 72 in FY2018 to 85.3 in FY2022. Vacant judgeship months are the total number of months that vacancies occurred in any judgeship position in a circuit or district, as defined in the, 'Federal Court Management Statistics.'

District Caseload Measures

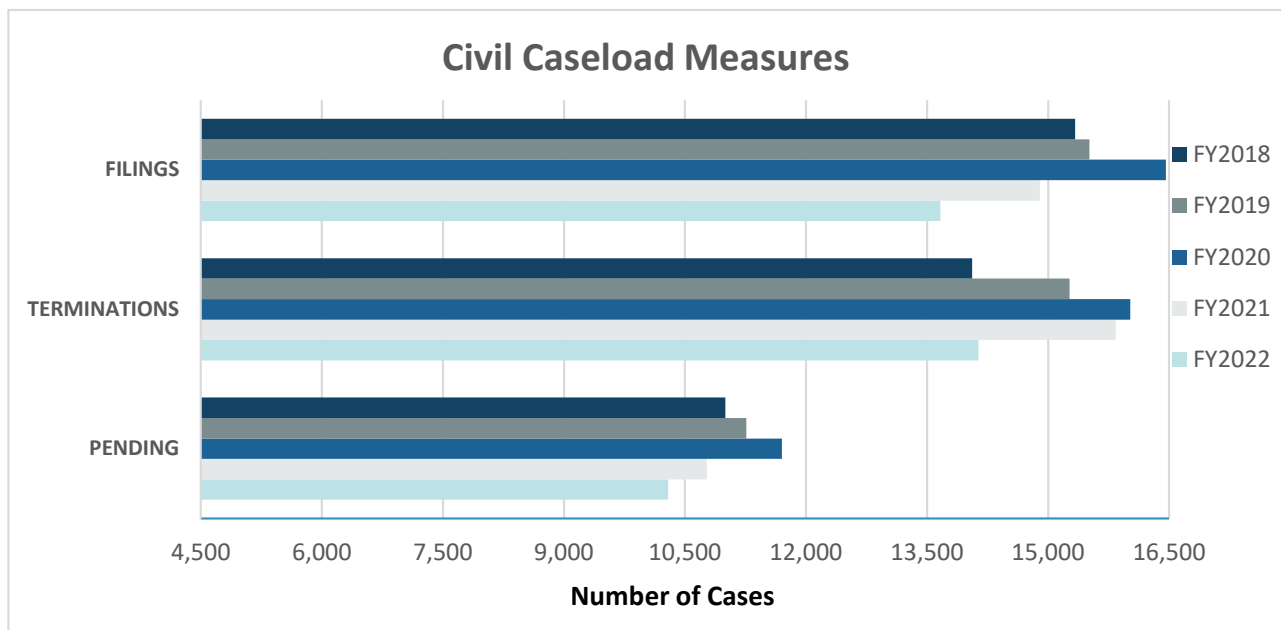
	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	% Change FY22/21	% Change FY22/18
FILINGS							
Civil	15,335	15,514	16,461	14,897	13,665	-8.3%	-10.9%
Criminal Cases	1,170	1,138	810	817	724	-11.4%	-38.1%
Total	16,505	16,652	17,271	15,714	14,389	-8.4%	-12.8%
TERMINATIONS							
Civil	14,057	15,265	16,019	15,838	14,137	-10.7%	0.6%
Criminal Cases	966	978	704	655	833	27.2%	-13.8%
Total	15,023	16,243	16,723	16,493	14,970	-9.2%	-0.4%
PENDING							
Civil	11,001	11,259	11,703	10,769	10,290	-4.4%	-6.5%
Criminal Cases	2,322	2,466	2,503	2,652	2,531	-4.6%	9.0%
Total	13,323	13,725	14,206	13,421	12,821	-4.5%	-3.8%

In FY2022, the Central District of California saw an 8.4 percent decline in combined civil and criminal case filings from FY2021. Total case terminations decreased 9.2 percent and total pending cases were lowered by 4.5 percent from FY2021. During the five-year period ending September 30, 2022, total civil and criminal case filings decreased by 12.8 percent; total terminations decreased by .4 percent, and total pending cases fell 3.8 percent.

Civil Caseload Measures

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	% Change FY22/21	% Change FY22/18
Filings	15,335	15,514	16,461	14,897	13,665	-8.3%	-10.9%
Termination	14,057	15,265	16,019	15,838	14,137	-10.7%	0.6%
Pending	11,001	11,259	11,703	10,769	10,290	-4.4%	-6.5%

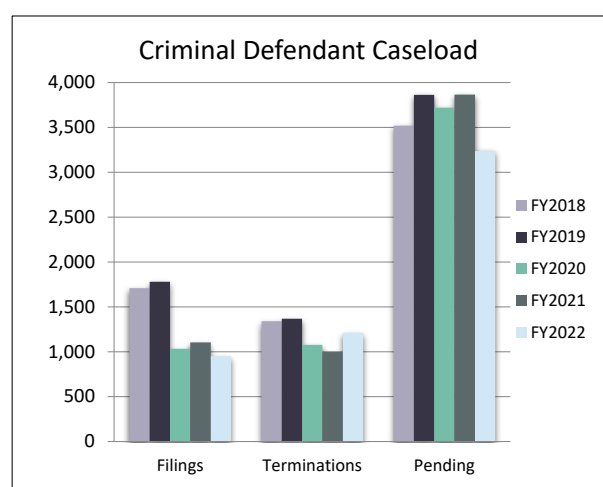
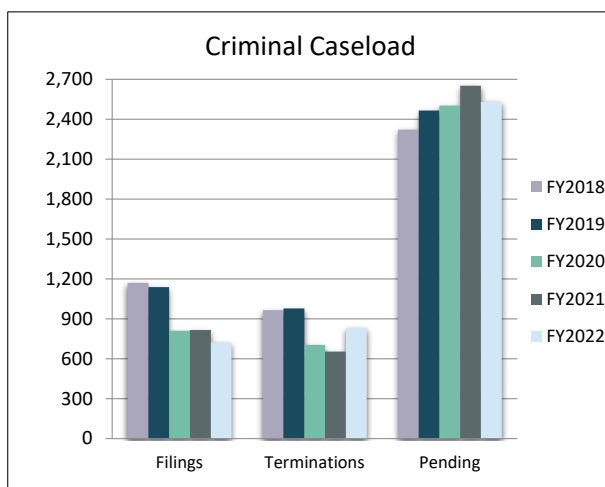
A total of 13,665 civil cases were filed in FY2022, a decrease of 8.3 percent from 14,897 in FY2021. Terminations decreased 10.7 percent, and pending civil cases fell 4.4 percent from FY2021. During the five-year period ending September 30, 2022, civil case filings decreased 10.9 percent, terminations increased .6 percent, and pending civil cases were lowered by 6.5 percent.



