

Table 4.8

U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by Jurisdiction

Fiscal Year	Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
		Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
1990 ¹	217,879	31,763	24,537	103,938	57,183	458
1995	248,335	14,130	29,028	153,489	51,448	240
2000	259,517	34,124	36,985	139,624	48,626	158
2006	259,541	9,257	35,037	134,877	80,370	-
2007	257,507	9,564	35,900	139,424	72,619	-
2008	267,257	9,649	34,515	134,582	88,457	54
2009	276,397	8,834	34,310	136,041	97,209	3
2010	282,895	8,672	34,365	138,655	101,202	1

Note: Overall filings increased after 1995 due primarily to growth in private cases, particularly those involving asbestos; many of those cases were remanded to state court. In 2006, diversity of citizenship filings rose 29 percent, mainly because cases filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania in previous years as consolidated cases thereafter were severed into individual cases.

¹ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table 4 and Table C-2, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.