

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 2022

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year						
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2015	2010
Total	105,212	166,848	284,603	104,803	88,547	86,358	101,202
Contract Actions, Total	25,124	22,800	22,294	20,174	20,694	19,589	22,570
Franchise ¹	171	155	205	244	251	350	293
Insurance	15,861	12,992	10,587	9,215	8,588	8,304	8,278
Marine	64	54	62	54	79	68	119
Negotiable Instruments	245	313	325	363	348	403	693
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	229	267	372	352	317	336	315
Other Contract Actions	8,554	9,019	10,743	9,946	11,111	10,128	12,872
Real Property Actions, Total	2,155	1,682	2,401	3,391	3,081	5,399	3,035
Condemnation of Land	11	10	9	5	5	8	12
Foreclosure	824	540	981	1,697	1,476	2,486	1,471
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	62	117	164	115	94	110	141
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	602	515	578	672	598	1,425	470
Other Real Property Actions	656	500	669	902	908	1,370	941
Tort Actions, Total	74,056	138,448	255,803	76,969	60,727	57,811	73,150
Personal Injury, Total	70,933	135,657	252,943	74,034	57,702	54,168	70,516
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	58,753	122,529	238,925	54,724	45,075	39,309	61,179
Airplane	19	51	143	97	21	28	168

Marine	6	6	2	10	10	5	21
Motor Vehicle	200	196	244	345	524	354	431
Asbestos ²	52	71	103	89	92	112	40,916
Other	42,377	93,575	215,600	15,581	7,356	23,300	19,643
Other Personal Injury, Total	12,180	13,128	14,018	19,310	12,627	14,859	9,337
Airplane	57	101	127	151	104	85	177
Marine	206	369	526	464	345	274	320
Motor Vehicle	4,436	4,626	4,561	4,254	4,089	3,110	2,920
Assault, Libel, and Slander	360	411	392	403	406	342	339
Medical Malpractice	326	360	332	405	390	380	519
Other ³	6,795	7,261	8,080	13,633	7,293	10,668	5,062
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,123	2,791	2,860	2,935	3,025	3,643	2,634
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,781	1,571	1,641	1,746	1,781	1,553	1,339
Other Personal Property Damage	1,342	1,220	1,219	1,189	1,244	2,090	1,295
Other Actions, Total	3,877	3,918	4,105	4,269	4,045	3,559	2,447
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	50	41	-	-	-	-	-
Defend Trade Secrets Act	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.

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

2005	1995	1990 ¹
62,191	53,350	57,435
19,266	20,992	22,859
135	-	-
6,591	6,528	5,983
93	157	202
338	771	1,162
105	106	107
12,004	13,430	15,405
1,622	1,531	2,192
17	11	15
928	798	1,310
87	137	148
226	240	348
364	345	371
40,866	30,709	32,251
38,588	28,659	30,343
27,212	12,059	17,691
57	99	168

19	28	234
491	541	555
1,029	2,098	12,909
25,616	9,293	3,825
11,376	16,600	12,652
219	432	571
226	356	442
3,356	4,305	5,018
416	568	441
631	800	769
6,528	8,236	5,411
2,278	2,050	1,908
1,292	1,091	915
986	959	993
421	118	113
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