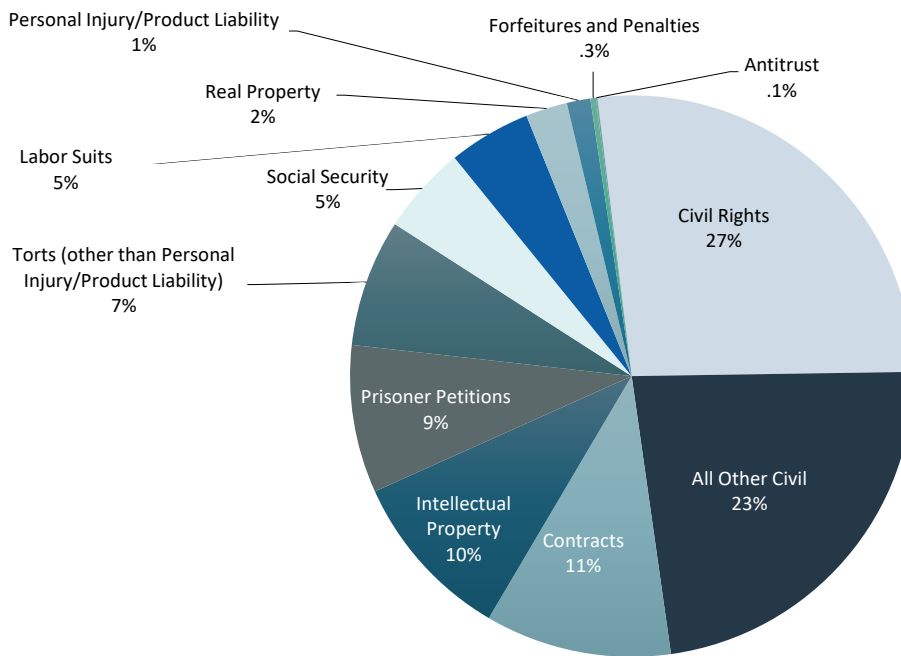
Criminal Caseload Measures

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	% Change FY22/21	% Change FY22/18
FILINGS							
Cases	1,170	1,138	810	817	724	-11.4%	-38.1%
Defendants	1,707	1,801	1,033	1,104	950	-13.9%	-44.3%
TERMINATIONS							
Cases	966	978	704	655	833	27.2%	-13.8%
Defendants	1,339	1,367	1,076	997	1,212	21.6%	-9.5%
PENDING							
Cases	2,322	2,466	2,503	2,652	2,531	-4.6%	9.0%
Defendants	3,518	3,861	3,719	3,865	3,235	-16.3%	-8.0%

Between FY2018 and FY2022, the total number of criminal case filings decreased 38.1 percent, criminal case terminations dropped 13.8 percent, and criminal cases pending rose 9 percent. In FY2022, criminal case filings decreased 11.4 percent, criminal defendant filings decreased 13.9 percent, and criminal cases pending decreased 4.6 percent from FY2021. During the five-year period ending September 30, 2022, defendant filings fell 44.3 percent, defendant terminations decreased 9.5 percent, and pending criminal defendants were reduced by 8 percent.



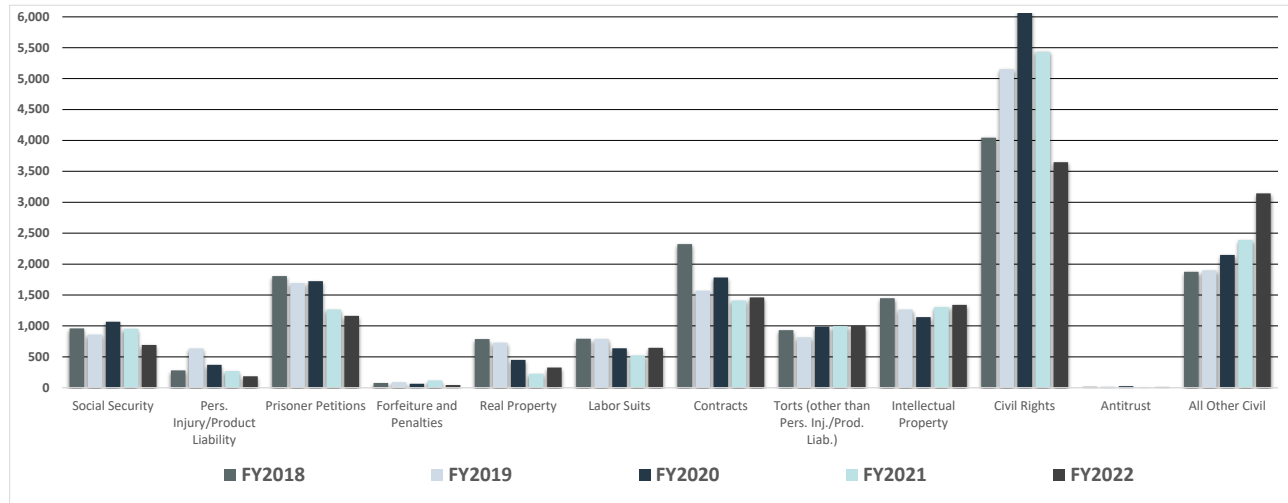
Civil Case Filings



Civil rights case filings constituted the highest percentage of all civil case filing categories at 27 percent in FY2022. There were more Real Property, Labor Suits, and All Other Civil cases filed in FY2022; however, there were significantly fewer Civil Rights suits, Forfeiture and Penalties, and Personal Injury/Product Liability suits filed compared to FY2021. In FY2022, All Other Civil case filings increased 31.6 percent, Contracts case filings increased 3.7 percent, and Intellectual Property (copyright, patent, and trademark) case filings increased 2.8 percent from FY2021.

