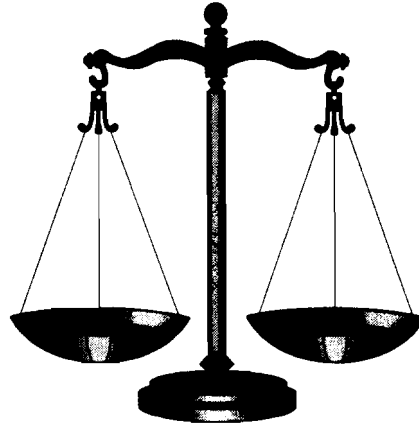


# JUDICIAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Multi-Year Statistical Compilations on the Federal Judiciary's Caseload Through Fiscal Year 2008



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## INTRODUCTION

*Judicial Facts and Figures* is a set of tables containing historical caseload data for the federal Judiciary for fiscal years 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2004 through 2008. This publication includes data on the U.S. courts of appeals, the U.S. district courts, and the U.S. bankruptcy courts. These tables are also available on the J-Net ([http://jnet.ao.dcn/Statistics/Judicial\\_Facts\\_and\\_Figures.html](http://jnet.ao.dcn/Statistics/Judicial_Facts_and_Figures.html)) and the uscourts.gov web sites (<http://www.uscourts.gov/judicialfactsfigures/contents.html>) in PDF or Excel format.

The sources for the data are *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*, *Federal Court Management Statistics*, and unpublished statistical tables. Specific data sources are noted on each table. Except where specifically stated otherwise, data were compiled from reports published for the fiscal years noted (i.e., 1995 data are from 1995 editions of *Judicial Business of the United States Courts*). Sometimes minor revisions are made to data in subsequent publications. For example, data on pending cases for one year are frequently revised in the subsequent year's publication. When the fiscal year reporting period was changed in 1992 from the 12-month period ending June 30 to the 12-month period ending September 30, some filing data for fiscal year 1990 were revised and reported in *Judicial Business of the United States Courts* for 1991. Several tables in this report include data that reflect those revisions.

*Judicial Facts and Figures* does not offer analyses of federal judicial caseload, although tables may note and explain significant fluctuations in the data. More detailed information appears in *Judicial Business of the United States Courts*. If you have questions or comments on the statistical data presented in this report, please contact the Statistics Division at 202-502-1440 or via e-mail at [sdinformation@ao.uscourts.gov](mailto:sdinformation@ao.uscourts.gov).

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**Table 1.1**  
**Total Judicial Officers—Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Bankruptcy Courts**

Fiscal Year	Courts of Appeals			District Courts							Bankruptcy Courts			
	Authorized Judgeships <sup>1</sup>	Active Judges	Senior Judges <sup>2</sup>	District Court Judges			Magistrate Judges				Recalled Judges	Authorized Judgeships	Active Judges	Recalled Judges
				Authorized Judgeships <sup>3</sup>	Active Judges	Senior Judges <sup>4</sup>	Authorized Positions							
							Full-Time	Part-Time	Clerk/Magistrate Judge					
1990 <sup>5</sup>	168	158	63	575	541	201	329	146	8	5	291	289	13	
1995	179	168	81	649	603	255	416	78	3	16	326	315	23	
2000	179	156	86	655	612	274	466	60	3	23	325	307	30	
2004	179	166	102	679	663 <sup>6</sup>	294 <sup>6</sup>	500	45	3	32	324	313	35	
2005	179	166 <sup>6</sup>	106 <sup>6</sup>	678	642	300 <sup>6</sup>	503	45	3	34	352	315	32	
2006	179	165	103	678	645	311	505	45	3	36	352	337	25	
2007	179	163	107	678	647	310	505	45	3	36	352	339	27	
2008	178	166	91	678	651	324	514	43	2	38	352	338	24	
Percent Change 2008 over 1990														
	6.0%	5.1%	44.4%	17.9%	20.3%	61.2%	56.2%	-70.5%	*	660.0%	21.0%	17.0%	84.6%	

<sup>1</sup> Public Law No. 110-117, January 7, 2008, transferred one judgeship from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The loss of the judgeship in D.C. became effective the date the bill became law, but the effective date of the additional judgeship for the Ninth Circuit was January 21, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Sitting senior judges who participated in appeals dispositions.

