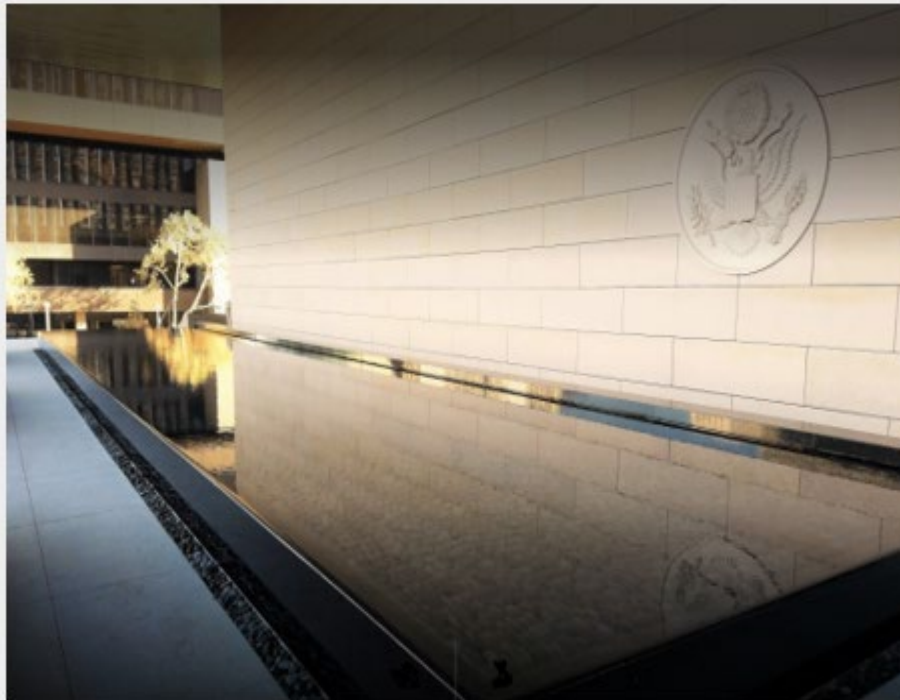


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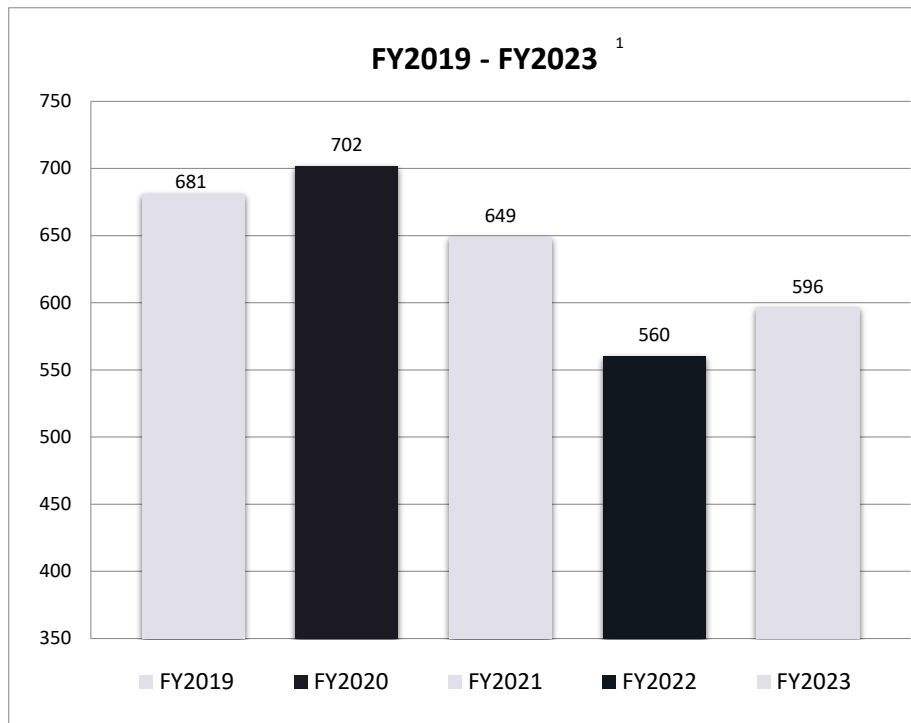
Annual Report of Caseload Statistics

Fiscal Year 2023

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Weighted Filings per Judgeship



The number of weighted filings per judgeship for the Central District of California increased to 596 for fiscal year¹ ("FY") 2023, an increase of 6 percent from 560 in the prior year. Overall, weighted filings have decreased 12 percent over the five-year period from FY2019 to FY2023. The Central District of California's weighted filings per judgeship was 8.6 percent higher than the national average of 549. The Central District of California ranked 17th in the nation and 2nd in the Ninth Circuit for weighted filings in FY2023.

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

Judicial Vacancies

Vacant Judgeship Months				
FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
94.7	113.9	95.5	85.3	38.2

Number of Judicial Vacancies				
FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
9	7	6	4	2

The Central District of California has 28 authorized Article III judgeships. At the end of FY2023, the Central District had 2 vacancies. At the end of FY 2023, the number of vacant judgeship months was 38.2 months. From FY 2019 to FY 2023, vacant judgeship months have decreased 59.7 percent. 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

