



**2021**  
**YEAR IN REVIEW**

**United States Attorney's Office  
for the Western District of Michigan**



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Welcome to this streamlined overview of the office’s work for the past year. While the pandemic persisted through a “fourth wave” on its way at some point in our future to a hopefully more manageable endemic status, the office again successfully navigated the challenges to meet our essential missions.

The following pages present various charts of our efforts on a fiscal year basis, though not the compelling stories behind them. For specifics on the cases and matters we handled in 2021, I encourage you to review the press releases from throughout the full year, as listed on our webpage under the “news” tab. There you can read about some of our many efforts addressing domestic and international terrorism, drug trafficking organizations, drug dealing leading to overdose death, violent crime, child exploitation, health care fraud, False Claims Act recoveries, wire fraud and even bitcoin money laundering.

Our total number of criminal cases was comparable to last year. Violent crime and drug crime represent the largest shares of the criminal cases we bring, and yet complex white-collar frauds were not left unaddressed: Criminal Division attorneys as a group spent nearly 20% of their time on those matters. The drop in the total caseload compared to two and three years ago is largely attributable to a substantially reduced number of immigration offense referrals and charges. Almost as many defendants took their cases to trial as in recent years, but our conviction rate remained around 93%. Just under 90% of those we convicted were sent to prison-- an indication that we successfully focused our resources on the most serious offenders.



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CONT.

Our civil litigation caseload dropped from last year's unusually high level but remained robust. We continued to increase our efforts over prior years in civil rights enforcement and affirmative litigation addressing civil health care fraud and false claims to the government. Tort defense and bankruptcy work again occupied substantial amounts of time for Civil Division attorneys and staff.

Operationally, we enhanced our commitment to the district's Northern Division by appointing a Branch Manager to our Marquette Office. Assistant U.S. Attorney Ted Greeley assumed the role in December.

The pandemic again limited our outreach efforts, which were typically virtual. We met with Tribal leaders to establish first-of-their-kind community response plans for reports of missing or murdered indigenous persons, addressed cyber-threats and ransomware with audiences of lawyers and business representatives, presented to health care professionals on the latest scams and professional pitfalls affecting their industry, and worked virtually with the Michigan Department of Civil Rights on forums to enhance community trust in law enforcement, among other efforts.

I am confident the office remains as poised as ever to meet the priority needs of the people of the Western District of Michigan.

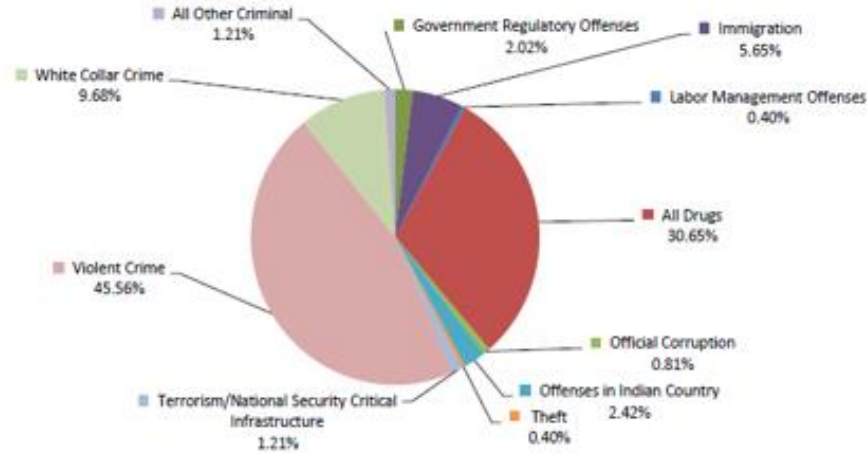
*Andrew Byerly Birge*  
United States Attorney