<sup>3</sup> Positions in the Districts of Virgin Islands, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands are included.

<sup>4</sup> Senior judges with staff.

<sup>5</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

<sup>6</sup> Revised.

\*Percentage is not computed when the total for the previous period is less than 10.

Source: Text narrative and tables, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 2.1**  
**U.S. Courts of Appeals—Appeals Filed, Terminated, and Pending (Summary)**

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships <sup>1</sup>	Filed	Terminated	Pending	Per Panel <sup>2</sup>		
					Filed	Terminated	Pending
1990 <sup>3</sup>	156	40,893	38,961	32,589	786	749	627
1995	167	50,072	49,805	37,536	899	895	674
2000	167	54,697	56,512	40,410	983	1,015	726
2004	167	62,762	56,381	51,071	1,127	1,013	917
2005	167	68,473	61,975	57,724	1,230	1,113	1,037
2006	167	66,618	67,582	56,486	1,197	1,214	1,015
2007	167	58,410	62,846	51,063	1,049	1,129	917
2008	166	61,104	59,096	53,071	1,104	1,068	959

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

<sup>1</sup> Public Law No. 110-117, January 7, 2008, transferred one judgeship from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The loss of the judgeship in D.C. became effective the date the bill became law, but the effective date of the additional judgeship for the Ninth Circuit was January 21, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Assumes every case required a three-judge panel.

<sup>3</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table B, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 2.2**  
**U.S. Courts of Appeals—Appeals Filed, Terminated, and Pending (Details)**

Fiscal Year	Cases Commenced			Cases Terminated										Cases Pending
	Total	Original	Reopened*	Total	Cases Disposed of by Consolidation	Procedural Terminations			Terminations on the Merits					
						Total	By Judge	By Staff	Total	After Oral Hearing	After Submission on	Number Terminated	Percent Terminated	
1990**	40,893	40,267	626	38,961	3,849	14,090	5,598	8,492	21,022	9,479	11,543	54.9	32,589	
1995	50,072	49,184	888	49,805	3,177	18,856	6,817	12,039	27,772	11,080	16,692	60.1	37,536	
2000	54,697	53,385	1,312	56,512	2,740	26,256	12,330	13,926	27,516	9,752	17,764	64.6	40,410	
2004	62,762	61,459	1,303	56,381	2,108	26,835	12,047	14,788	27,438	8,645	18,793	68.5	51,071	
2005	68,473	66,917	1,556	61,975	2,317	29,745	12,409	17,336	29,913	9,018	20,895	69.9	57,724	
2006	66,618	64,427	2,191	67,582	2,356	30,646	12,321	18,325	34,580	8,956	25,624	74.1	56,486	
2007	58,410	55,997	2,413	62,846	2,374	28,755	12,412	16,343	31,717	8,662	23,055	72.7	51,063	
2008	61,104	59,127	1,977	59,096	2,327	27,161	11,929	15,232	29,608	8,983	20,625	69.7	53,071	

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

\* Beginning in 2007, the category entitled "reopened," which includes all reopened appeals, replaced the category entitled "reinstated." Data on reopened cases for 2007 and thereafter are not comparable to data published previously on reinstated cases.

\*\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table B-1, *Annual Report of the Director, Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 2.3**  
**U.S. Courts of Appeals—Appeals Filed, by Type of Appeal and Originating Agency**