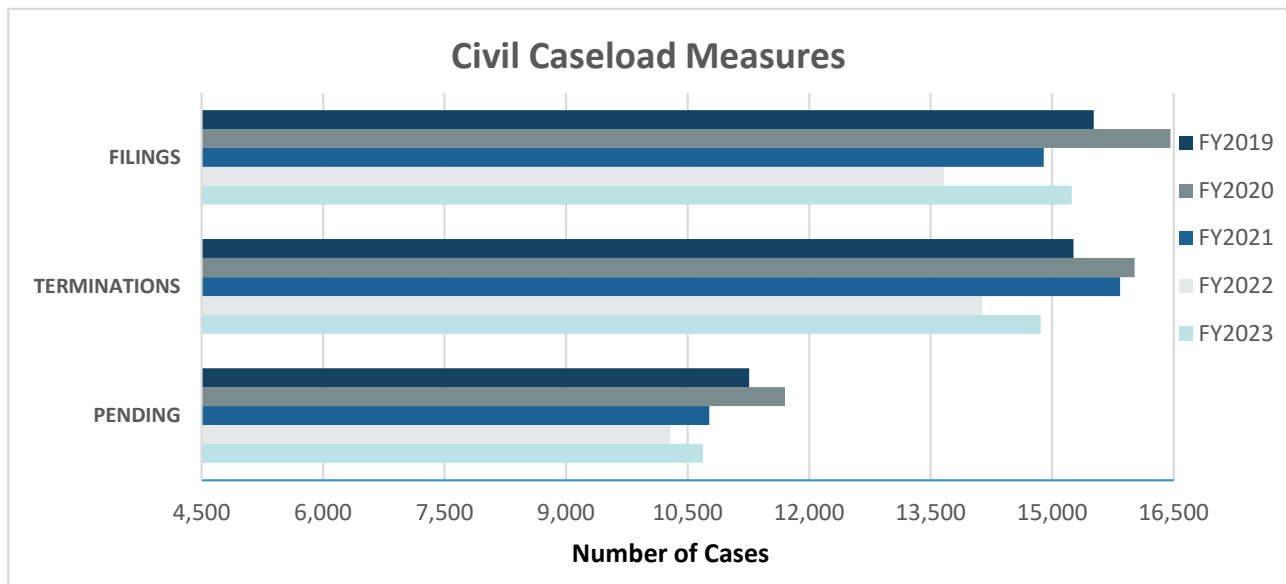
District Caseload Measures							
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	% Change FY23/22	% Change FY23/19
FILINGS							
Civil	15,514	16,461	14,897	13,665	15,243	11.5%	-1.7%
Criminal Cases	1,138	810	817	724	661	-8.7%	-41.9%
Total	16,652	17,271	15,714	14,389	15,904	10.5%	-4.5%
TERMINATIONS							
Civil	15,265	16,019	15,838	14,137	14,859	5.1%	-2.7%
Criminal Cases	978	704	655	833	727	-12.7%	-25.7%
Total	16,243	16,723	16,493	14,970	15,586	4.1%	-4.0%
PENDING							
Civil	11,259	11,703	10,769	10,290	10,688	3.9%	-5.1%
Criminal Cases	2,466	2,503	2,652	2,531	2,429	-4.0%	-1.5%
Total	13,725	14,206	13,421	12,821	13,117	2.3%	-4.4%

In FY2023, the Central District of California saw a 10.5 percent increase in combined civil and criminal case filings from FY2022. Total case terminations increased 4.1 percent and total pending cases rose 2.3 percent from FY2022. During the five-year period ending September 30, 2023, total civil and criminal case filings decreased by 4.5 percent; total terminations decreased by 4 percent, and total pending cases fell 4.4 percent.

Civil Caseload Measures

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	% Change FY23/22	% Change FY23/19
Filings	15,514	16,461	14,897	13,665	15,243	11.5%	-1.7%
Termination	15,265	16,019	15,838	14,137	14,859	5.1%	-2.7%
Pending	11,259	11,703	10,769	10,290	10,688	3.9%	-5.1%

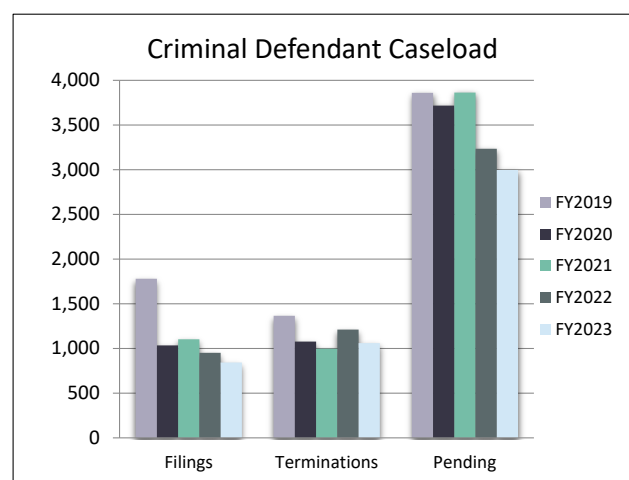
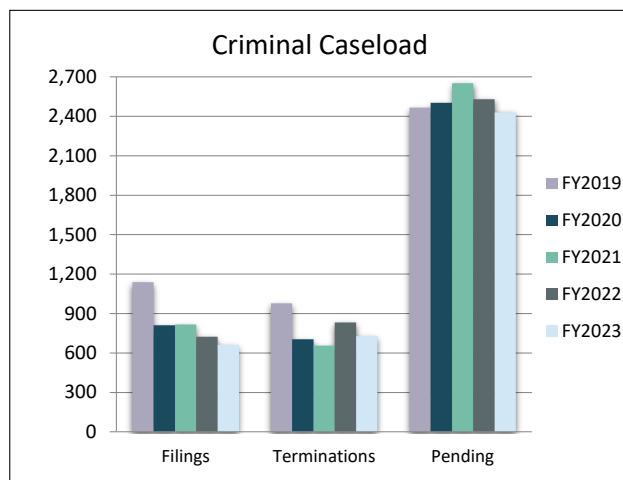
A total of 15,243 civil cases were filed in FY2023, an increase of 11.5 percent from 13,665 in FY2022. Terminations increased 5.1 percent, and pending civil cases rose 3.9 percent from FY2022. During the five-year period ending September 30, 2023, civil case filings decreased 1.7 percent, terminations decreased 2.7 percent, and pending civil cases declined 5.1 percent.



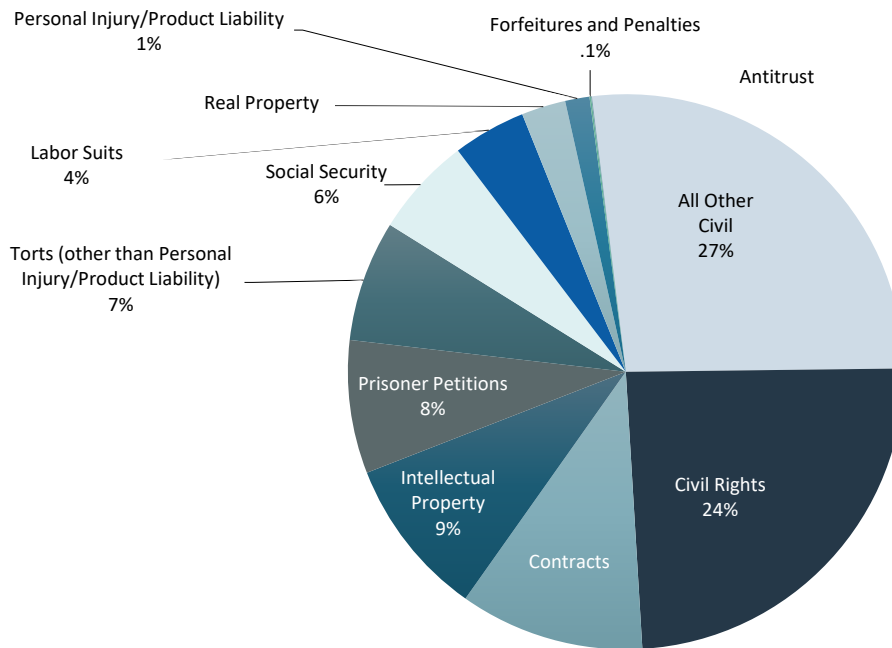
Criminal Caseload Measures

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	% Change FY23/22	% Change FY23/19
FILINGS							
Cases	1,138	810	817	724	661	-8.7%	-41.9%
Defendants	1,801	1,033	1,104	950	844	-11.2%	-53.1%
TERMINATIONS							
Cases	978	704	655	833	727	-12.7%	-25.7%
Defendants	1,367	1,076	997	1,212	1,060	-12.5%	-22.5%
PENDING							
Cases	2,466	2,503	2,652	2,531	2,429	-4.0%	-1.5%
Defendants	3,861	3,719	3,865	3,235	2,998	-7.3%	-22.4%