# CRIMINAL WORKLOAD STATISTICS

## Cases Filed by Program Category

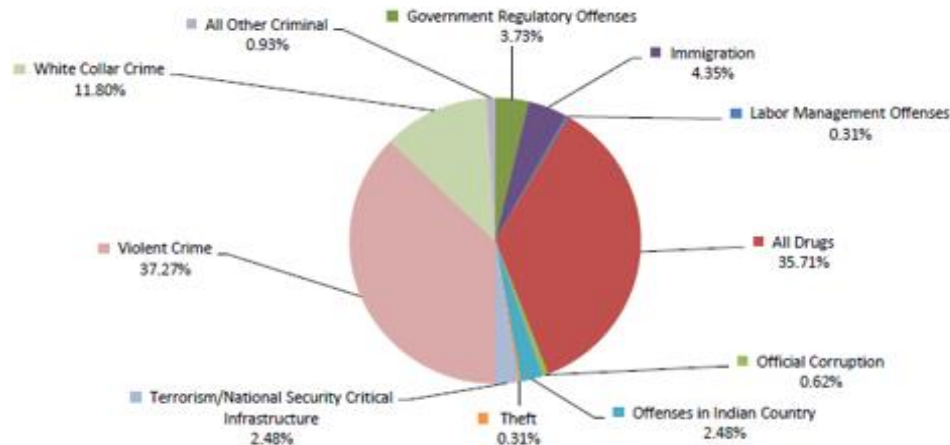
Fiscal Year 2021



Total:  
248

## Defendants Filed by Program Category

Fiscal Year 2021



Total:  
322



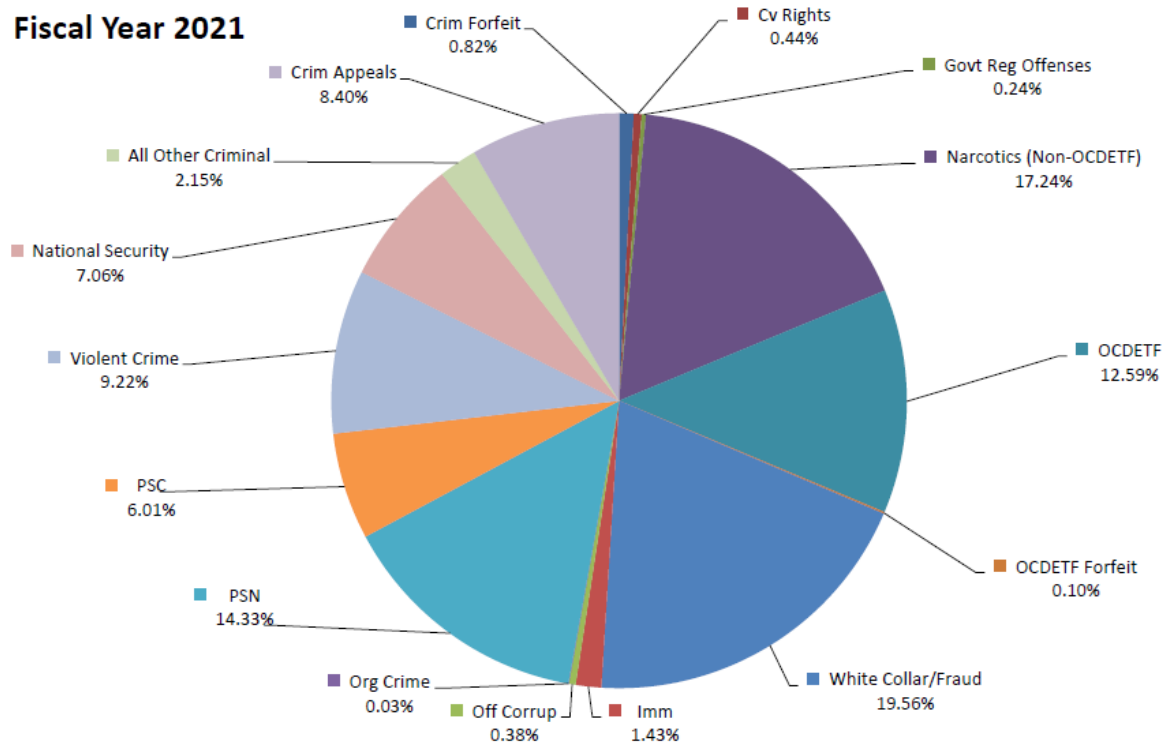
# CRIMINAL WORKLOAD STATISTICS

United States Attorneys -- Criminal Workyear Statistics