Fiscal Year	Total Appeals	Appeals From District Court										Other Appeals		
		Civil Appeals						Criminal Appeals				Administrative Agency	Bankruptcy	Original Proceedings*
		Total	Prisoner Petitions			Other Civil			Total	Drugs	Other Criminal			
Total	U.S.		Private	Total	U.S.	Private								
1990**	40,893	26,980	10,003	2,254	7,749	16,977	4,245	12,732	9,642	5,713	3,929	2,558	1,107	606
1995	50,072	34,203	14,985	3,459	11,526	19,218	4,460	14,758	10,162	4,499	5,663	3,295	1,667	745
2000	54,697	35,780	17,252	4,955	12,297	18,528	3,740	14,788	10,707	4,450	6,257	3,237	1,007	3,966
2004	62,762	33,075	16,561	4,992	11,569	16,514	3,239	13,275	12,506	4,660	7,846	12,255	862	4,064
2005	68,473	32,818	17,034	6,258	10,776	15,784	2,971	12,813	16,060	6,099	9,961	13,713	865	5,017
2006	66,618	31,991	16,776	5,647	11,129	15,215	2,880	12,335	15,246	5,858	9,388	13,102	821	5,458
2007	58,410	30,241	15,472	4,481	10,991	14,769	2,931	11,838	13,167	5,001	8,166	10,382	845	3,775
2008	61,104	31,454	16,853	5,186	11,667	14,601	2,914	11,687	13,667	6,048	7,619	11,583	773	3,627

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

\* Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g., writs of mandamus, motions to file second or successive habeas petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, enacted in April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals to file second or successive habeas corpus motions. Data for these and other types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998.

\*\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Tables B-1 and B-7, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.



**Table 2.4**  
**U.S. Courts of Appeals—Pro Se Cases Filed**

Fiscal Year	Total Appeals	Pro Se												Percent Pro Se		
		Total	Appeals From District Courts									Other Appeals				
			Civil Appeals									Criminal Appeals	Administrative Agency		Bankruptcy	Original Proceedings*
			Prisoner Petitions			Other Civil			Total	U.S.	Private					
Total	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.	Private											
1995	50,072	19,973	17,842	13,083	2,763	10,320	4,759	1,364	3,395	803	622	438	268	39.89		
2000	54,697	24,938	19,945	15,027	4,045	10,982	4,918	1,361	3,557	945	797	248	3,003	45.59		
2004	62,762	26,800	19,093	14,530	4,269	10,261	4,563	1,156	3,407	1,140	3,056	233	3,278	42.70		
2005	68,473	28,559	19,545	15,030	5,426	9,604	4,515	1,110	3,405	1,215	3,501	236	4,062	41.71		
2006	66,618	28,671	19,421	14,970	5,039	9,931	4,451	1,110	3,341	1,109	3,395	261	4,485	43.04		
2007	58,410	25,167	18,102	13,766	3,998	9,768	4,336	1,156	3,180	1,078	2,699	252	3,036	43.09		
2008	61,104	28,055	19,588	14,993	4,493	10,500	4,595	1,167	3,428	2,369	2,899	243	2,956	45.91		

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

\*Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g., writs of mandamus, motions to file second or successive habeas petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), enacted in April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals to file second or successive habeas corpus motions. Data for these and other types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998.

Source: Table B-9, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 2.5****U.S. Courts of Appeals—Types of Opinions or Orders Filed In Cases Terminated on the Merits After Oral Hearings or Submission on Briefs**

Fiscal Year	Total	Oral	Written, Signed*		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned*		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
1990**	21,022	94	6,008	2,374	712	9,669	4	2,161	14,204	68.01
1995	27,772	99	6,118	3,814	566	14,233	5	2,937	20,984	75.91
2000	27,516	63	5,099	4,281	427	16,510	32	1,104	21,895	79.80
2004	27,438	20	4,782	4,468	366	16,973	54	775	22,216	81.04
2005	29,913	3	5,043	5,211	396	18,254	60	946	24,411	81.62
2006	34,580	1	5,082	7,277	353	20,763	71	1,033	29,073	84.08
2007	31,717	2	4,844	5,997	305	19,607	72	890	26,494	83.54
2008	29,608	0	4,949	5,870	388	17,399	40	962	24,231	81.84

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

\* Includes only those opinions and orders that expound on the law as applied to the facts of each case and that detail the judicial reasons upon which the judgment is based.