Between FY2019 and FY2023, the total number of criminal case filings dropped 41.9 percent, criminal case terminations fell 25.7 percent, and criminal cases pending decreased 1.5 percent. In FY2023, criminal case filings declined 8.7 percent, criminal defendant filings decreased 11.2 percent, and criminal cases pending also decreased 4 percent from FY2022. During the five-year period ending September 30, 2023, defendant filings dropped 53.1 percent, defendant terminations decreased 22.5 percent, and pending criminal defendants were reduced by 22.4 percent.



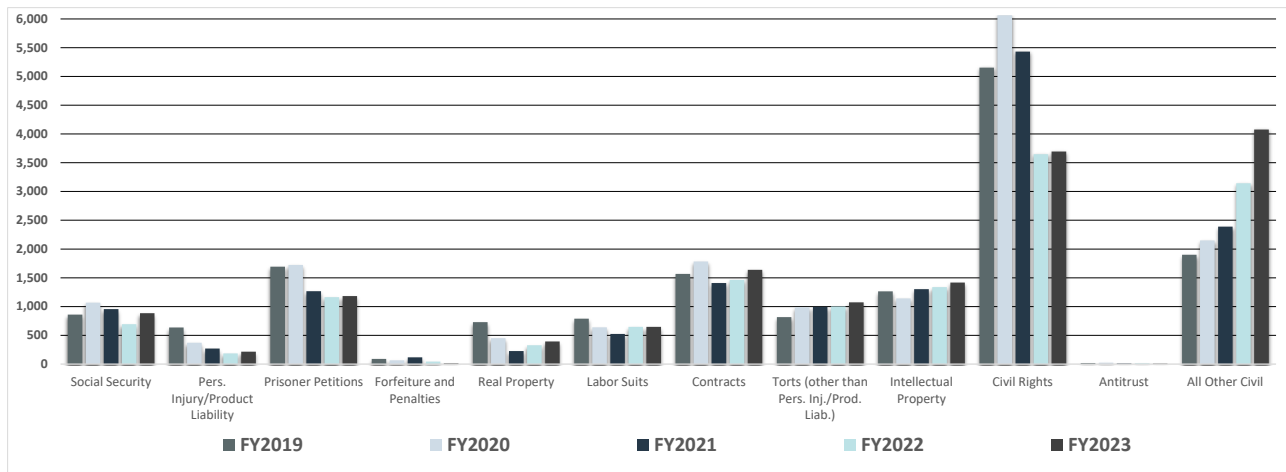
Civil Case Filings



All Other Civil case filings constituted the highest percentage of all civil case filing categories at 27 percent in FY2023. There were more All Other Civil, Civil Rights, and Contracts civil cases filed in FY2023; however, there were fewer Forfeiture and Penalties, Antitrust, and Labor Suits filed compared to FY2022. In FY2023, Forfeiture and Penalties case filings decreased 67.4 percent, Antitrust decreased by 33.3 percent, All Other Civil case filings increased 29.7 percent, and Social Security case filings increased 27.6 percent from FY2022.

Civil Case Filings	
All Other Civil	4,078
Civil Rights	3,695
Contracts	1,637
Intellectual Property	1,416
Prisoner Petitions	1,182
Torts (other than Personal Injury/Product	1,074
Social Security	884
Labor Suits	647
Real Property	392
Personal Injury/Product Liability	216
Forfeitures and Penalties	14
Antitrust	8
Total	15,243

Civil Case Filings by Nature of Suit

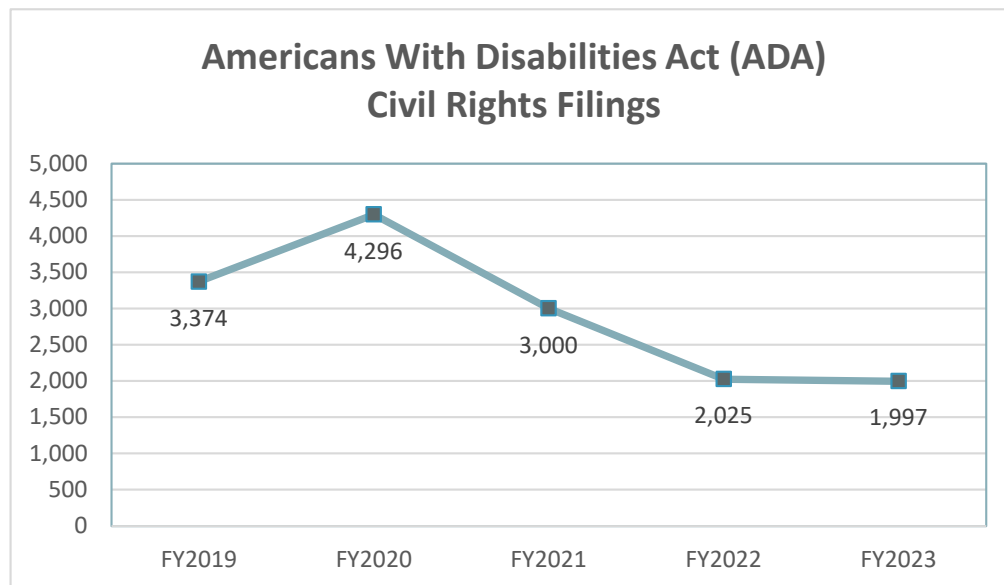


Civil Case Categories	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	% Change FY23/22	% Change F23/19
Social Security	859	1,067	955	693	884	27.6%	2.9%
Pers. Injury/Product Liability	635	371	270	185	216	16.8%	-66.0%
Prisoner Petitions	1,693	1,724	1,266	1,163	1,182	1.6%	-30.2%
Forfeiture and Penalties	89	64	117	43	14	-67.4%	-84.3%
Real Property	729	449	225	327	392	19.9%	-46.2%
Labor Suits	790	638	523	646	647	0.2%	-18.1%
Contracts	1,568	1,783	1,410	1,462	1,637	12.0%	4.4%
Torts (other than Pers. Inj./Prod. Liab.)	815	987	997	1,002	1,074	7.2%	31.8%
Intellectual Property	1,265	1,142	1,303	1,339	1,416	5.8%	11.9%
Civil Rights	5,154	6,063	5,431	3,649	3,695	1.3%	-28.3%
Antitrust	18	25	11	12	8	-33.3%	-55.6%
All Other Civil	1,899	2,148	2,389	3,144	4,078	29.7%	114.7%
Total	15,335	15,514	16,461	13,665	15,243	11.5%	-0.6%

