

**Table 4.4**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2024**

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2015	2010	2005	1995	1990 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>290,896</b>	<b>339,731</b>	<b>274,771</b>	<b>344,567</b>	<b>470,581</b>	<b>279,036</b>	<b>282,895</b>	<b>253,273</b>	<b>248,335</b>	<b>226,523</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>29,102</b>	<b>31,372</b>	<b>29,134</b>	<b>26,455</b>	<b>26,592</b>	<b>26,068</b>	<b>31,109</b>	<b>28,020</b>	<b>31,182</b>	<b>46,103</b>
Franchise <sup>1</sup>	222	175	212	181	247	382	357	171	-	-
Insurance	13,488	17,620	16,969	13,985	11,630	9,711	9,380	7,804	7,540	6,884
Marine	562	701	817	583	745	907	1,344	1,435	2,622	3,313
Miller Act	185	195	181	166	264	398	276	387	775	1,569
Negotiable Instruments	544	425	289	353	356	505	956	447	1,536	2,997
<b>Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>3,426</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>10,942</b>
Student Loans <sup>2</sup>	13	10	7	12	41	1,546	2,741	2,883	1,142	5,365
Veterans' Benefits <sup>3</sup>	3	8	4	-	4	7	16	8	253	4,963
Other	588	596	529	505	624	633	669	418	361	550
Other Contract Actions	13,497	11,642	10,126	10,670	12,681	11,979	15,370	14,467	16,887	20,398
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>4,787</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>3,973</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>9,195</b>	<b>7,432</b>	<b>4,561</b>	<b>6,869</b>	<b>9,505</b>
Condemnation of Land	150	79	233	237	341	339	173	251	334	462
Foreclosure	1,215	1,353	1,286	1,004	1,808	4,256	4,267	3,012	4,972	7,196
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	1,046	742	463	416	710	688	254	154	310	349
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	1,162	1,249	856	672	740	1,554	661	380	401	405
Other Real Property Actions	1,214	1,092	1,135	920	1,191	2,358	2,077	764	852	1,093
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>80,982</b>	<b>131,770</b>	<b>80,957</b>	<b>145,562</b>	<b>263,231</b>	<b>68,879</b>	<b>83,055</b>	<b>51,335</b>	<b>53,986</b>	<b>45,909</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total [4]</b>	<b>76,390</b>	<b>127,437</b>	<b>76,825</b>	<b>141,682</b>	<b>259,385</b>	<b>61,093</b>	<b>78,350</b>	<b>47,364</b>	<b>50,565</b>	<b>42,743</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability</b>	<b>54,192</b>	<b>104,060</b>	<b>60,062</b>	<b>123,644</b>	<b>239,980</b>	<b>41,764</b>	<b>63,203</b>	<b>29,537</b>	<b>27,547</b>	<b>18,839</b>
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>22,198</b>	<b>23,377</b>	<b>16,763</b>	<b>18,038</b>	<b>19,405</b>	<b>19,329</b>	<b>15,147</b>	<b>17,827</b>	<b>23,018</b>	<b>23,904</b>
Airplane	181	158	119	184	224	191	300	351	683	834
Marine	1,167	1,042	763	1,069	1,377	1,125	1,393	1,667	2,277	2,961
Motor Vehicle	6,394	5,836	5,429	5,590	5,459	3,743	3,546	4,091	5,374	6,157
Assault, Libel, and Slander	718	650	569	577	598	591	559	647	826	644
Federal Employers Liability Act	328	340	353	372	355	296	480	748	1,903	2,741
Medical Malpractice	783	1,022	1,000	1,152	1,019	1,135	1,115	1,221	1,328	1,375
Other	12,627	14,329	8,530	9,094	10,373	12,248	7,754	9,102	10,627	7,202

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Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2015	2010	2005	1995	1990 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>4,592</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>4,132</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>7,786</b>	<b>4,705</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>3,166</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,624	2,495	2,395	2,250	2,263	2,396	2,902	2,465	1,881	1,492
Other Personal Property Damage	1,968	1,838	1,737	1,630	1,583	5,390	1,803	1,506	1,540	1,674
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>176,025</b>	<b>172,074</b>	<b>160,707</b>	<b>169,301</b>	<b>175,968</b>	<b>174,894</b>	<b>161,297</b>	<b>169,265</b>	<b>156,209</b>	<b>124,880</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>472</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>2,696</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>5,046</b>	<b>5,056</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,248	1,346	1,440	1,629	1,633	2,272	2,177	2,435	4,312	4,231
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	139	140	169	236	234	542	519	565	734	825
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total [5]</b>	<b>45,781</b>	<b>41,404</b>	<b>39,126</b>	<b>43,333</b>	<b>41,044</b>	<b>37,384</b>	<b>34,872</b>	<b>36,096</b>	<b>36,600</b>	<b>18,793</b>
Voting	159	109	177	172	234	86	102	166	208	130
Employment	13,526	12,152	10,037	11,802	11,174	12,205	14,543	16,930	19,059	8,413
Housing and Accommodations	922	977	823	742	752	775	687	885	735	341
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	54	116	129
ADA -- Employment [6]	3,018	2,566	2,119	2,629	2,338	2,076	1,522	586	-	-
ADA -- Other [6]	9,030	8,776	10,240	12,545	11,273	5,156	2,309	1,016	-	-
Education	932	744	790	828	794	525	-	-	-	-
Other Civil Rights	18,194	16,080	14,940	14,615	14,479	16,561	15,651	16,459	16,482	9,780
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>958</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>49,182</b>	<b>50,353</b>	<b>46,941</b>	<b>47,669</b>	<b>56,195</b>	<b>52,531</b>	<b>52,583</b>	<b>61,238</b>	<b>63,550</b>	<b>42,630</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	3,764	3,763	3,392	3,395	6,834	5,520	5,858	10,361	5,988	2,970
Habeas Corpus--General	12,825	14,224	13,225	14,064	15,960	18,448	19,825	24,633	14,975	12,790
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	121	123	116	135	120	194	208	240	-	-
Mandamus and Other	1,848	1,614	1,664	1,626	1,784	837	952	1,390	908	876
Civil Rights	19,386	19,618	18,638	17,983	18,820	17,829	16,951	16,005	41,679	25,992
Prison Condition	10,599	10,476	9,429	9,301	10,182	8,690	8,107	8,609	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	432	356	327	964	2,261	670	682	-	-	-
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	207	179	150	201	234	343	-	-	-	-