\*\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table S-3, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 2.6****U.S. Courts of Appeals—Total Participations in Cases Terminated on the Merits After Oral Hearings or Submission on Briefs**

Fiscal Year	Total	Case Participations by						Percent by Senior and Visiting Judges
		Resident Active Circuit Judges		Resident Senior Circuit Judges		Visiting Judges		
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1990*	63,597	51,705	81.3	7,550	11.9	4,342	6.8	18.7
1995	84,335	66,059	78.3	12,185	14.4	6,091	7.2	21.7
2000	83,475	64,209	76.9	14,281	17.1	4,985	6.0	23.1
2004	83,118	64,964	78.2	13,952	16.8	4,202	5.1	21.8
2005	90,409	69,989	77.4	15,733	17.4	4,687	5.2	22.6
2006	104,645	81,460	77.8	18,468	17.6	4,717	4.5	22.2
2007	94,984	72,097	75.9	17,979	18.9	4,908	5.2	24.1
2008	89,436	68,569	76.7	16,141	18.0	4,726	5.3	23.3

Note: Cases terminated on the merits after oral hearings or submissions on briefs by resident senior circuit judges have more than doubled since 1990. This table does not include data for the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Due to rounding, percents may not add up to 100.0.

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: *Federal Court Management Statistics* (1990); Supplemental Table S-2, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 2.7**  
**U.S. Courts of Appeals—Other Workload in the Courts of Appeals**

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships*	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals Terminated	Pro Se Mandamus Petitions Terminated*	Petitions for Rehearing Filed			Per Judgeship		
				Total	Panel	En Banc	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals	Pro Se Mandamus Petitions**	Petitions for Rehearing
1995	167	217	1,175	8,840	4,777	4,063	1	7	53
2000	167	280	-	9,400	4,950	4,450	2	-	56
2004	167	295	-	8,476	4,164	4,312	2	-	51
2005	167	198	-	8,572	4,105	4,467	1	-	51
2006	167	309	-	9,007	4,345	4,662	2	-	54
2007	167	347	-	8,811	4,213	4,598	2	-	53
2008	166	292	-	8,346	3,491	4,855	2	-	50

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

\* Public Law No. 110-117, January 7, 2008, transferred one judgeship from the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The loss of the judgeship in D.C. became effective the date the bill became law, but the effective date of the additional judgeship for the Ninth Circuit was January 21, 2009.

\*\* Effective October 1, 1998, in response to the Prison Litigation Reform Act, reporting procedures were changed to record pro se mandamus petitions for which filing fees were not paid at filing as original proceedings requiring judicial review on the merits. Thus, these pro se mandamus petitions are no longer reported separately, but are now included in the original proceedings category.

Source: Text table from *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts* and Unpublished Table 3.

**Table 3.1**  
**U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit—Appeals Filed, Terminated, and Pending**

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed	Terminated				Pending
			Total	By Judges	Other	Percent Reversed	
1990*	12	1,466	1,393	842	551	11	708
1995	12	1,847	1,780	1,192	588	12	1,056
2000	12	1,509	1,518	1,139	379	15	1,103
2004	12	1,592	1,836	1,138	698	10	1,201
2005	12	1,555	1,662	1,065	597	11	1,094
2006	12	1,772	1,460	1,015	445	12	1,406
2007	12	1,545	1,718	1,257	461	14	1,233
2008	12	1,459	1,745	1,275	470	13	947

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table G-2 (1990) and Table B-8 (1995, 2000, and 2004-2008) *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts ; History of Federal Judgeships*.

**Table 3.2**  
**U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit—Appeals Filed, by Agency**

Fiscal Year	Total	Board of Contract Appeals	Court of International Trade	U.S. Court of Federal Claims <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims <sup>2</sup>	U.S. District Courts	Department of Veterans' Affairs	International Trade Commission	Merit Systems Protection Board	Office of Compliance <sup>3</sup>	Patent & Trademark Office	Writs	Other
1990 <sup>4</sup>	1,466	84	39	172	2	308	5	8	687	0	131	30	0
1995	1,847	58	68	173	75	373	3	5	970	2	85	35	0
2000	1,509	38	43	144	186	455	9	2	501	3	91	37	0
2004	1,592	30	66	169	189	478	5	9	537	7	73	29	0
2005	1,555	29	62	191	202	488	2	7	479	3	64	28	0
2006	1,772	33	58	154	384	522	3	9	508	0	72	29	0
2007	1,545	16	67	188	319	439	3	38	389	4	52	30	0
2008	1,459	24	45	205	170	459	3	24	419	1	82	27	0

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with P.L. 102-572 of October 29, 1990, the name of the U.S. Claims Court was changed to the U.S. Court of Federal Claims.

