

47% OF FEDERAL CIVIL CASELOAD IS IN MDLS WHERE THE FRCP ARE NOT DESIGNED TO APPLY



At the end of fiscal year 2017, **46.7% of civil cases** in the federal court system were in MDLs.^[1]

266,108 cases were pending in the federal court system. **124,202 of these cases** were pending in **256 MDLs.**^[2]



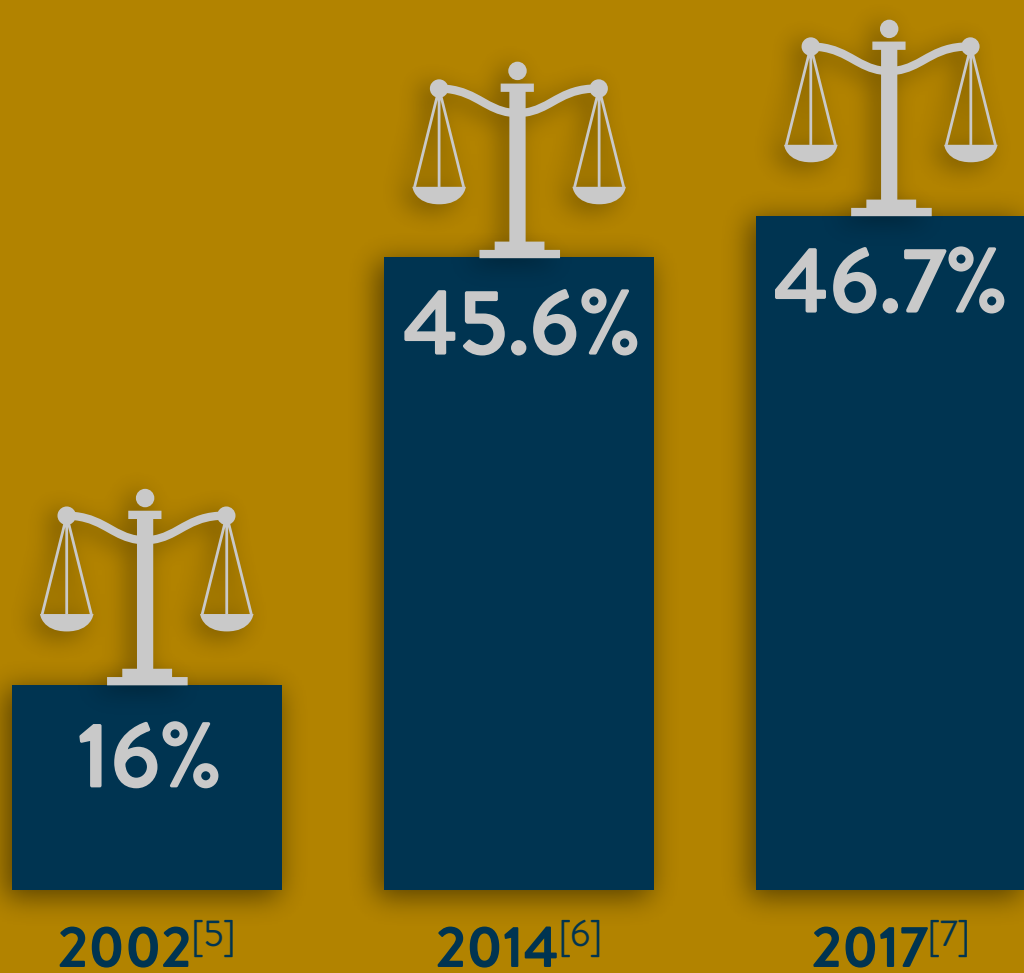
are overseen by



2.2%

107,045 cases in
18 largest MDLs^[3]

15 judgeships
of 667 total^[4]



The percentage of federal civil cases concentrated in MDLs has **nearly tripled** in 15 years.

SOURCES

[1] http://www.jpml.uscourts.gov/sites/jpml/files/JPML_Statistical_Analysis_of_Multidistrict_Litigation-FY-2017.pdf

[2] Ibid.

[3] Ibid.

[4] <http://www.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/districtauth.pdf>

[5] https://judicialstudies.duke.edu/sites/default/files/centers/judicialstudies/MDL_Standards_and_Best_Practices_2014-REVISED.pdf

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[7] http://www.jpml.uscourts.gov/sites/jpml/files/JPML_Statistical_Analysis_of_Multidistrict_Litigation-FY-2017.pdf