Western District of Michigan

Criminal Attorney Workyears as a Percentage of Total Criminal Attorney Workyears

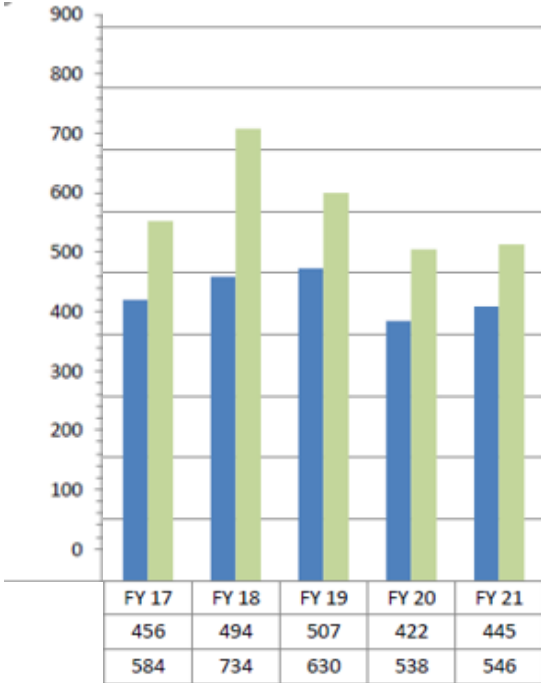
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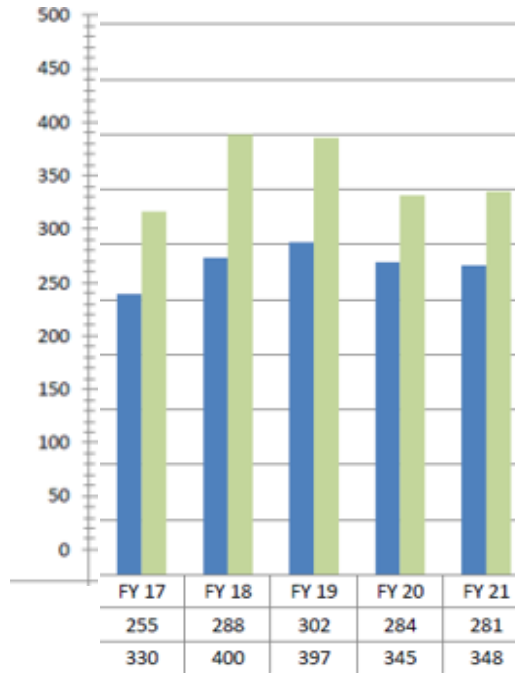
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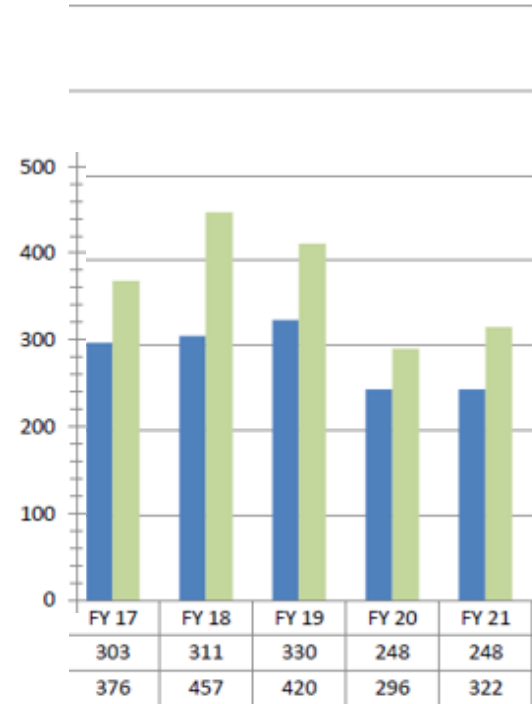
# CRIMINAL WORKLOAD STATISTICS