Civil Case Filings	
Civil Rights	3,649
All Other Civil	3,144
Contracts	1,462
Intellectual Property	1,339
Prisoner Petitions	1,163
Torts (other than Personal Injury/Product	1,002
Social Security	693
Labor Suits	646
Real Property	327
Personal Injury/Product Liability	185
Forfeitures and Penalties	43
Antitrust	12
Total	13,665

Civil Case Filings by Nature of Suit

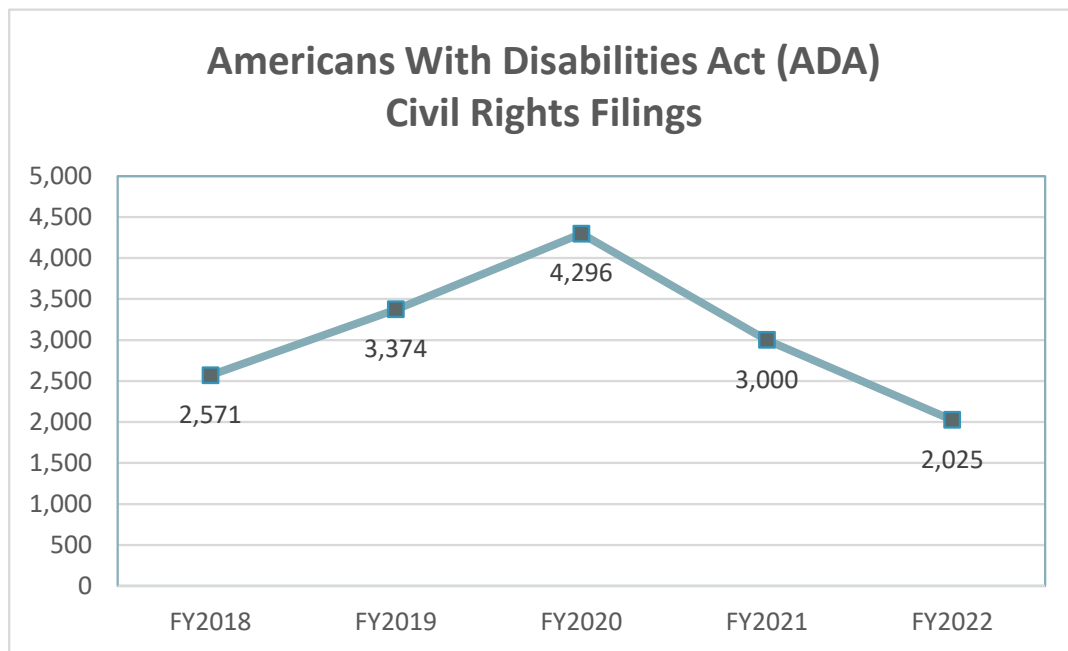


Civil Case Categories	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	% Change FY22/21	% Change F22/18
Social Security	959	859	1,067	955	693	-27.4%	-27.7%
Pers. Injury/Product Liability	281	635	371	270	185	-31.5%	-34.2%
Prisoner Petitions	1,806	1,693	1,724	1,266	1,163	-8.1%	-35.6%
Forfeiture and Penalties	76	89	64	117	43	-63.2%	-43.4%
Real Property	786	729	449	225	327	45.3%	-58.4%
Labor Suits	792	790	638	523	646	23.5%	-18.4%
Contracts	2,322	1,568	1,783	1,410	1,462	3.7%	-37.0%
Torts (other than Pers. Inj./Prod. Liab.)	931	815	987	997	1,002	0.5%	7.6%
Intellectual Property	1,449	1,265	1,142	1,303	1,339	2.8%	-7.6%
Civil Rights	4,043	5,154	6,063	5,431	3,649	-32.8%	-9.7%
Antitrust	14	18	25	11	12	9.1%	-14.3%
All Other Civil	1,876	1,899	2,148	2,389	3,144	31.6%	67.6%
Total	15,335	15,514	16,461	14,897	13,665	-8.3%	-10.9%

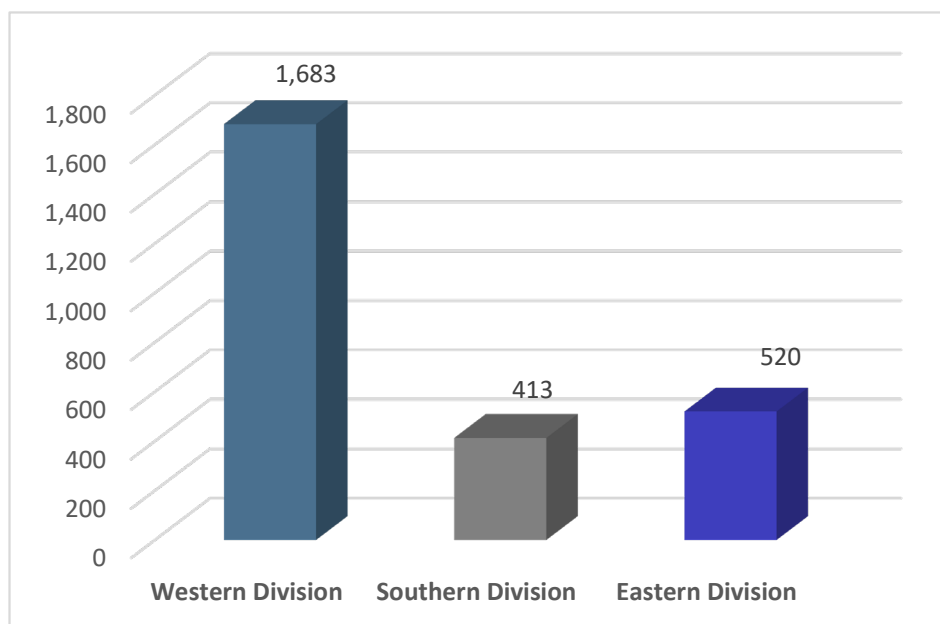
Americans With Disabilities Act

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	% Change FY22/21	% Change FY22/18
ADA Civil Filings	2,571	3,374	4,296	3,000	2,025	-32.5%	-21.2%
Total Civil Filings	15,335	15,514	16,461	14,897	13,665	-8.3%	-10.9%
Percentage of Total Civil Filings	16.8%	21.7%	26.1%	20.1%	14.8%	-26.4%	-11.6%