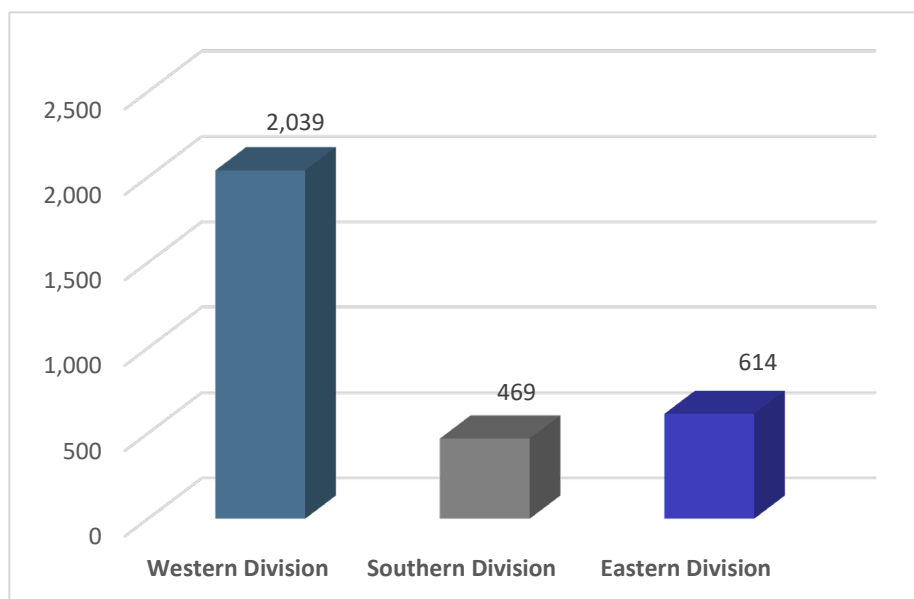
Americans With Disabilities Act

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	% Change FY23/22	% Change FY23/19
ADA Civil Filings	3,374	4,296	3,000	2,025	1,997	-1.4%	-40.8%
Total Civil Filings	15,514	16,461	14,897	13,665	15,243	11.5%	-1.7%
Percentage of Total Civil Filings	21.7%	26.1%	20.1%	14.8%	13.1%	-11.6%	-39.8%

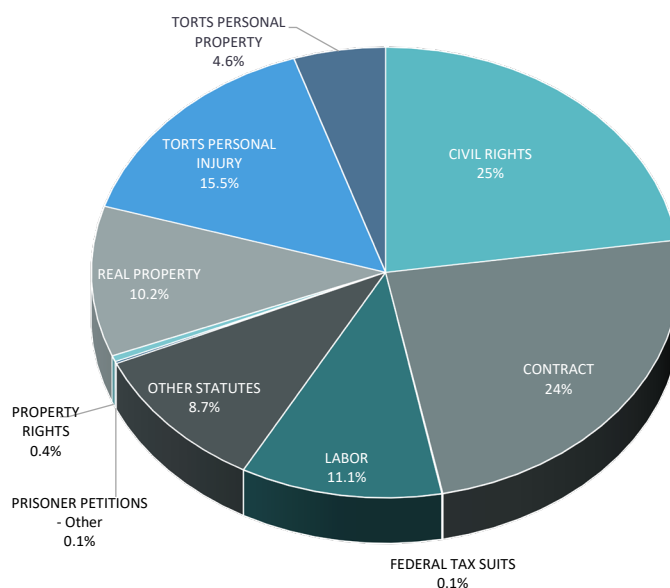
The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) civil rights filings in FY2023 comprised 13.1 percent of the Central District of California’s total civil filings. From FY2022 to FY2023, ADA filings decreased 1.4 percent, while over the five-year period, from FY2019 to FY2023, ADA filings have fallen sharply by 40.8 percent. In fact, from FY2019 through FY2023, while total civil filings decreased 1.7 percent, the percentage of ADA filings to total civil filings fell 39.8 percent.



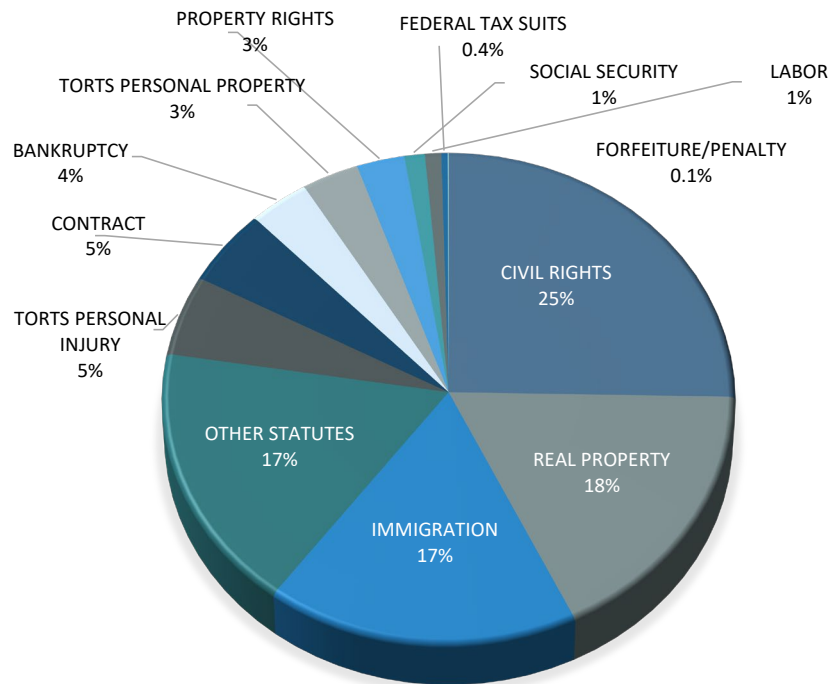
Civil Removal Filings



A total of 3,122 civil removal cases were filed in FY2023, an increase of 19.3 percent from FY2022. Civil removal filings represented 20.5 percent of the total filings in the Central District of California: 65 percent of the removals were filed in the Western Division; 15 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 (25 percent) and contract (24.2 percent) cases.