<sup>2</sup> In 1998, the U.S. Court of Veterans' Appeals was renamed the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, pursuant to P.L. 105-368 of November 11, 1998.

<sup>3</sup> Petitions prior to 2005 were from the Senate Select Committee on Ethics.

<sup>4</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table G-2 (1990), Table B-8 (1995, 2000 - 2008), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 4.1**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, Terminated, and Pending**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Authorized Judgeships</b>	<b>Filed</b>	<b>Terminated</b>	<b>Pending</b>
1990*	575	217,013	214,435	241,512
1995	649	248,335	229,820	242,274
2000	655	259,517	259,637	249,261
2004	679	281,338	252,761	286,053
2005	678	253,273	271,753	266,216
2006	678	259,541	273,193	251,832
2007	678	257,507	239,678	265,443
2008	678	267,257	234,571	298,129

NOTE: Since the omnibus judgeship bill was passed in 1990 (P.L. 101-650), 34 additional judgeships have been created in the district courts, and 5 temporary judgeships have lapsed as of September 30, 2008.

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

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

**Table 4.2**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by District**

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year							
	1990 <sup>1</sup>	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217,013</b>	<b>248,335</b>	<b>259,517</b>	<b>281,338</b>	<b>253,273</b>	<b>259,541</b>	<b>257,507</b>	<b>267,257</b>
DC	3,281	2,717	3,356	2,449	2,698	2,382	2,415	2,438
<b>1ST</b>	<b>7,816</b>	<b>7,385</b>	<b>6,906</b>	<b>6,604</b>	<b>6,319</b>	<b>5,887</b>	<b>5,890</b>	<b>6,504</b>
ME	632	746	670	492	478	385	449	427
MA	4,103	3,484	3,241	3,312	3,270	3,085	3,131	2,901
NH	586	691	667	522	483	501	450	501
RI	712	709	674	826	572	583	593	1,259
PR	1,783	1,755	1,654	1,452	1,516	1,333	1,267	1,416
<b>2ND</b>	<b>19,043</b>	<b>22,676</b>	<b>26,526</b>	<b>22,804</b>	<b>23,679</b>	<b>23,369</b>	<b>27,165</b>	<b>22,815</b>
CT	2,474	2,799	2,705	2,341	2,172	2,087	2,056	1,957
NY,N	1,440	1,852	2,341	1,545	1,659	1,590	1,453	1,395
NY,E	4,564	5,570	8,664	5,956	6,343	6,993	5,751	5,459
NY,S	8,746	10,273	10,389	10,859	11,453	10,793	16,125	12,124
NY,W	1,438	1,761	1,915	1,741	1,661	1,631	1,492	1,599
VT	381	421	512	362	391	275	288	281
<b>3RD</b>	<b>20,878</b>	<b>21,713</b>	<b>22,396</b>	<b>29,686</b>	<b>29,986</b>	<b>44,792</b>	<b>32,521</b>	<b>52,327</b>
DE	782	837	1,227	1,655	1,055	930	870	984
NJ	5,417	6,892	6,485	6,624	6,572	6,274	6,657	6,652
PA,E <sup>2</sup>	8,996	8,500	8,548	15,263	16,427	31,997	19,739	39,296
PA,M	2,280	2,260	2,402	2,993	2,740	2,745	2,416	2,454
PA,W	2,736	2,873	3,278	2,835	2,801	2,472	2,476	2,596
VI	667	351	456	316	391	374	363	345
<b>4TH</b>	<b>17,407</b>	<b>19,808</b>	<b>21,260</b>	<b>39,653</b>	<b>18,765</b>	<b>17,610</b>	<b>17,331</b>	<b>18,167</b>
MD	3,467	3,993	4,002	4,146	3,779	3,391	3,601	3,463
NC,E	1,288	1,494	1,497	1,498	1,440	1,264	1,367	1,432
NC,M	697	914	1,288	1,231	1,190	1,176	1,003	978
NC,W	749	914	1,108	1,114	987	1,068	1,049	1,191
SC <sup>3</sup>	3,084	4,214	4,195	23,599	3,969	3,625	4,403	4,454
VA,E	4,620	4,372	5,328	4,498	4,054	3,891	3,239	3,173
VA,W	1,502	2,111	1,910	1,492	1,334	1,339	1,146	1,177
WV,N	545	597	674	667	670	598	633	769
WV,S	1,455	1,199	1,258	1,408	1,342	1,258	890	1,530