■ Matters Received  
■ Defendants Received



■ Cases Pending  
■ Defendants Pending

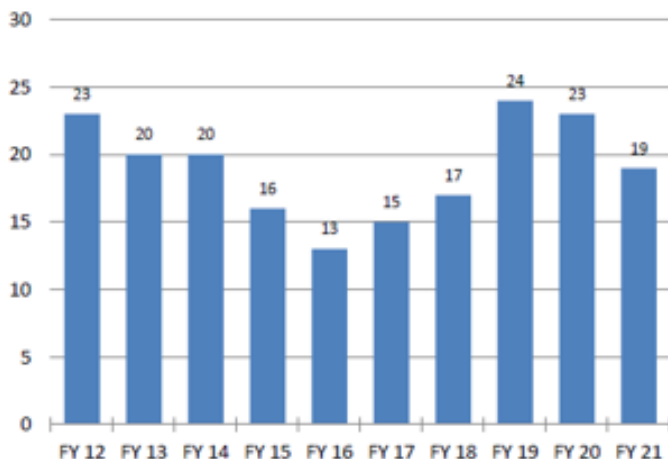


■ Cases Filed  
■ Defendants Filed

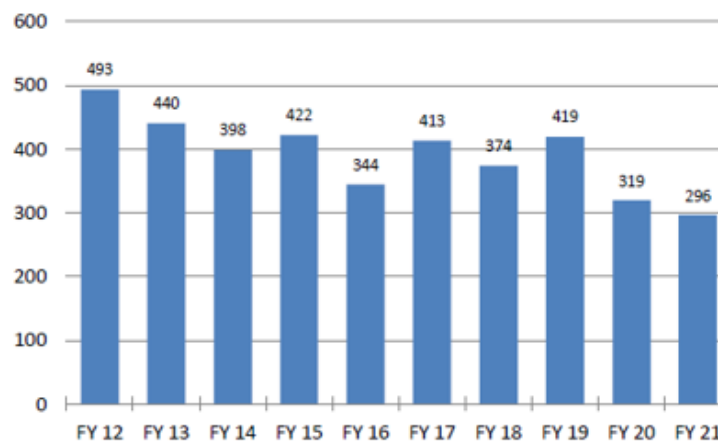


# CRIMINAL CASE OUTCOME STATISTICS

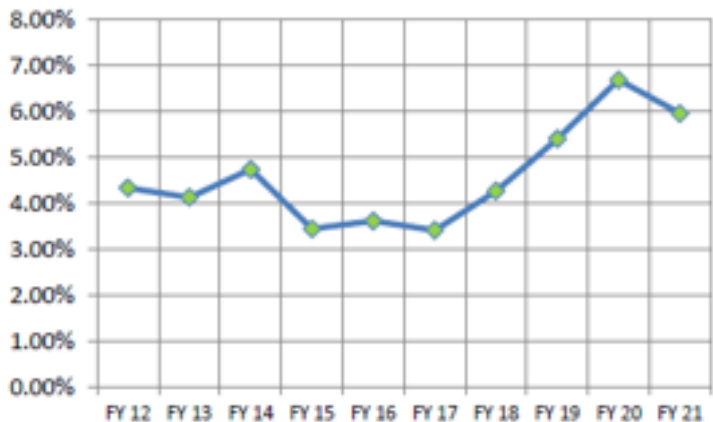
### Defendants Tried



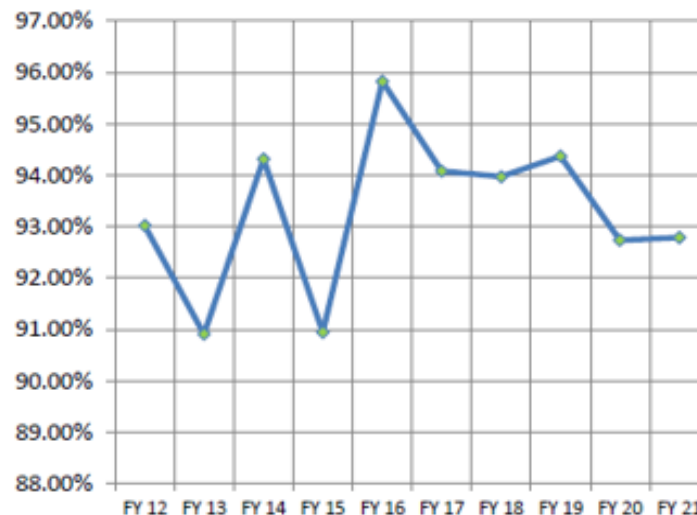