Non-Prisoner Pro Se Filings

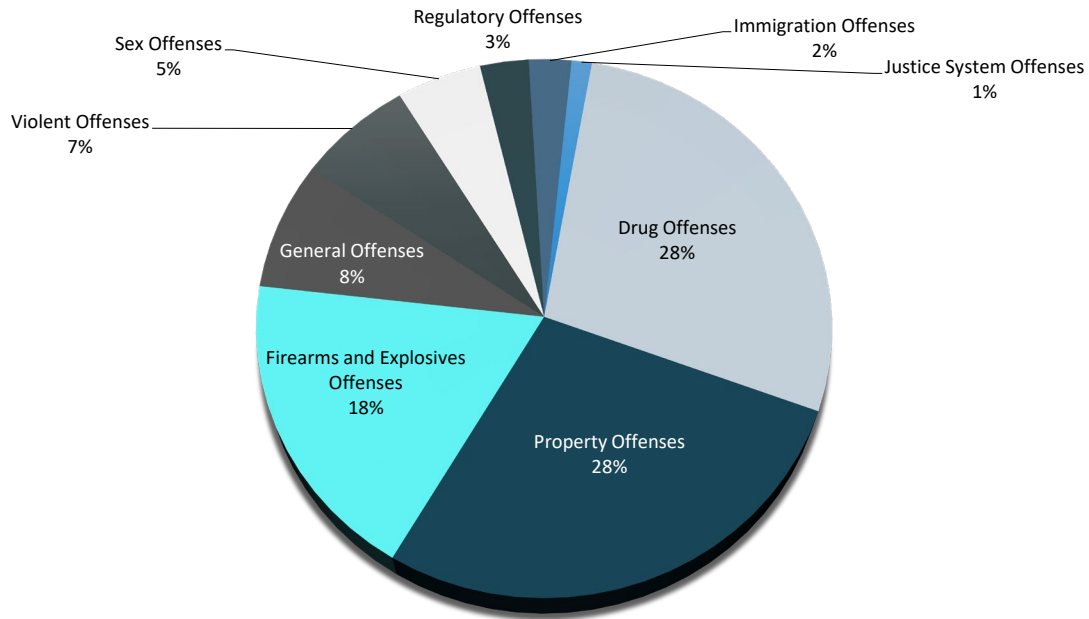


Eleven percent of the 15,243 total civil cases filed in FY2023 were non-prisoner cases with at least one pro se party.² Of these, 25.3 percent were civil rights, 18 percent real property, and 17 percent immigration. During FY2023, 69 percent of the non-prisoner pro se filings were filed in the Western Division, 16 percent were filed in the Eastern Division, and 14 percent were filed in the Southern Division.

Non-Prisoner Pro Se Filings	
Category	Cases
CIVIL RIGHTS	426
REAL PROPERTY	296
IMMIGRATION	292
OTHER STATUTES	291
TORTS PERSONAL INJURY	89
CONTRACT	85
BANKRUPTCY	59
TORTS PERSONAL PROPERTY	56
PROPERTY RIGHTS	47
SOCIAL SECURITY	20
LABOR	16
FEDERAL TAX SUITS	6
FORFEITURE/PENALTY	1
Total	1,684

² The number of non-prisoner pro se filings are non-prisoner cases filed in FY2023 that had at least one party with a pro se status entered as of September 30, 2023.

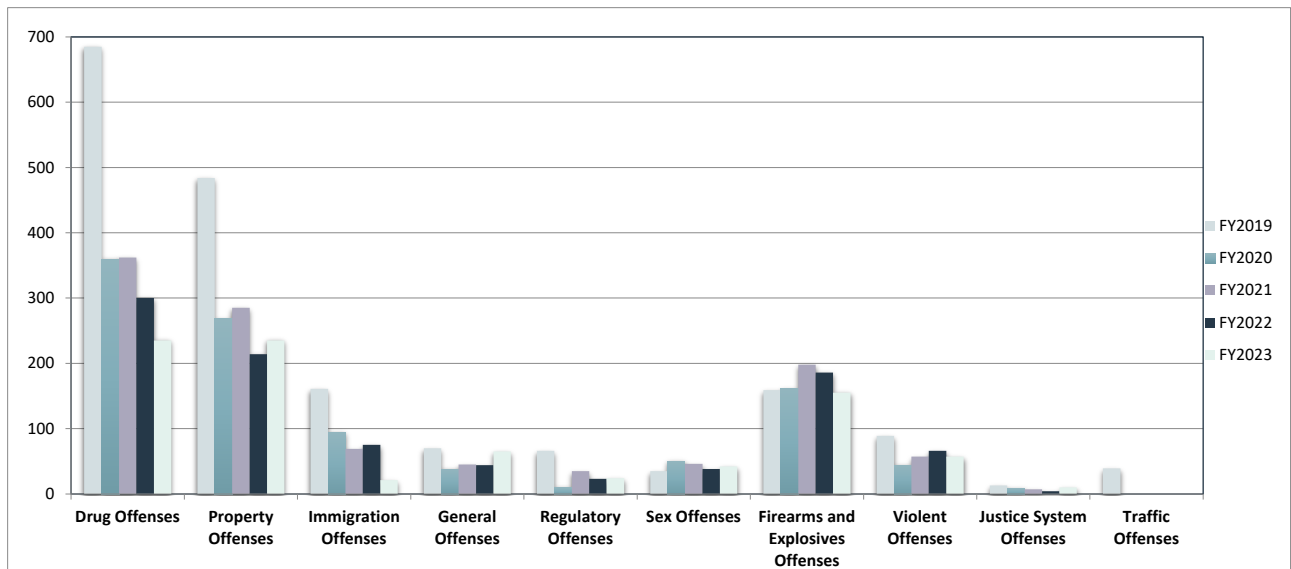
Criminal Defendant Filings



In FY2023, criminal defendant filings decreased 11.2 percent from FY2022. The top three major offense categories for criminal defendant filings in FY2023 were drug offenses (28 percent), property offenses (28 percent), and firearms and explosives offenses (18 percent). The number of defendants charged with drug offenses decreased by 21.7 percent, the number of defendants charged with property offenses increased by 9.8 percent, and the number of defendants charged with firearms and explosives offenses decreased by 16.7 percent from FY2022.