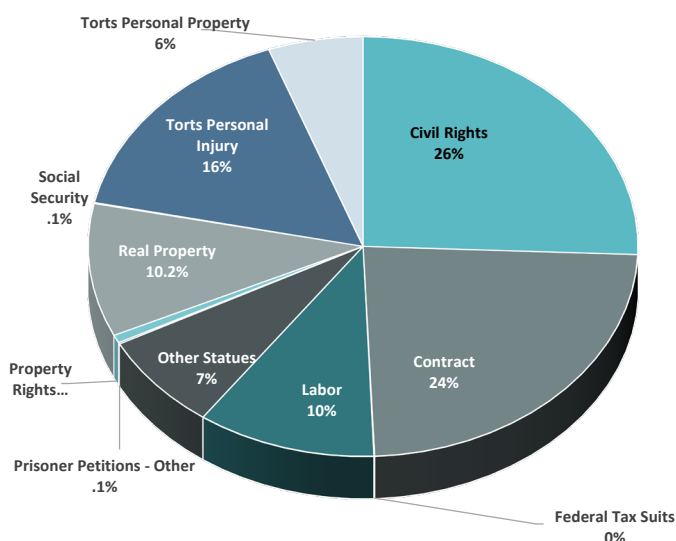
The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) civil rights filings in FY2022 comprised 14.8 percent of the Central District of California's total civil filings. From FY2021 to FY2022, ADA filings decreased 32.5 percent, while over the five-year period, from FY2018 to FY2022, ADA filings have decreased 21.2 percent. In fact, from FY2018 through FY2022, while total civil filings decreased 10.9 percent, the percentage of ADA filings to total civil filings have decreased 11.6 percent.



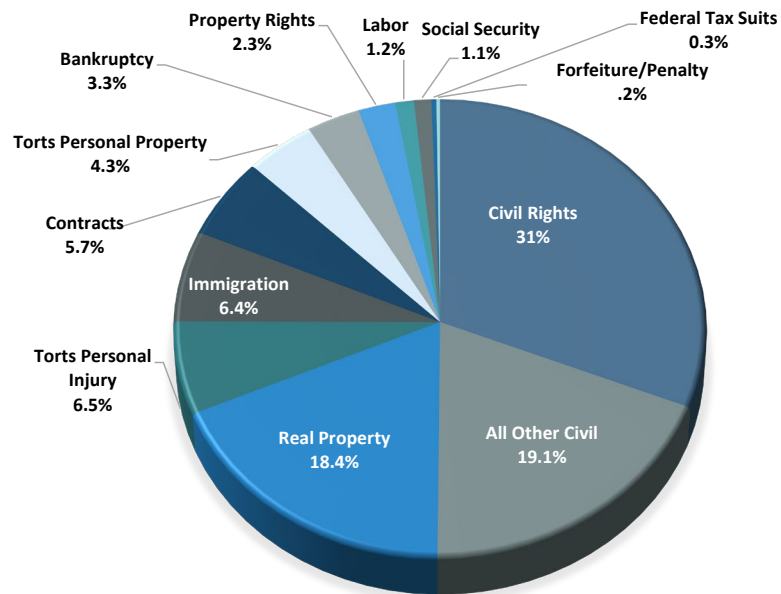
Civil Removal Filings



A total of 2,616 civil removal cases were filed in FY2022, a decrease of 9.6 percent from FY2021. Civil removal filings represented 19.1 percent of the total filings in the Central District of California: 64 percent of the removals were filed in the Western Division; 16 percent were filed in the Southern Division; and 20 percent were filed in the Eastern Division. The largest percentage of civil removal filings were civil rights (26 percent) and contract (24 percent) cases.



Non-Prisoner Pro Se Filings

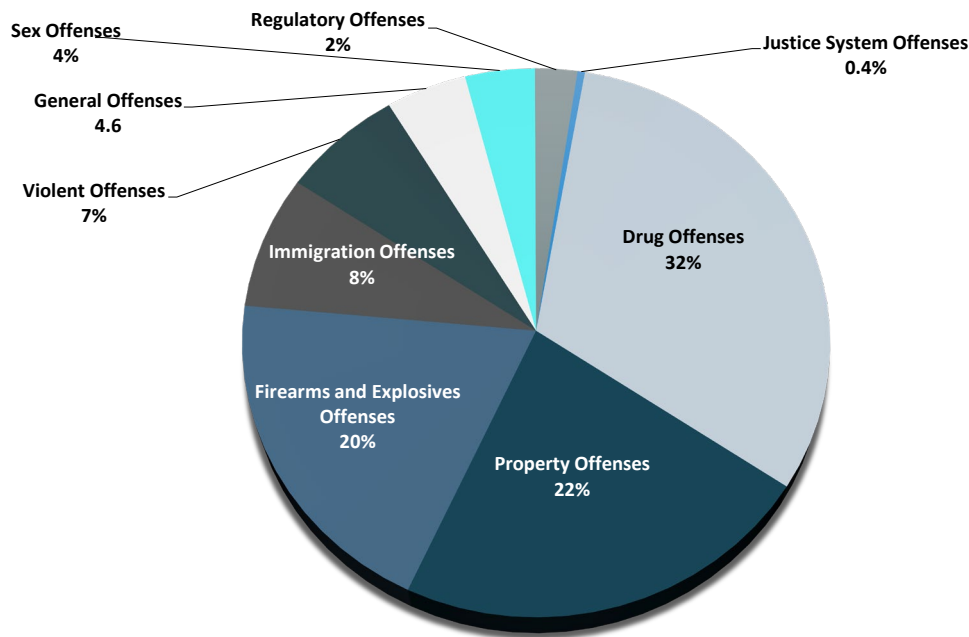


Nine percent of the 13,665 total civil cases filed in FY2022 were non-prisoner cases with at least one pro se party.² Of these, 50.1 percent were civil rights and all other civil cases. During FY2022, 68 percent of the non-prisoner pro se filings were filed in the Western Division, 17 percent were filed in the Eastern Division, and 15 percent were filed in the Southern Division.

