

**Table 4.9**  
**U.S. District Courts—Diversity of Citizenship Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2020**

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year										
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995	1990 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>284,603</b>	<b>104,803</b>	<b>88,547</b>	<b>75,822</b>	<b>81,826</b>	<b>86,358</b>	<b>101,202</b>	<b>62,191</b>	<b>48,626</b>	<b>53,350</b>	<b>57,435</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>22,294</b>	<b>20,174</b>	<b>20,694</b>	<b>18,669</b>	<b>19,283</b>	<b>19,589</b>	<b>22,570</b>	<b>19,266</b>	<b>21,581</b>	<b>20,992</b>	<b>22,859</b>
Franchise <sup>1</sup>	205	244	251	231	300	350	293	135	-	-	-
Insurance	10,587	9,215	8,588	7,937	7,886	8,304	8,278	6,591	6,259	6,528	5,983
Marine	62	54	79	61	62	68	119	93	149	157	202
Negotiable Instruments	325	363	348	419	412	403	693	338	401	771	1,162
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	372	352	317	303	342	336	315	105	96	106	107
Other Contract Actions	10,743	9,946	11,111	9,718	10,281	10,128	12,872	12,004	14,676	13,430	15,405
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>5,058</b>	<b>5,399</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>2,085</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>2,192</b>
Condemnation of Land	9	5	5	5	3	8	12	17	20	11	15
Foreclosure	981	1,697	1,476	2,236	3,142	2,486	1,471	928	1,430	798	1,310
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	164	115	94	99	72	110	141	87	86	137	148
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	578	672	598	490	571	1,425	470	226	258	240	348
Other Real Property Actions	669	902	908	1,141	1,270	1,370	941	364	291	345	371
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>255,803</b>	<b>76,969</b>	<b>60,727</b>	<b>49,668</b>	<b>53,848</b>	<b>57,811</b>	<b>73,150</b>	<b>40,866</b>	<b>23,594</b>	<b>30,709</b>	<b>32,251</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>252,943</b>	<b>74,034</b>	<b>57,702</b>	<b>46,943</b>	<b>49,299</b>	<b>54,168</b>	<b>70,516</b>	<b>38,588</b>	<b>21,291</b>	<b>28,659</b>	<b>30,343</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>238,925</b>	<b>54,724</b>	<b>45,075</b>	<b>35,112</b>	<b>38,886</b>	<b>39,309</b>	<b>61,179</b>	<b>27,212</b>	<b>10,176</b>	<b>12,059</b>	<b>17,691</b>
Airplane	143	97	21	28	20	28	168	57	133	99	168
Marine	2	10	10	6	8	5	21	19	33	28	234
Motor Vehicle	244	345	524	347	361	354	431	491	388	541	555
Asbestos <sup>2</sup>	103	89	92	121	83	112	40,916	1,029	3,501	2,098	12,909
Other	215,600	15,581	7,356	13,399	17,167	23,300	19,643	25,616	6,121	9,293	3,825
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>14,018</b>	<b>19,310</b>	<b>12,627</b>	<b>11,831</b>	<b>10,413</b>	<b>14,859</b>	<b>9,337</b>	<b>11,376</b>	<b>11,115</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>12,652</b>
Airplane	127	151	104	116	89	85	177	219	367	432	571

**Table 4.9 (September 30, 2020—Continued)**

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year										
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995	1990 <sup>1</sup>
Marine	526	464	345	354	285	274	320	226	208	356	442
Motor Vehicle	4,561	4,254	4,089	3,725	3,329	3,110	2,920	3,356	3,821	4,305	5,018
Assault, Libel, and Slander	392	403	406	351	370	342	339	416	535	568	441
Medical Malpractice	332	405	390	476	638	380	519	631	857	800	769
Other <sup>3</sup>	8,080	13,633	7,293	6,809	5,702	10,668	5,062	6,528	5,327	8,236	5,411
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>4,549</b>	<b>3,643</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>1,908</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,641	1,746	1,781	1,629	2,377	1,553	1,339	1,292	1,149	1,091	915
Other Personal Property Damage	1,219	1,189	1,244	1,096	2,172	2,090	1,295	986	1,154	959	993
<b>Other Actions, Total</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>4,269</b>	<b>4,045</b>	<b>3,514</b>	<b>3,637</b>	<b>3,559</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>113</b>

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table.

<sup>1</sup> Collection of data for this category began in 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Increases beginning in 2008 occurred because cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases thereafter were severed into individual cases.

<sup>3</sup> A significant increase in other personal injury cases in 1995 was mostly attributable to a large number of cases related to an oil refinery explosion in Louisiana.

Source: Table C-2, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.