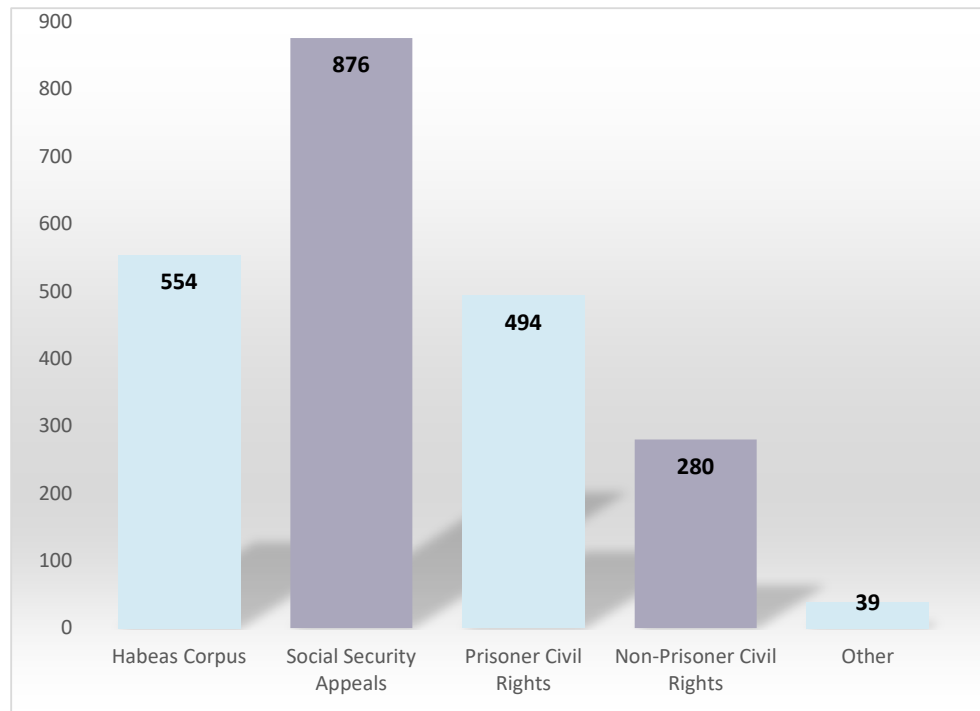
Criminal Defendant Filings by Major Offense	
Drug Offenses	235
Property Offenses	235
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	155
General Offenses	65
Violent Offenses	57
Sex Offenses	42
Regulatory Offenses	24
Immigration Offenses	21
Justice System Offenses	10
Total	844

Criminal Defendant Filings by Major Offense

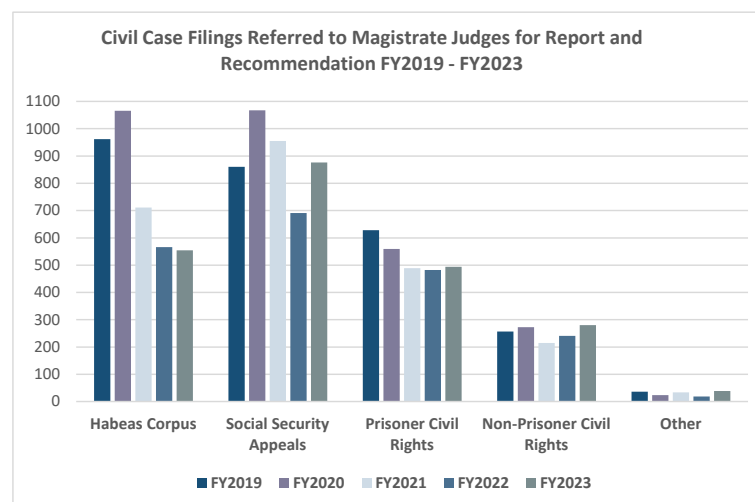


Criminal Defendant Filings by Major Offense							
Major Offense Category	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	% Change FY23/22	% Change FY23/19
Drug Offenses	685	359	362	300	235	-21.7%	-65.7%
Property Offenses	484	268	285	214	235	9.8%	-51.4%
Immigration Offenses	161	94	69	75	21	-72.0%	-87.0%
General Offenses	70	38	45	44	65	47.7%	-7.1%
Regulatory Offenses	66	10	35	23	24	4.3%	-63.6%
Sex Offenses	35	50	46	38	42	10.5%	20.0%
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	159	161	198	186	155	-16.7%	-2.5%
Violent Offenses	89	44	57	66	57	-13.6%	-36.0%
Justice System Offenses	13	9	7	4	10	150.0%	-23.1%
Traffic Offenses	39	0	0	0	0	0.0%	-100.0%
Total	1,801	1,033	1,104	950	844	-11.2%	-53.1%

Civil Case Filings Referred to Magistrate Judges for Report and Recommendation

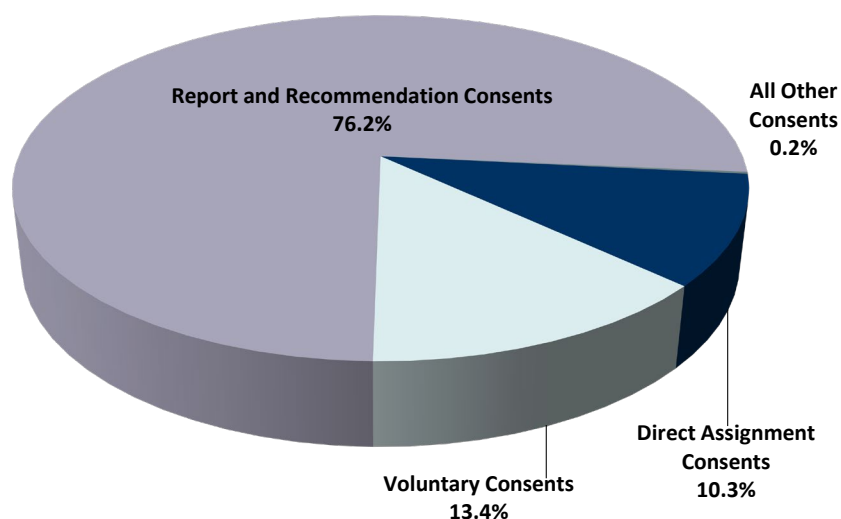


In FY2023, 15 percent of the total civil filings were referred to Magistrate Judges for report and recommendations. Of the cases referred for report and recommendations, 25 percent were habeas corpus petitions, 39 percent were Social Security appeal cases, 22 percent were prisoner civil rights cases, 12 percent were non-prisoner pro se civil rights cases, and 2 percent were other cases.