**Table 4.2 (Continued)**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by District**

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year							
	1990 <sup>1</sup>	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>5TH</b>	<b>29,561</b>	<b>36,942</b>	<b>31,412</b>	<b>32,083</b>	<b>32,671</b>	<b>34,310</b>	<b>34,662</b>	<b>31,707</b>
LA,E	5,101	4,010	3,753	3,393	4,774	9,805	10,484	8,325
LA,M	1,199	2,913	1,035	1,078	1,421	1,064	999	917
LA,W	3,041	2,432	2,935	2,690	2,458	2,337	2,468	2,102
MS,N	1,151	1,159	1,371	1,452	1,194	1,128	947	981
MS,S	1,808	2,376	2,467	3,264	4,145	2,780	2,702	2,996
TX,N	4,967	4,937	6,352	5,427	4,790	4,516	4,213	4,055
TX,E	3,070	3,437	3,127	3,285	3,004	3,001	3,222	2,866
TX,S	5,883	12,564	7,141	8,233	7,172	6,467	6,434	6,300
TX,W	3,341	3,114	3,231	3,261	3,713	3,212	3,193	3,165
<b>6TH</b>	<b>24,372</b>	<b>26,315</b>	<b>27,428</b>	<b>27,441</b>	<b>25,759</b>	<b>21,394</b>	<b>21,322</b>	<b>20,778</b>
KY,E	1,712	1,989	2,278	2,301	2,287	1,940	1,604	1,720
KY,W	1,572	1,577	1,634	1,422	1,443	1,411	1,309	1,336
MI,E	4,963	5,153	5,807	4,871	5,625	5,655	5,580	5,442
MI,W	1,747	1,745	1,574	1,762	1,619	1,578	1,593	1,581
OH,N	6,992	8,184	7,850	9,558	7,951	4,393	4,543	4,068
OH,S	2,433	2,821	3,373	2,862	2,552	2,374	2,836	2,666
TN,E	2,087	1,841	1,742	1,685	1,484	1,257	1,181	1,223
TN,M	1,590	1,554	1,531	1,573	1,369	1,535	1,548	1,525
TN,W	1,276	1,451	1,639	1,407	1,429	1,251	1,128	1,217
<b>7TH</b>	<b>16,880</b>	<b>17,753</b>	<b>18,989</b>	<b>19,736</b>	<b>17,602</b>	<b>16,096</b>	<b>15,594</b>	<b>15,783</b>
IL,N	8,047	7,859	8,843	9,615	8,128	7,265	7,620	7,681
IL,C	1,128	1,391	1,263	1,142	1,139	1,021	1,009	1,047
IL,S	1,246	1,359	1,382	1,268	1,266	1,160	1,025	929
IN,N	1,427	2,042	2,119	2,097	1,927	1,843	1,516	1,471
IN,S	2,808	2,779	2,833	3,142	2,887	2,673	2,411	2,704
WI,E	1,323	1,357	1,747	1,550	1,394	1,396	1,231	1,154
WI,W	901	966	802	922	861	738	782	797
<b>8TH</b>	<b>14,183</b>	<b>14,739</b>	<b>13,948</b>	<b>17,370</b>	<b>16,246</b>	<b>16,516</b>	<b>15,569</b>	<b>18,708</b>
AR,E	2,156	2,086	2,317	2,662	3,700	2,987	2,063	4,723
AR,W	894	924	1,171	1,264	844	848	803	860
IA,N	587	884	663	607	666	551	549	551
IA,S	1,049	1,310	1,031	1,022	965	845	779	765
MN	2,026	2,283	2,878	5,603	3,215	4,714	5,412	6,186
MO,E	2,763	2,694	2,427	2,143	2,637	2,455	2,414	2,250
MO,W	2,435	2,571	1,633	2,314	2,518	2,401	2,037	2,013
NE	1,382	1,112	1,053	1,063	1,020	1,086	891	751
ND	486	369	331	289	269	211	203	267
SD	405	506	444	403	412	418	418	342