Non-Prisoner Pro Se Filings	
Category	Cases
Civil Rights	400
All Other Civil	247
Real Property	237
Torts Personal Injury	84
Immigration	83
Contracts	74
Torts Personal Property	56
Bankruptcy	43
Property Rights	30
Labor	15
Social Security	14
Federal Tax Suits	4
Forfeiture/Penalty	3
Total Filings	1,290

² The number of non-prisoner pro se filings are non-prisoner cases filed in FY2022 that had at least one party with a pro se status entered as of September 30, 2022.

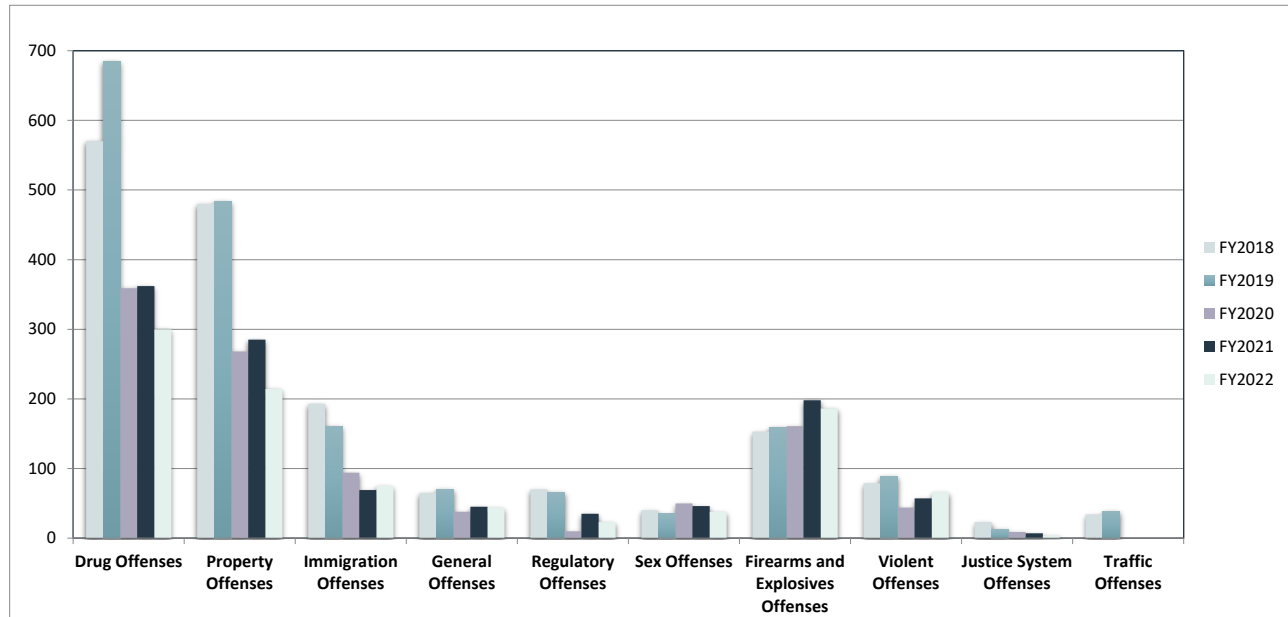
Criminal Defendant Filings



In FY2022, criminal defendant filings decreased 13.9 percent from FY2021. The top three major offense categories for criminal defendant filings in FY2022 were drug offenses (32 percent), property offenses (22 percent), and firearms and explosives offenses (20 percent). The number of defendants charged with drug offenses decreased by 17.1 percent, the number of defendants charged with property offenses decreased by 24.9 percent, and the number of defendants charged with firearms and explosives offenses decreased by 6.1 percent from FY2021.

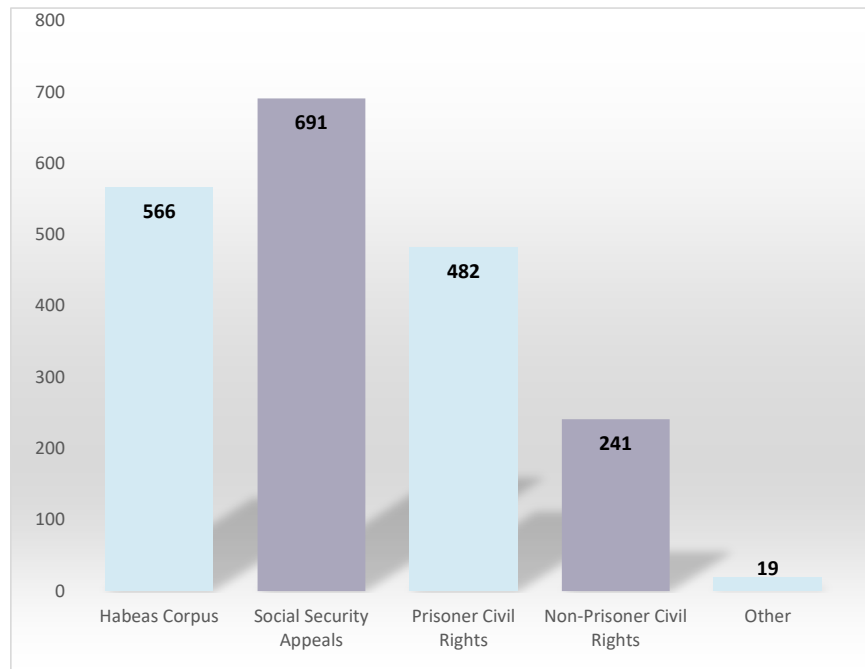
Criminal Defendant Filings by Major Offense	
Major Offense Category	Criminal Defendants
Drug Offenses	300
Property Offenses	214
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	186
Immigration Offenses	75
Violent Offenses	66
General Offenses	44
Sex Offenses	38
Regulatory Offenses	23
Justice System Offenses	4
Traffic Offenses	0
Total	950

