

Table 4.5
U.S. District Courts—Product Liability Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit

Fiscal Year	Total	Contract Actions	Torts to Land	Property Damage	Personal Injury				
					Airplane	Marine	Motor Vehicle	Asbestos	Other
1990	19,428	361	65	323	196	330	575	13,687	3,891
1995	28,226	249	64	366	155	53	566	6,916	19,857
2000	15,318	350	72	468	164	54	421	7,187	6,602
2005	30,295	224	103	431	79	46	531	1,243	27,638
2006	49,743	265	148	591	74	37	561	16,547	31,520
2007	37,566	249	348	500	114	44	447	12,404	23,460
2008	53,102	226	247	519	101	33	390	33,780	17,806
2009	59,504	238	252	679	131	27	401	41,785	15,991

¹ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

² Data for 2006 through 2008 resulted from new influxes of asbestos cases filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Source: Personal injury/product liability data from Table C-2, Table S-7 (1990), and Table S-10 (1995, 2000, 2004-2009), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.