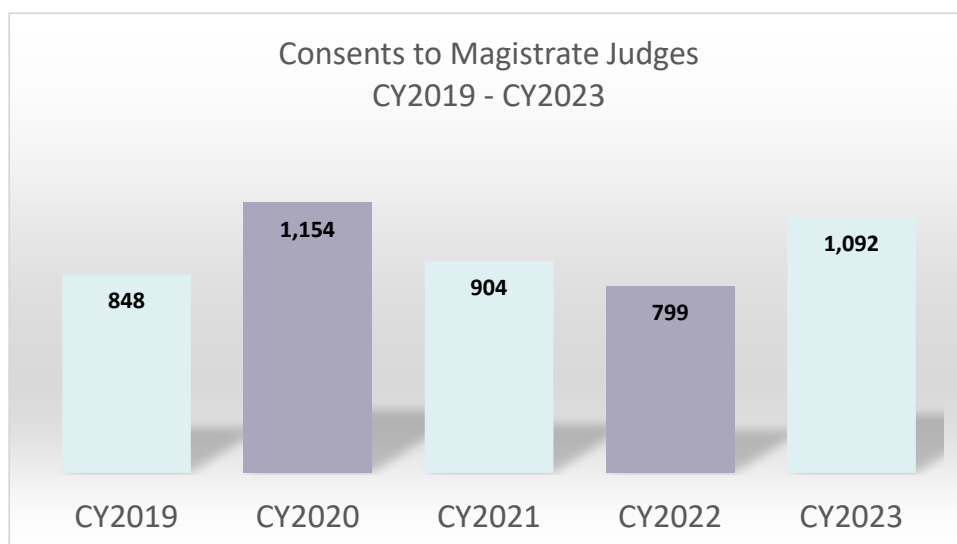


Consents to Magistrate Judges

12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2023



Parties consented to proceed before Magistrate Judges in a total of 1,092 cases in calendar year 2023, a 36.7 percent increase from 2022. Of this total, all parties consented in 832 cases that were referred to a Magistrate Judge for a report and recommendation; all parties consented to proceed before Magistrate Judges in 146 cases through the Voluntary Consent to Magistrate Judges Program; and all parties consented in 112 cases assigned through the Direct Assignment of Civil Cases to Magistrate Judges Program.



Magistrate Judge Settlement Statistics

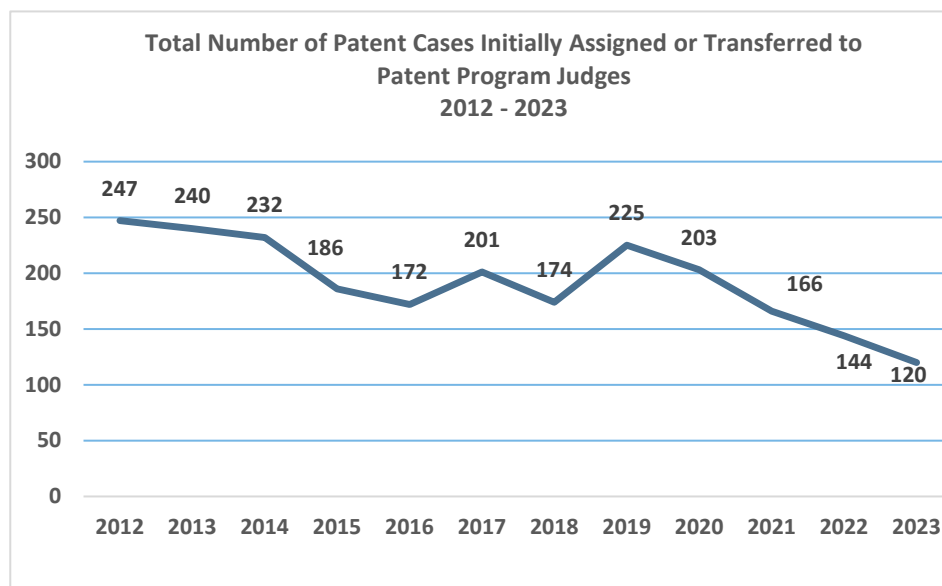
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2023	
Number of cases with settlement conferences conducted by Magistrate Judges	224
Number of settlement conferences conducted by Magistrate Judges	264
Number of cases settled	88
Percent of cases settled	39%

In calendar year 2023, Magistrate Judges held 264 settlement conferences in 224 cases. Of these, the Magistrate Judges settled 88 cases for a 39 percent settlement rate. The Magistrate Judges spent 1,611 hours, equivalent to 201 8-hour-work days, on settling these cases.

Patent Program

Central District of California													
District Judge Patent Program													
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2023													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Total Number of Patent Cases Filed	14	13	15	11	12	11	6	16	10	18	22	18	166
Patent Cases Initially Assigned to Patent Program Judges	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	3	2	4	25
Patent Cases Transferred to Patent Program via CV-128 Order	4	3	2	6	4	5	3	4	1	8	8	4	52
Patent Cases Transferred to Patent Program Judges As a Result of Related Case Transfer, Self-Recusal, Return by Senior Judge, etc.	9	7	4	2	7	1	1	1	2	4	3	2	43
Total Number of Patent Cases Initially Assigned or Transferred to Patent Program Judges	14	12	8	10	13	8	5	8	4	15	13	10	120
Patent Cases Transferred Out of the Patent Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

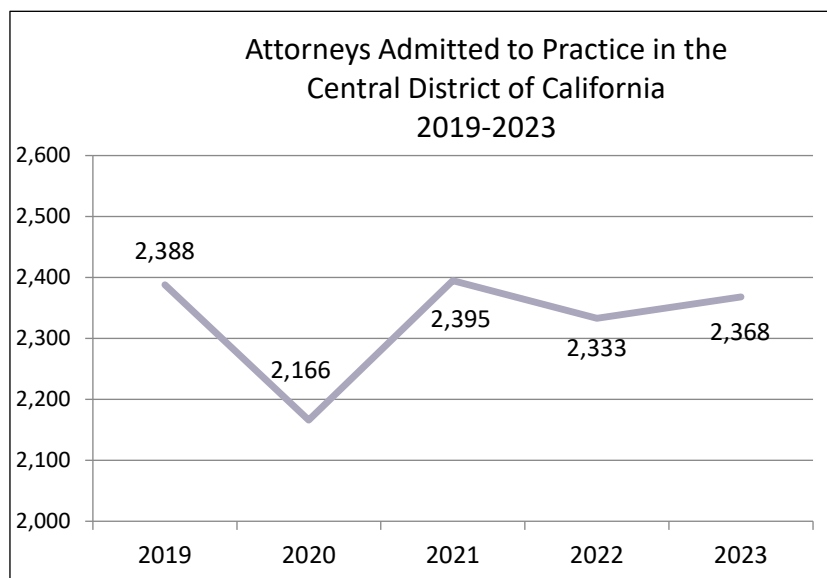
In calendar year 2023, six District Judges participated in the Patent Program for the Central District of California. In 2023, the judges designated to receive patent cases under the Patent Program received 120 patent cases, of which 25 were initially assigned to them, 52 cases were transferred to the program from non-participating judges, and 43 cases were transferred to the program because of related case transfers or other reasons. The number of patent cases filed in calendar year 2023 decreased by 21 percent, and the number of cases transferred to the program by non-participating judges decreased by 14.8 percent from 2022. In 2023, the percentage of patent cases filed that were assigned or transferred to Judges participating in the Patent Program was 72 percent. Since the start of the program on September of 2011 as a pilot, a total of 2,310 patent cases have been assigned to participating judges.