### Defendants Guilty



### Defendants Disposed of by Trial As a Percent of Defendants Terminated



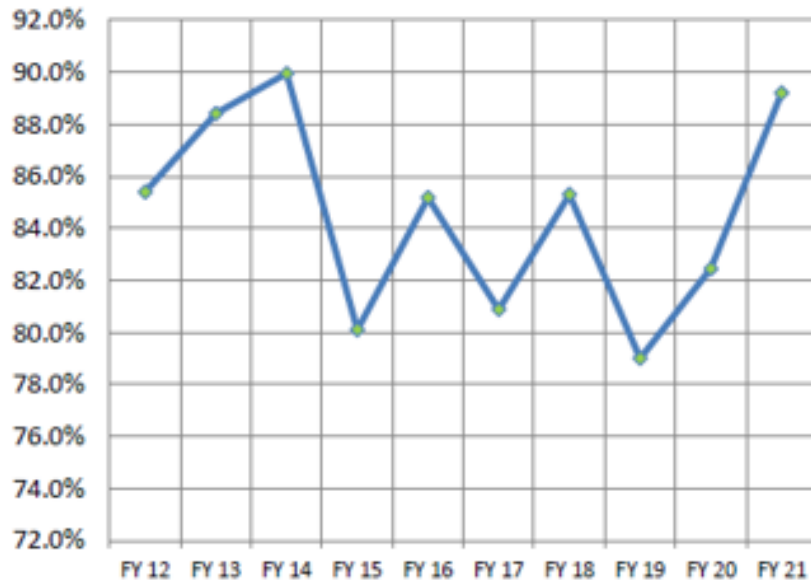
### Conviction Rate



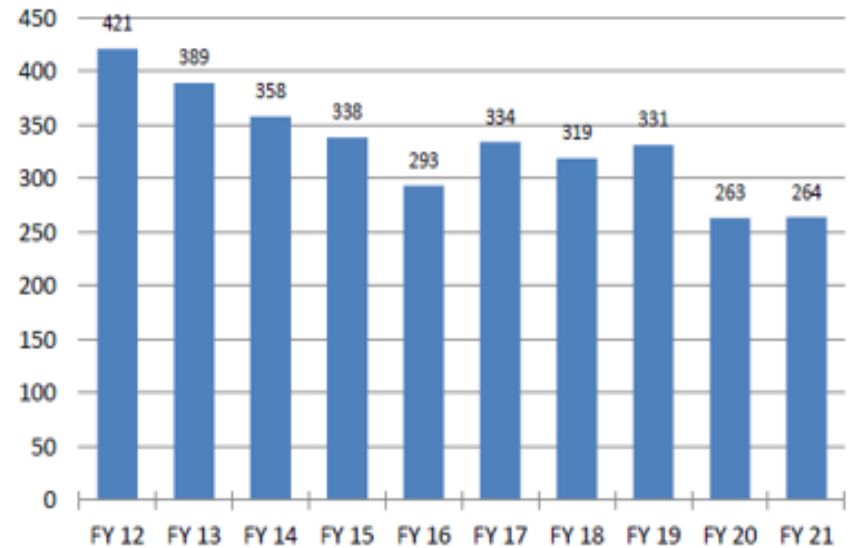


# CRIMINAL CASE OUTCOME STATISTICS

### Percentage of Guilty Defendants Sentenced to Prison



### Number of Guilty Defendants Sentenced to Prison

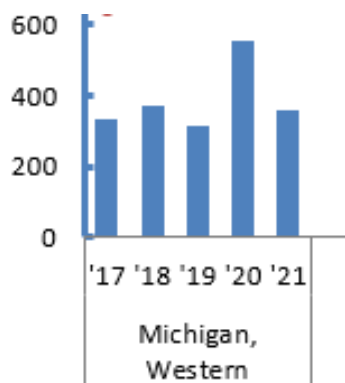




