

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 2018

| Nature of Suit | Fiscal Year | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2010 | 2005 | 2000 | 1995 | 1990 ¹ |
| Total | 88,547 | 75,822 | 81,826 | 86,358 | 100,472 | 101,202 | 62,191 | 48,626 | 53,350 | 57,435 |
| Contract Actions, Total | 20,694 | 18,669 | 19,283 | 19,589 | 20,603 | 22,570 | 19,266 | 21,581 | 20,992 | 22,859 |
| Franchise ¹ | 251 | 231 | 300 | 350 | 407 | 293 | 135 | - | - | - |
| Insurance | 8,588 | 7,937 | 7,886 | 8,304 | 9,006 | 8,278 | 6,591 | 6,259 | 6,528 | 5,983 |
| Marine | 79 | 61 | 62 | 68 | 61 | 119 | 93 | 149 | 157 | 202 |
| Negotiable Instruments | 348 | 419 | 412 | 403 | 468 | 693 | 338 | 401 | 771 | 1,162 |
| Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments | 317 | 303 | 342 | 336 | 361 | 315 | 105 | 96 | 106 | 107 |
| Other Contract Actions | 11,111 | 9,718 | 10,281 | 10,128 | 10,300 | 12,872 | 12,004 | 14,676 | 13,430 | 15,405 |
| Real Property Actions, Total | 3,081 | 3,971 | 5,058 | 5,399 | 4,252 | 3,035 | 1,622 | 2,085 | 1,531 | 2,192 |
| Condemnation of Land | 5 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 17 | 20 | 11 | 15 |
| Foreclosure | 1,476 | 2,236 | 3,142 | 2,486 | 2,139 | 1,471 | 928 | 1,430 | 798 | 1,310 |
| Rent, Lease, and Ejectment | 94 | 99 | 72 | 110 | 138 | 141 | 87 | 86 | 137 | 148 |
| Torts to Land, Including Product Liability | 598 | 490 | 571 | 1,425 | 525 | 470 | 226 | 258 | 240 | 348 |
| Other Real Property Actions | 908 | 1,141 | 1,270 | 1,370 | 1,441 | 941 | 364 | 291 | 345 | 371 |
| Tort Actions, Total | 60,727 | 49,668 | 53,848 | 57,811 | 72,286 | 73,150 | 40,866 | 23,594 | 30,709 | 32,251 |
| Personal Injury, Total | 57,702 | 46,943 | 49,299 | 54,168 | 69,931 | 70,516 | 38,588 | 21,291 | 28,659 | 30,343 |
| Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total | 45,075 | 35,112 | 38,886 | 39,309 | 58,496 | 61,179 | 27,212 | 10,176 | 12,059 | 17,691 |
| Airplane | 21 | 28 | 20 | 28 | 27 | 168 | 57 | 133 | 99 | 168 |
| Marine | 10 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 21 | 19 | 33 | 28 | 234 |
| Motor Vehicle | 524 | 347 | 361 | 354 | 261 | 431 | 491 | 388 | 541 | 555 |
| Asbestos ² | 92 | 121 | 83 | 112 | 189 | 40,916 | 1,029 | 3,501 | 2,098 | 12,909 |
| Other | 7,356 | 13,399 | 17,167 | 23,300 | 44,754 | 19,643 | 25,616 | 6,121 | 9,293 | 3,825 |
| Other Personal Injury, Total | 12,627 | 11,831 | 10,413 | 14,859 | 11,435 | 9,337 | 11,376 | 11,115 | 16,600 | 12,652 |
| Airplane | 104 | 116 | 89 | 85 | 94 | 177 | 219 | 367 | 432 | 571 |
| Marine | 345 | 354 | 285 | 274 | 296 | 320 | 226 | 208 | 356 | 442 |
| Motor Vehicle | 4,089 | 3,725 | 3,329 | 3,110 | 3,082 | 2,920 | 3,356 | 3,821 | 4,305 | 5,018 |

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|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Assault, Libel, and Slander | 406 | 351 | 370 | 342 | 331 | 339 | 416 | 535 | 568 | 441 |
| Medical Malpractice | 390 | 476 | 638 | 380 | 408 | 519 | 631 | 857 | 800 | 769 |
| Other ³ | 7,293 | 6,809 | 5,702 | 10,668 | 7,224 | 5,062 | 6,528 | 5,327 | 8,236 | 5,411 |
| Personal Property Damage, Total | 3,025 | 2,725 | 4,549 | 3,643 | 2,355 | 2,634 | 2,278 | 2,303 | 2,050 | 1,908 |
| Fraud, Including Truth in Lending | 1,781 | 1,629 | 2,377 | 1,553 | 1,238 | 1,339 | 1,292 | 1,149 | 1,091 | 915 |
| Other Personal Property Damage | 1,244 | 1,096 | 2,172 | 2,090 | 1,117 | 1,295 | 986 | 1,154 | 959 | 993 |
| Other Actions, Total | 4,045 | 3,514 | 3,637 | 3,559 | 3,331 | 2,447 | 421 | 1,365 | 118 | 113 |

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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