Attorneys Admitted to Practice in the Central District of California

Attorneys Admitted to Practice in the Central District of California							
Calendar Years 2019-2023							
12-Month Period Ending December 31							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 23/22	% Change 23/19
Attorneys Admitted to Practice in the Central District of California	2,388	2,166	2,395	2,333	2,368	1.5%	-0.8%

In calendar year 2023, the Central District of California saw a 1.5 percent increase in attorneys admitted to the bar of the Court remained steady from 2,333 in calendar year³ 2022 (CY) to 2,368. During the five-year period ending December 31, 2023, the number of attorneys admitted to practice in the Central District of California was at its lowest in 2020 at 2,166.

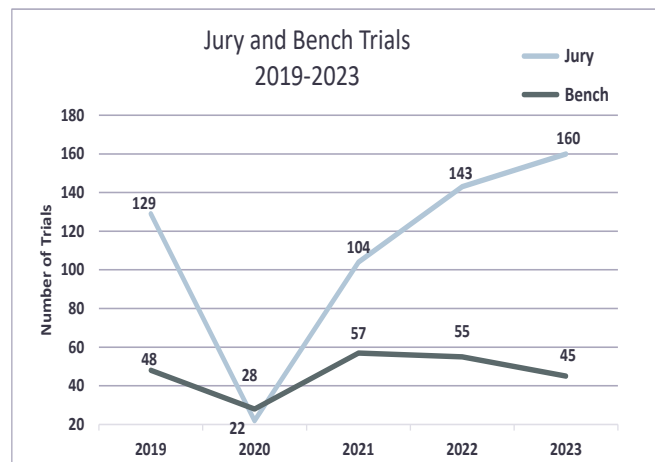
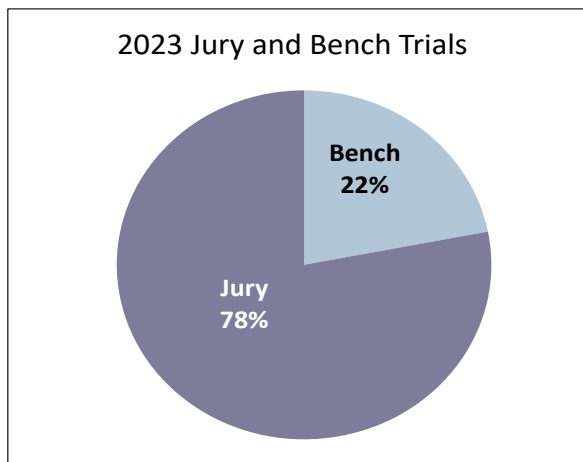


³ The calendar year is the 12-month period ending December 31.

Trials

JURY AND BENCH TRIALS							
Calendar Years 2019-2023							
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 23/22	% Change 23/19
Civil Jury	74	10	50	75	104	39%	41%
Criminal Jury	55	12	54	68	56	-18%	2%
Civil Bench	42	27	53	50	42	-16%	0%
Criminal Bench	6	1	4	5	3	-40%	-50%
Total	177	50	161	198	205	4%	16%

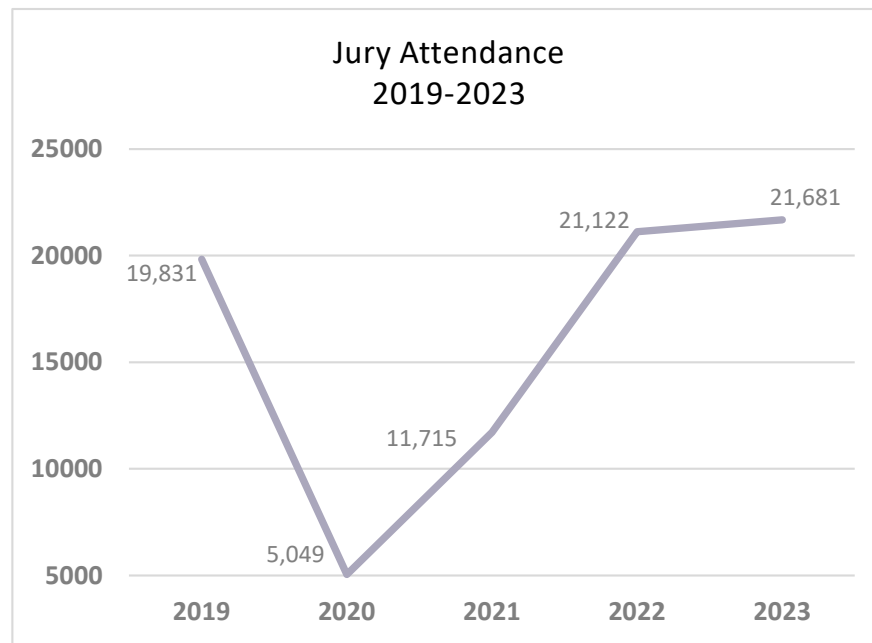
In calendar year 2023 there were a total of 205 trials held before all District and Magistrate Judges in the Central District of California, a 4 percent increase from 2022. In 2023 of the 205 trials, 160 were jury trials (78 percent) and 45 were bench trials (22 percent). In 2023 civil jury trials increased from 75 in 2022 to 104; civil bench trials decreased from 50 to 42; criminal jury trials decreased from 68 to 56 and criminal bench trials decreased from 5 to 3. During the five-year period ending December 31, 2023, total trials held increased 16 percent from 177 in 2019 to 205 in 2023.



Jury

Jury Attendance						
Calendar Years 2019-2023						
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% Change 23/22	% Change 23/19
19,831	5,049	11,715	21,122	21,681	2.6%	9%

In calendar year 2023, there were 21,681 jurors in attendance for trials held in the Central District of California, a 2.6 percent increase from 2022. Over the five-year period ending December 31, 2023, the number of jurors in attendance increased 9 percent from 19,831 in 2019.



Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program Statistics January - December 2023	
Total number of cases ordered to ADR	3,123
Cases referred to magistrate judges	396
Cases referred to the mediation panel	1,120
Cases referred to private mediation	1,607
Total number of cases mediated by panel mediators	539
Cases settled or partially settled at mediation	214
Cases that did not settle at mediation	325

In calendar year 2023, at least 3,123 cases were referred to one of the three ADR options provided in Local Rule 16-15.4. More cases were referred to the Private Mediation Panel than to either of the other available choices. Of the cases referred to the Panel for mediation, more than 14 percent were brought under the Nature of Suit 190, Other Contract.

In 2023, the Central District of California's Mediation Panel was composed of 206 panel members who collectively possessed substantive experience in more than 25 areas of law. Panel mediators conducted at least 539 mediation sessions in calendar year 2023. Of these, 214 sessions were reported to have resulted in settlement or partial settlement, and 325 sessions were reported not to have resulted in immediate settlement, for a settlement rate of 40 percent.