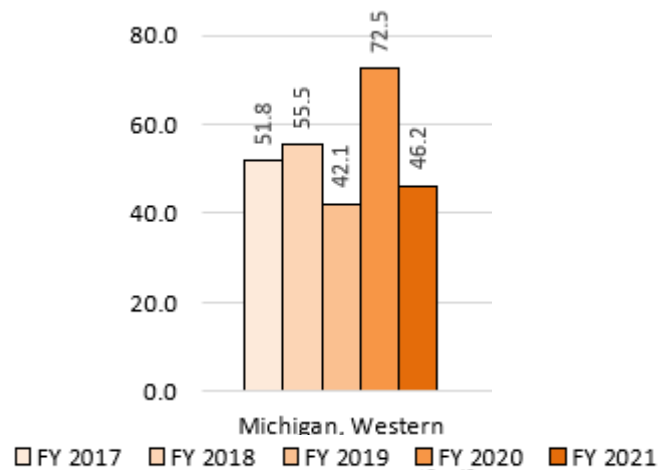


# CIVIL CASELOAD STATISTICS

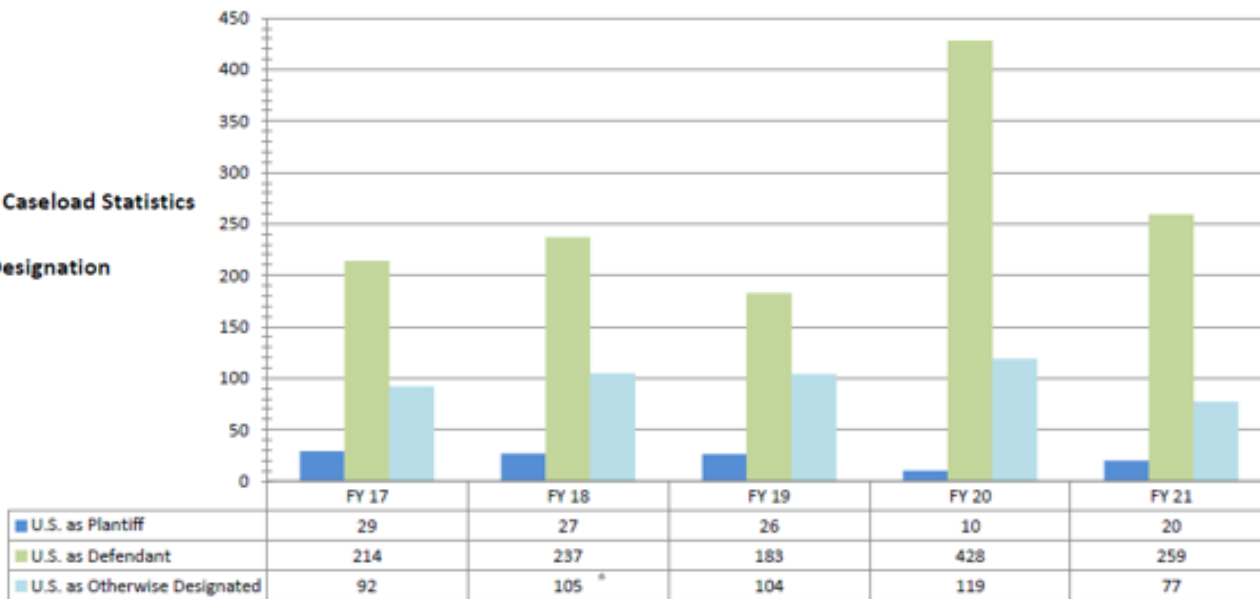
Cases Filed/ Responded To



Cases Filed/ Responded To per AUSA Regular Hrs workyear, All Civil



United States Attorneys -- Civil Caseload Statistics  
Western District of Michigan  
Cases Filed/Responded To by Designation

