

Table 2.4
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Pro Se Cases Filed,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1995 Through 2025

Fiscal Year	Total Appeals	Pro Se Cases											Original Proceedings ¹	Percent Pro Se				
		Total	Appeals from District Courts								Criminal Appeals	Other Appeals						
			Total	Civil Appeals						Total		U.S.			Private	Administrative Agency	Bankruptcy	
				Total	Prisoner Petitions			Other Civil Appeals										
					Total	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.									Private
2025	41,824	20,878	14,085	7,392	2,035	5,357	6,693	1,263	5,430	2,272	1,287	219	3,015	48.2				
2020	48,190	23,546	14,578	9,979	3,153	6,826	4,599	1,036	3,563	2,409	1,829	247	4,483	61.5				
2015	52,698	26,883	17,643	12,406	3,732	8,674	5,237	1,148	4,089	2,636	2,313	285	4,006	52.4				
2010	55,991	27,208	19,263	14,089	4,250	9,839	5,174	1,124	4,050	2,119	2,173	206	3,447	41.2				
2005	68,469	28,555	19,541	15,030	5,426	9,604	4,511	1,108	3,403	1,215	3,501	236	4,062	46.1				
1995	50,072	19,973	17,842	13,083	2,763	10,320	4,759	1,364	3,395	803	622	438	268	39.9				

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

This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g., writs of mandamus, motions seeking permission to file second or successive habeas corpus petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), enacted in April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals to file motions for second or successive habeas corpus petitions. Data for these and other types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998. Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous cases not included previously.

Source: Table B-9, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.