



The cause is a combination of unfilled vacancies on the federal bench combined with a surge in federal case filings, according to a student research paper published today by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University.

New Jersey's federal case backlog, known as pending cases per judgeship is larger than the backlog in Pennsylvania, which covers three district courts to New Jersey's one, and edges out New York State, which encompasses four district courts.

New Jersey has more pending cases per judgeship than the Southern District of New York, considered to be one of the busiest districts in the nation, according to research authored by Daniel Tidcombe, a Stockton University political science major who graduated in May. Tidcombe served as the Hughes Center's research intern for the spring 2020 semester.

The backlog of pending federal cases stood at nearly 39,000 at the end of 2019, the last quarter for which data are available.

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