Criminal Defendant Filings by Major Offense

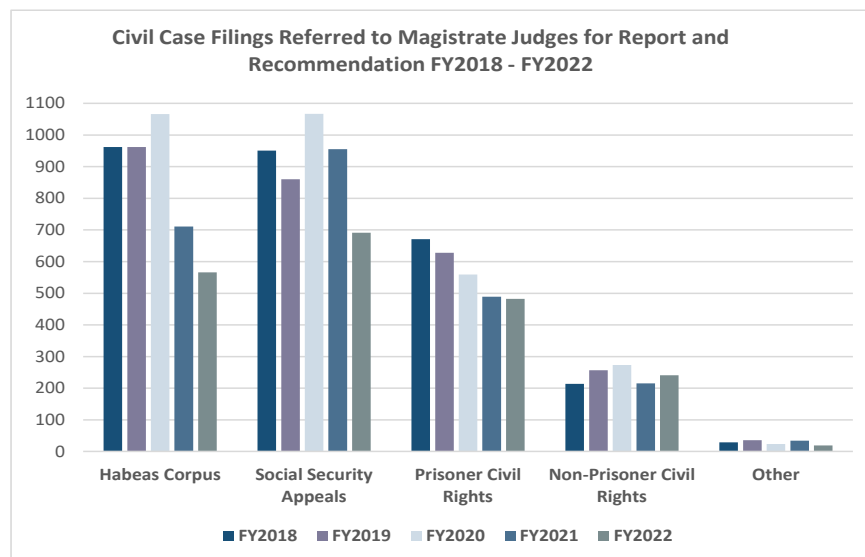


Criminal Defendant Filings by Major Offense							
Major Offense Category	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	% Change FY22/21	% Change FY22/18
Drug Offenses	570	685	359	362	300	-17.1%	-47.4%
Property Offenses	480	484	268	285	214	-24.9%	-55.4%
Immigration Offenses	193	161	94	69	75	8.7%	-61.1%
General Offenses	65	70	38	45	44	-2.2%	-32.3%
Regulatory Offenses	70	66	10	35	23	-34.3%	-67.1%
Sex Offenses	40	35	50	46	38	-17.4%	-5.0%
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	153	159	161	198	186	-6.1%	21.6%
Violent Offenses	79	89	44	57	66	15.8%	-16.5%
Justice System Offenses	23	13	9	7	4	-42.9%	-82.6%
Traffic Offenses	34	39	0	0	0	0.0%	-100.0%
Total	1,707	1,801	1,033	1,104	950	-13.9%	-44.3%

Civil Case Filings Referred to Magistrate Judges for Report and Recommendation

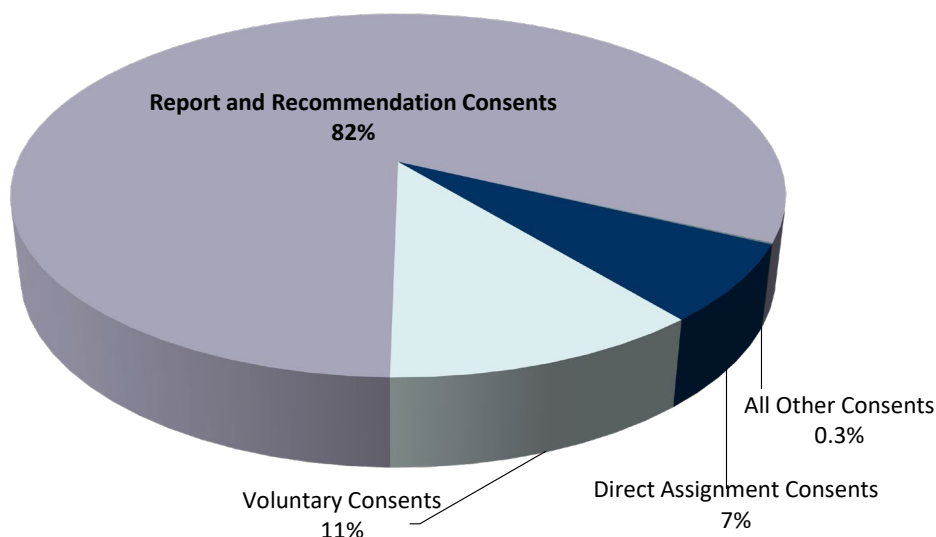


In FY2022, 14.6 percent of the total civil filings were referred to Magistrate Judges for report and recommendations. Of the cases referred for report and recommendations, 28.3 percent were habeas corpus petitions, 34.6 percent were Social Security appeal cases, 24.1 percent were prisoner civil rights cases, 12.1 percent were non-prisoner pro se civil rights cases, and 1 percent were other cases.

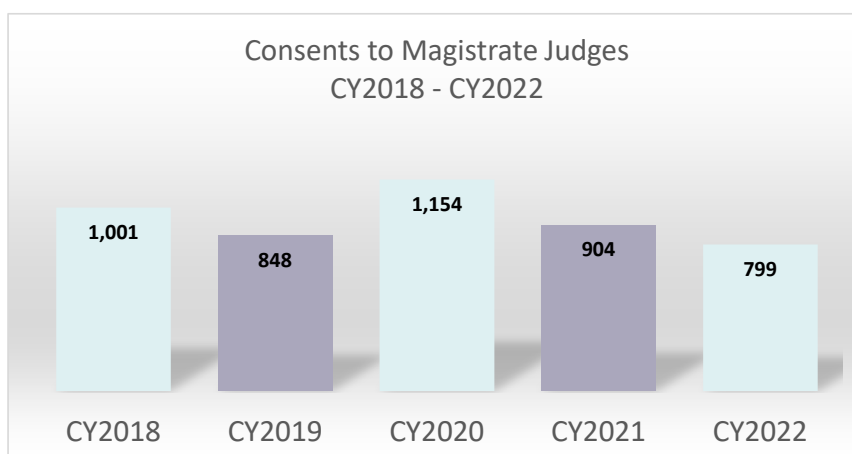


Consents to Magistrate Judges

12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2022



Parties consented to proceed before Magistrate Judges in a total of 799 cases in calendar year 2022, a 11.6 percent decrease from 2021. Of this total, all parties consented in 653 cases that were referred to a Magistrate Judge for a report and recommendation; all parties consented to proceed before Magistrate Judges in 90 cases through the Voluntary Consent to Magistrate Judges Program; and all parties consented in 55 cases assigned through the Direct Assignment of Civil Cases to Magistrate Judges Program.



