

Table 4.5
U.S. District Courts—Product Liability Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit

Fiscal Year	Total	Personal Injury					Contract Actions	Torts to Land	Property Damage
		Asbestos	Other	Airline	Marine	Motor Vehicle			
1990 ¹	19,621	13,809	3,973	191	277	589	383	65	334
1995	28,226	6,916	19,857	155	53	566	249	64	366
2000	15,318	7,187	6,602	164	54	421	350	72	468
2004	34,928	1,471	31,879	100	32	618	260	99	469
2005	30,295	1,243	27,638	79	46	531	224	103	431
2006	33,196	16,547 ²	31,520	74	37	561	265	148	591
2007	25,162	12,404 ²	23,460	114	44	447	249	348	500
2008	19,322	33,780 ²	17,806	101	33	390	226	247	519

¹ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

² Data for 2006 through 2008 resulted from new influxes of asbestos cases filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Source: Personal injury/product liability data from Table C-2, Table S-7 (1990), and Table S-10 (1995, 2000, 2004-2008), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.