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Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2015	2010	2005	1995	1990 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>2,268</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>2,517</b>	<b>6,224</b>
Agricultural Acts	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	27	155	84
Food and Drug Act	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	49	197	739
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	301	345	443	623	483	688	1,273	1,359	1,042	1,914
Air Traffic Regulations	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	6	11	48
Occupational Safety and Health Act	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	5	33	61
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	485	497	518	564	502	783	908	852	1,079	3,378
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>12,869</b>	<b>13,287</b>	<b>13,529</b>	<b>13,442</b>	<b>15,177</b>	<b>19,322</b>	<b>18,624</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>14,954</b>	<b>22,567</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	5,252	5,794	6,133	5,563	6,663	8,781	6,825	4,039	1,580	1,282
Labor Management Relations Act	423	382	422	446	470	690	1,094	1,674	1,984	2,342
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	88	161	181
Railway Labor Act	43	38	40	38	71	45	66	104	172	199
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	4,758	4,716	4,742	4,658	5,253	7,228	9,216	11,171	9,517	8,726
Family and Medical Leave Act	945	851	938	1,308	1,274	1,139	-	-	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	1,448	1,506	1,254	1,429	1,446	1,439	1,353	1,246	1,540	9,837
<b>Immigration, Total [7]</b>	<b>12,218</b>	<b>11,134</b>	<b>7,763</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>1,183</b>	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	340	442	390	304	357	260	402	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	11,878	10,692	7,373	4,298	2,231	1,061	781	-	-	-
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>14,959</b>	<b>13,839</b>	<b>12,742</b>	<b>11,584</b>	<b>9,964</b>	<b>13,751</b>	<b>8,966</b>	<b>12,184</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>5,700</b>
Copyright	7,250	6,237	5,151	3,746	3,224	5,035	2,013	5,796	2,417	2,095
Patent	3,356	3,016	3,639	3,802	3,627	5,564	3,301	2,720	1,723	1,187
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	282	243	257	222	282	-	-	-	-	-
Trademark	3,363	3,678	3,059	3,205	2,831	3,152	3,652	3,668	2,726	2,418
Defend Trade Secrets Act	708	665	636	609	-	-	-	-	#ERROR	#ERROR
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>2,629</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total [8]</b>	<b>13,881</b>	<b>15,017</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>19,541</b>	<b>21,110</b>	<b>18,538</b>	<b>14,016</b>	<b>15,487</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>7,439</b>
Disability Insurance	7,285	7,745	7,123	10,715	11,234	8,578	6,141	7,024	5,501	5,212
Supplemental Security Income	5,962	6,556	5,599	7,979	8,917	9,210	7,088	7,675	3,347	1,836
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	547	628	569	725	842	656	715	710	414	249

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Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2015	2010	2005	1995	1990 <sup>1</sup>
Other	87	88	94	122	117	94	72	78	-	-
<b>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>1,214</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2,604</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>2,202</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	21	33	38
<b>Consumer Credit [9]</b>	<b>8,731</b>	<b>8,108</b>	<b>9,423</b>	<b>9,968</b>	<b>10,447</b>	<b>9,801</b>	<b>8,453</b>	<b>1,192</b>	-	-
<b>Cable/Satellite TV [9]</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>710</b>	-	-
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>407</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>10,282</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>9,512</b>	<b>9,862</b>	<b>10,415</b>	<b>11,348</b>	<b>10,206</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>9,098</b>	<b>8,211</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> Filings for recovery of defaulted student loans decreased from 1990 to 1995 due to a change in Department of Education (DOE) policy on collection of delinquent loans. Renewed growth peaked in 2000 as a result of streamlining of the loan-processing system. In 2001, DOE implemented new administrative measures that caused fewer student loan cases to be filed in federal courts.

<sup>3</sup> Filings for recovery of overpayments of veterans' benefits have decreased significantly as the Department of Veterans' Affairs has used administrative actions and the Internal Revenue Service to recover overpayments rather than filing suit in district court. For additional information, see the 1991 Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts, page 86.

[4] The increase in personal injury filings between 1990 and 1995 was attributable mostly to breast implant cases and a large number of cases related to an oil refinery explosion in Louisiana. In 2006, personal injury/product liability filings rose 64 percent, primarily as a result of 15,000 additional asbestos cases, of which over 14,000 were multidistrict litigation filings in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

[5] Civil rights filings increased significantly after 1990 largely because of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

[6] Collection of data for this category began in 2005.

[7] Collection of data for this category began in 2006.

[8] Collection of data for this category began in 2005.

[9] Collection of data for this category began in 2008.

Source: Table C-2 for 1995 to present, *Annual report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.