

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 2024

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2015	2010	2005	1995	1990 ¹
Total	104,254	154,629	105,212	166,848	284,603	86,358	101,202	62,191	53,350	57,435
Contract Actions, Total	24,332	27,020	25,124	22,800	22,294	19,589	22,570	19,266	20,992	22,859
Franchise ¹	172	130	171	155	205	350	293	135	-	-
Insurance	12,333	16,506	15,861	12,992	10,587	8,304	8,278	6,591	6,528	5,983
Marine	65	57	64	54	62	68	119	93	157	202
Negotiable Instruments	348	288	245	313	325	403	693	338	771	1,162
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	326	293	229	267	372	336	315	105	106	107
Other Contract Actions	11,088	9,746	8,554	9,019	10,743	10,128	12,872	12,004	13,430	15,405
Real Property Actions, Total	2,229	2,300	2,155	1,682	2,401	5,399	3,035	1,622	1,531	2,192
Condemnation of Land	6	7	11	10	9	8	12	17	11	15
Foreclosure	749	883	824	540	981	2,486	1,471	928	798	1,310
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	122	85	62	117	164	110	141	87	137	148
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	678	708	602	515	578	1,425	470	226	240	348
Other Real Property Actions	674	617	656	500	669	1,370	941	364	345	371
Tort Actions, Total	72,858	120,882	74,056	138,448	255,803	57,811	73,150	40,866	30,709	32,251
Personal Injury, Total	69,506	117,705	70,933	135,657	252,943	54,168	70,516	38,588	28,659	30,343
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	53,683	102,934	58,753	122,529	238,925	39,309	61,179	27,212	12,059	17,691
Airplane	22	37	19	51	143	28	168	57	99	168
Marine	8	6	6	6	2	5	21	19	28	234
Motor Vehicle	252	253	200	196	244	354	431	491	541	555
Asbestos ²	29	50	52	71	103	112	40,916	1,029	2,098	12,909
Other	36,227	65,051	42,377	93,575	215,600	23,300	19,643	25,616	9,293	3,825

Other Personal Injury, Total	15,823	14,771	12,180	13,128	14,018	14,859	9,337	11,376	16,600	12,652
Airplane	89	81	57	101	127	85	177	219	432	571
Marine	526	426	206	369	526	274	320	226	356	442
Motor Vehicle	5,067	4,728	4,436	4,626	4,561	3,110	2,920	3,356	4,305	5,018
Assault, Libel, and Slander	477	421	360	411	392	342	339	416	568	441
Medical Malpractice	287	385	326	360	332	380	519	631	800	769
Other ³	9,377	8,730	6,795	7,261	8,080	10,668	5,062	6,528	8,236	5,411
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,352	3,177	3,123	2,791	2,860	3,643	2,634	2,278	2,050	1,908
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,809	1,736	1,781	1,571	1,641	1,553	1,339	1,292	1,091	915
Other Personal Property Damage	1,543	1,441	1,342	1,220	1,219	2,090	1,295	986	959	993
Other Actions, Total	4,835	4,427	3,877	3,918	4,105	3,559	2,447	421	118	113
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	48	44	50	41	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defend Trade Secrets Act	48	44	50	41	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

¹ Collection of data for this category began in 2008.

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

³ 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.

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