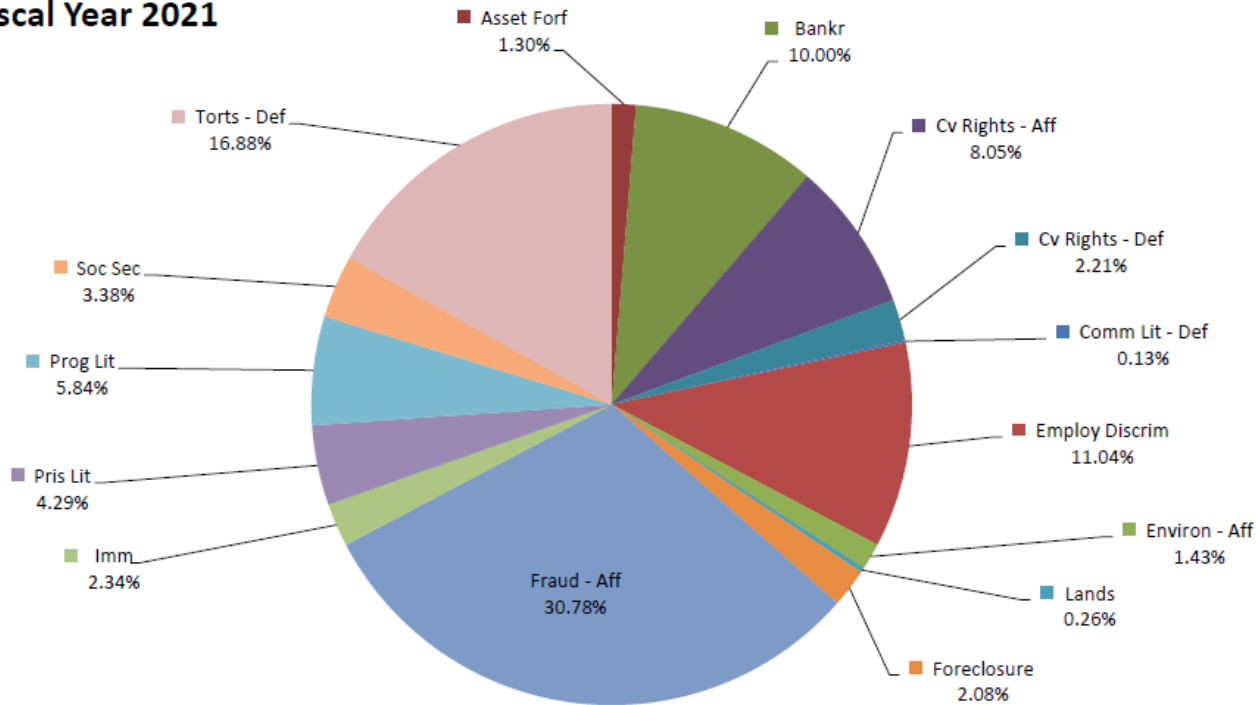




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 Western District of Michigan  
 Civil Attorney Workyears as a Percentage of Total Civil Attorney Workyears

Fiscal Year 2021



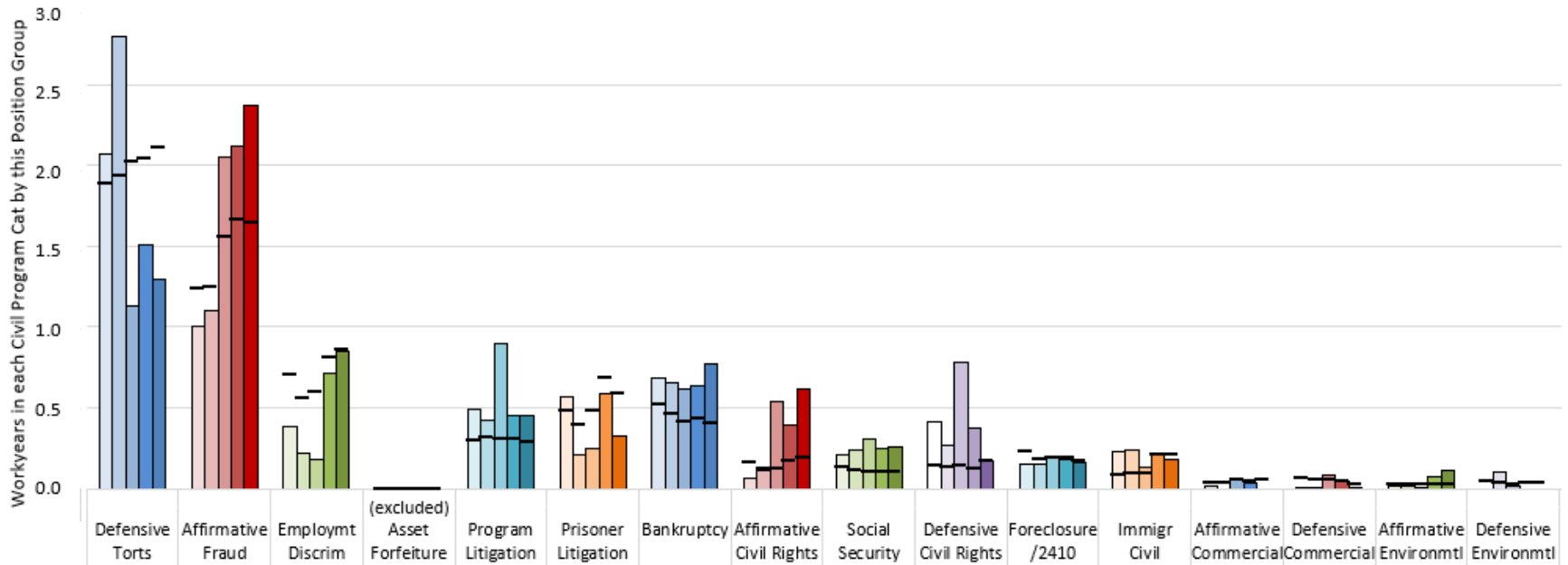
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# CIVIL CASELOAD STATISTICS

USA-5 workyears logged by AUSA Regular Hrs toward Civil Program Categories

■ Michigan, Western    — M Avg. (incl. MIW)





# ORGANIZATION CHART

