

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 2023

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2015	2010	2005	1995	1990 ¹
Total	154,629	105,212	166,848	284,603	104,803	86,358	101,202	62,191	53,350	57,435
Contract Actions, Total	27,020	25,124	22,800	22,294	20,174	19,589	22,570	19,266	20,992	22,859
Franchise ¹	130	171	155	205	244	350	293	135	-	-
Insurance	16,506	15,861	12,992	10,587	9,215	8,304	8,278	6,591	6,528	5,983
Marine	57	64	54	62	54	68	119	93	157	202
Negotiable Instruments	288	245	313	325	363	403	693	338	771	1,162
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	293	229	267	372	352	336	315	105	106	107
Other Contract Actions	9,746	8,554	9,019	10,743	9,946	10,128	12,872	12,004	13,430	15,405
Real Property Actions, Total	2,300	2,155	1,682	2,401	3,391	5,399	3,035	1,622	1,531	2,192
Condemnation of Land	7	11	10	9	5	8	12	17	11	15
Foreclosure	883	824	540	981	1,697	2,486	1,471	928	798	1,310
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	85	62	117	164	115	110	141	87	137	148
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	708	602	515	578	672	1,425	470	226	240	348
Other Real Property Actions	617	656	500	669	902	1,370	941	364	345	371
Tort Actions, Total	120,882	74,056	138,448	255,803	76,969	57,811	73,150	40,866	30,709	32,251
Personal Injury, Total	117,705	70,933	135,657	252,943	74,034	54,168	70,516	38,588	28,659	30,343
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	102,934	58,753	122,529	238,925	54,724	39,309	61,179	27,212	12,059	17,691
Airplane	37	19	51	143	97	28	168	57	99	168
Marine	6	6	6	2	10	5	21	19	28	234
Motor Vehicle	253	200	196	244	345	354	431	491	541	555
Asbestos ²	50	52	71	103	89	112	40,916	1,029	2,098	12,909
Other	65,051	42,377	93,575	215,600	15,581	23,300	19,643	25,616	9,293	3,825

Other Personal Injury, Total	14,771	12,180	13,128	14,018	19,310	14,859	9,337	11,376	16,600	12,652
Airplane	81	57	101	127	151	85	177	219	432	571
Marine	426	206	369	526	464	274	320	226	356	442
Motor Vehicle	4,728	4,436	4,626	4,561	4,254	3,110	2,920	3,356	4,305	5,018
Assault, Libel, and Slander	421	360	411	392	403	342	339	416	568	441
Medical Malpractice	385	326	360	332	405	380	519	631	800	769
Other ³	8,730	6,795	7,261	8,080	13,633	10,668	5,062	6,528	8,236	5,411
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,177	3,123	2,791	2,860	2,935	3,643	2,634	2,278	2,050	1,908
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,736	1,781	1,571	1,641	1,746	1,553	1,339	1,292	1,091	915
Other Personal Property Damage	1,441	1,342	1,220	1,219	1,189	2,090	1,295	986	959	993
Other Actions, Total	4,427	3,877	3,918	4,105	4,269	3,559	2,447	421	118	113
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	44	50	41	-	-	-	-	-	#ERROR	#ERROR
Defend Trade Secrets Act	44	50	41	-	-	-	-	-	#ERROR	#ERROR

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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