Magistrate Judge Settlement Statistics

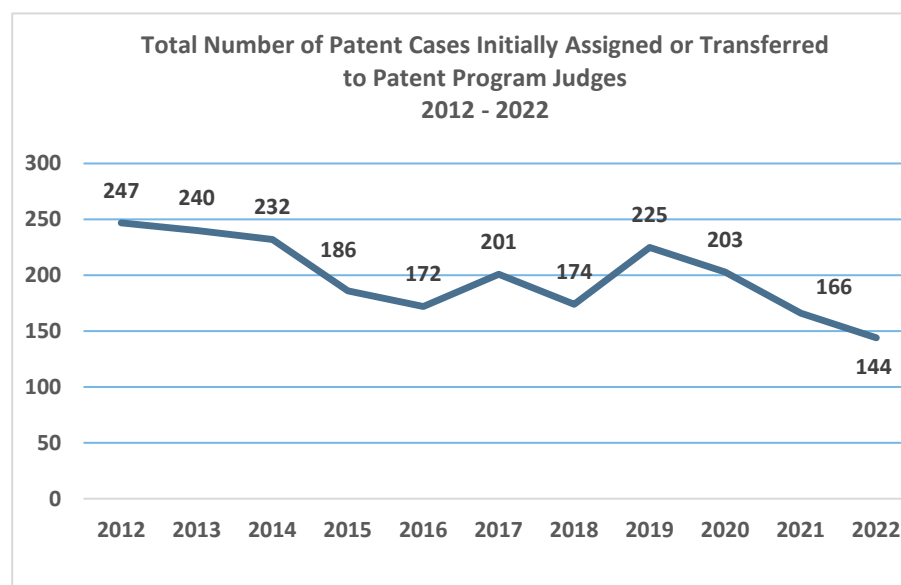
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2022	
Number of cases with settlement conferences conducted by Magistrate Judges	311
Number of settlement conferences conducted by Magistrate Judges	384
Number of cases settled	154
Percent of cases settled	50%

In calendar year 2022, Magistrate Judges held 384 settlement conferences in 311 cases. Of these, the Magistrate Judges settled 154 cases for a 50 percent settlement rate. The Magistrate Judges spent 2,168 hours, equivalent to 271 8-hour-work days, on settling these cases.

Patent Program

Central District of California													
District Judge Patent Program													
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2022													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total Number of Patent Cases Filed	15	12	10	12	18	13	16	16	14	36	37	11	210
Patent Cases Initially Assigned to Patent Program Judges	3	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	4	5	2	2	25
Patent Cases Transferred to Patent Program via CV-128 Order	4	2	4	0	7	2	4	10	5	8	10	5	61
Patent Cases Transferred to Patent Program Judges As a Result of Related Case Transfer, Self-Recusal, Return by Senior Judge, etc.	5	5	1	7	2	3	4	2	3	9	14	3	58
Total Number of Patent Cases Initially Assigned or Transferred to Patent Program Judges	12	8	6	10	10	5	8	15	12	22	26	10	144
Patent Cases Transferred Out of the Patent Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

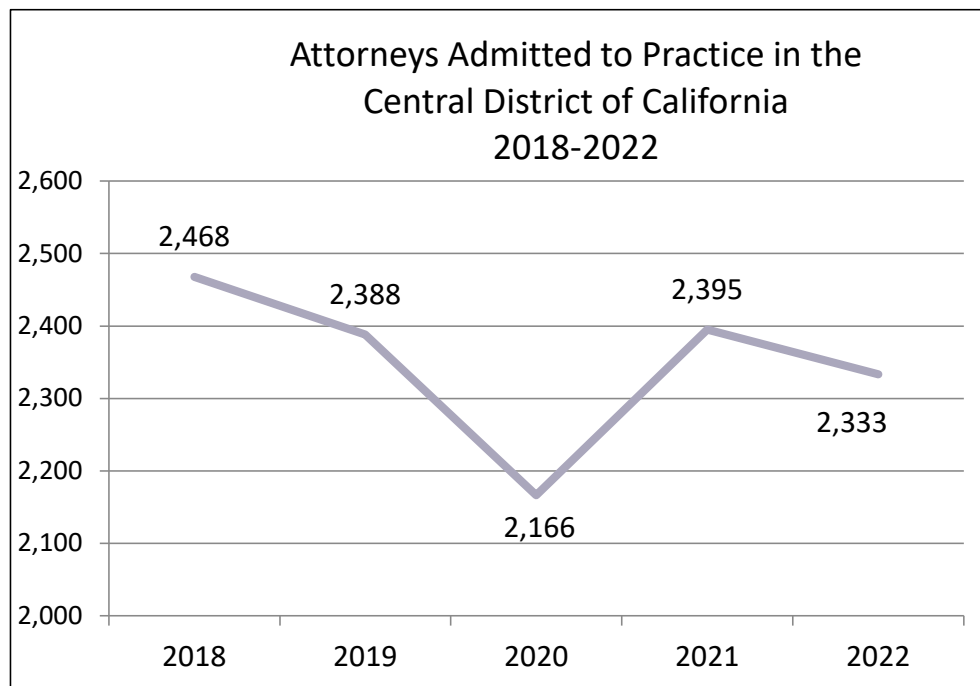
In calendar year 2022, six District Judges participated in the Patent Program for the Central District of California. In 2022, the judges designated to receive patent cases under the Patent Program received 144 patent cases, of which 25 were initially assigned to them, 61 cases were transferred to the program from non-participating judges, and 58 cases were transferred to the program as a result of related case transfers or other reasons. The number of patent cases filed in calendar year 2022 decreased by 9.1 percent, and the number of cases transferred to the program by non-participating judges decreased by 15.3 percent from 2021. In 2022, the percentage of patent cases filed that were assigned or transferred to Judges participating in the Patent Program was 69 percent. Since the start of the program on September of 2011 as a pilot, a total of 2,190 patent cases have been assigned to participating judges.



Attorneys Admitted to Practice in the Central District of California

Calendar Years 2018-2022							
12-Month Period Ending December 31							
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 22/21	% Change 22/18
Attorneys Admitted to Practice in the Central District of California	2,468	2,388	2,166	2,395	2,333	-2.6%	-5.5%

In calendar year 2022, the Central District of California saw a 2.6 percent decrease in attorneys admitted to the bar of the Court from 2,395 in calendar year³ 2021 (CY) to 2,333. During the five-year period ending December 31, 2022, the number of attorneys admitted to practice in the Central District of California was at its highest in 2018 at 2,468.

