

**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 2025**

Nature of Suit	2025	2020	2015	2010	2005	1995	1990 <sup>1</sup>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>96,548</b>	<b>284,603</b>	<b>86,358</b>	<b>101,202</b>	<b>62,191</b>	<b>53,350</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>25,008</b>	<b>22,294</b>	<b>19,589</b>	<b>22,570</b>	<b>19,266</b>	<b>20,992</b>	<b>22,859</b>
Franchise <sup>1</sup>	171	205	350	293	135	-	-
Insurance	12,152	10,587	8,304	8,278	6,591	6,528	5,983
Marine	65	62	68	119	93	157	202
Negotiable Instruments	335	325	403	693	338	771	1,162
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	364	372	336	315	105	106	107
Other Contract Actions	11,921	10,743	10,128	12,872	12,004	13,430	15,405
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>5,399</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>2,192</b>
Condemnation of Land	4	9	8	12	17	11	15
Foreclosure	1,062	981	2,486	1,471	928	798	1,310
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	123	164	110	141	87	137	148
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	430	578	1,425	470	226	240	348
Other Real Property Actions	630	669	1,370	941	364	345	371
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>63,319</b>	<b>255,803</b>	<b>57,811</b>	<b>73,150</b>	<b>40,866</b>	<b>30,709</b>	<b>32,251</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>60,090</b>	<b>252,943</b>	<b>54,168</b>	<b>70,516</b>	<b>38,588</b>	<b>28,659</b>	<b>30,343</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>43,362</b>	<b>238,925</b>	<b>39,309</b>	<b>61,179</b>	<b>27,212</b>	<b>12,059</b>	<b>17,691</b>
Airplane	22	143	28	168	57	99	168

Marine	9	2	5	21	19	28	234
Motor Vehicle	303	244	354	431	491	541	555
Asbestos <sup>2</sup>	28	103	112	40,916	1,029	2,098	12,909
Other	22,182	215,600	23,300	19,643	25,616	9,293	3,825
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>16,728</b>	<b>14,018</b>	<b>14,859</b>	<b>9,337</b>	<b>11,376</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>12,652</b>
Airplane	124	127	85	177	219	432	571
Marine	496	526	274	320	226	356	442
Motor Vehicle	5,491	4,561	3,110	2,920	3,356	4,305	5,018
Assault, Libel, and Slander	507	392	342	339	416	568	441
Medical Malpractice	309	332	380	519	631	800	769
Other <sup>3</sup>	9,801	8,080	10,668	5,062	6,528	8,236	5,411
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>3,229</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>3,643</b>	<b>2,634</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>1,908</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,722	1,641	1,553	1,339	1,292	1,091	915
Other Personal Property Damage	1,507	1,219	2,090	1,295	986	959	993
<b>Other Actions, Total</b>	<b>5,972</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>3,559</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>60</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defend Trade Secrets Act	60	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

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