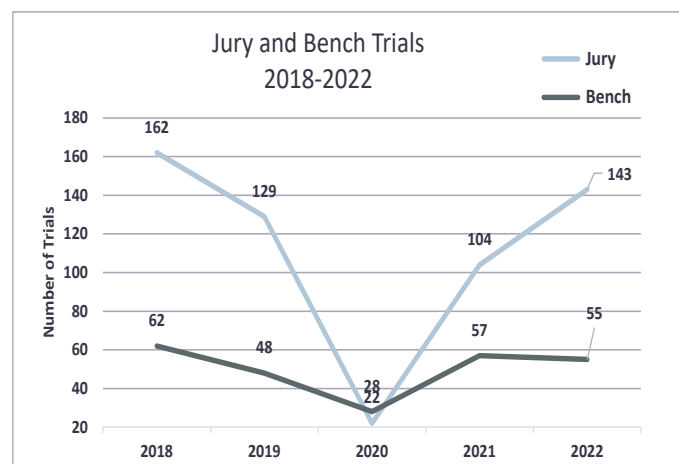
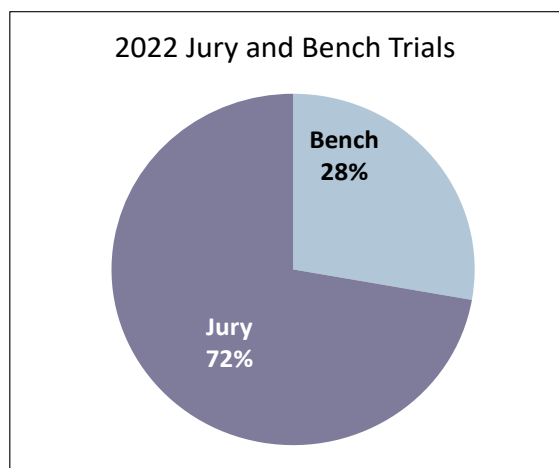


³ The calendar year is the 12-month period ending December 31.

Trials

JURY AND BENCH TRIALS							
Calendar Years 2018-2022							
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 22/21	% Change 22/18
Civil Jury	99	74	10	50	75	50%	-24%
Criminal Jury	63	55	12	54	68	26%	8%
Civil Bench	45	42	27	53	50	-6%	11%
Criminal Bench	17	6	1	4	5	25%	-71%
Total	224	177	50	161	198	23%	-12%

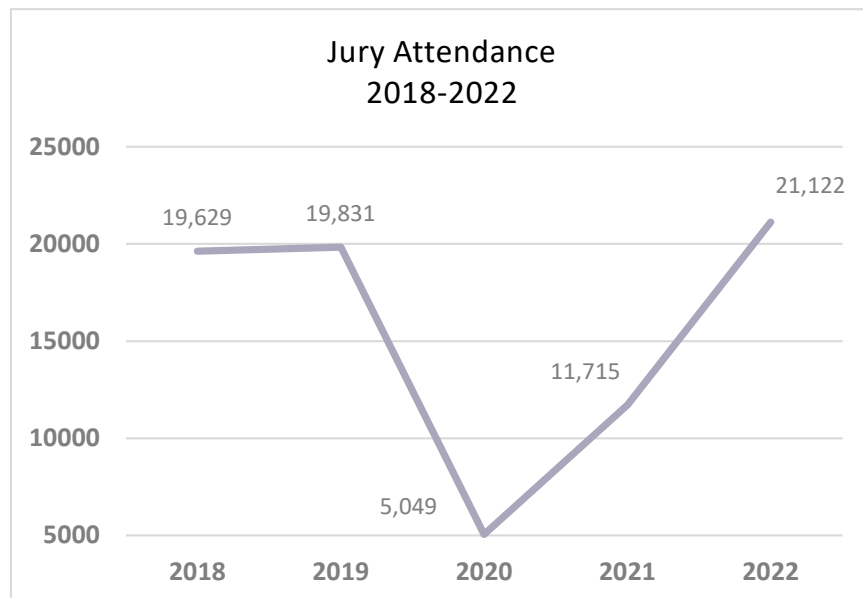
In calendar year 2022, there were a total of 198 trials held before all District and Magistrate Judges in the Central District of California, a 23 percent increase from 2021. The increase is attributed to the suspension of jury trials and in-court proceedings in early calendar year (CY) 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022 of the 198 trials held, 143 were jury trials (72 percent) and 55 were bench trials (28 percent). In 2022, civil jury trials increased from 50 in 2021 to 75, civil bench trials decreased from 53 to 50, criminal jury trials increased from 54 to 68, and criminal bench trials increased from 4 to 5. During the five-year period ending December 31, 2022, total trials held overall decreased 12 percent from 224 in 2018.



Jury

Jury Attendance						
Calendar Years 2018-2022						
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% Change 22/21	% Change 22/18
19,629	19,831	5,049	11,715	21,122	80.3%	8%

In calendar year 2022, there were 21,122 jurors in attendance for trials held in the Central District of California, a 80.3 percent increase from 2021 as a result of the suspension of jury trials and grand jury proceedings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the five-year period ending December 31, 2022, the number of jurors in attendance increased 8 percent from 19,629 in 2018.



Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program Statistics January - December 2022	
Total number of cases ordered to ADR	3,245
Cases referred to magistrate judges	399
Cases referred to the mediation panel	1,335
Cases referred to private mediation	1,511
Total number of cases mediated by panel mediators	592
Cases settled or partially settled at mediation	226
Cases that did not settle at mediation	366

In calendar year 2022, at least 3,245 cases were referred to one of the three ADR options provided in Local Rule 16-15.4. More cases were referred to private mediation than to either of the other available choices. Of the cases referred to the Panel for mediation, more than 10 percent were brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act. In calendar year 2022, the Panel was composed of 206 panel members who collectively possessed substantive experience in more than 25 areas of law. In 2022, Panel mediators conducted at least 592 mediation sessions. Of these, 226 sessions were reported to have resulted in settlement or partial settlement and 366 sessions were reported not to have resulted in immediate settlement, for a settlement rate of 38 percent.

Of the civil matters referred to the Panel in 2022, the top three categories were other contract (16 percent) other civil rights (14 percent) and employment (14 percent).