**Table 4.2 (Continued)**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by District**

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year							
	1990 <sup>1</sup>	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>9TH</b>	<b>30,408</b>	<b>36,953</b>	<b>44,533</b>	<b>43,944</b>	<b>41,662</b>	<b>41,178</b>	<b>40,637</b>	<b>39,909</b>
AK	609	700	484	374	360	363	347	361
AZ	2,863	3,660	3,268	3,530	4,887	4,369	3,477	3,539
CA,N	4,617	5,223	5,810	5,785	5,465	7,812	7,074	6,175
CA,E	2,451	3,382	4,675	4,631	4,290	4,534	4,595	4,807
CA,C	9,014	10,303	16,533	14,415	12,598	11,104	11,904	12,130
CA,S	1,864	2,881	2,782	2,845	2,708	2,860	2,829	2,650
HI	948	1,050	892	772	791	726	663	578
ID	640	570	760	659	591	538	542	576
MT	759	683	729	725	652	624	620	610
NV	1,633	2,140	2,351	2,557	2,410	2,282	2,463	2,588
OR	1,998	2,592	2,396	2,537	2,614	2,396	2,524	2,239
WA,E	707	729	729	956	808	701	640	650
WA,W	2,208	2,855	3,034	4,075	3,411	2,772	2,874	2,938
GU	74	130	53	52	41	44	38	22
NMI	23	55	37	31	36	53	47	46
<b>10TH</b>	<b>11,188</b>	<b>12,545</b>	<b>12,263</b>	<b>11,177</b>	<b>10,612</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>9,994</b>	<b>9,916</b>
CO	2,310	3,286	2,600	2,847	2,661	2,809	2,796	2,877
KS	1,923	1,898	1,800	1,744	1,700	1,498	1,551	1,517
NM	1,292	1,564	1,888	1,486	1,424	1,328	1,449	1,267
OK,N	1,141	1,292	1,200	993	821	730	745	791
OK,E	680	620	795	638	572	549	487	498
OK,W	2,233	2,168	2,395	1,713	1,768	1,506	1,536	1,450
UT	1,218	1,323	1,200	1,402	1,294	1,272	1,141	1,190
WY	391	394	385	354	372	308	289	326
<b>11TH</b>	<b>21,996</b>	<b>28,789</b>	<b>30,500</b>	<b>28,391</b>	<b>27,274</b>	<b>26,007</b>	<b>34,407</b>	<b>28,205</b>
AL,N	2,749	6,880	3,716	3,694	2,937	2,675	4,843	2,461
AL,M	1,460	1,690	1,741	1,252	1,296	1,226	1,187	1,102
AL,S	1,156	1,120	1,148	899	788	822	980	792
FL,N	1,070	1,663	1,586	1,495	1,505	1,633	1,635	1,732
FL,M	4,320	5,547	7,017	7,253	7,009	6,739	12,660	7,593
FL,S	4,992	5,331	8,188	6,720	7,138	6,716	7,072	7,815
GA,N	3,388	3,953	4,314	4,822	4,210	3,879	3,900	4,621
GA,M	1,058	1,396	1,438	1,189	1,159	1,167	1,210	1,132
GA,S	1,803	1,209	1,352	1,067	1,232	1,150	920	957

<sup>1</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

<sup>2</sup> In 2006, the court issued an order requiring the transfer of all pending and future asbestos product liability cases filed under multidistrict litigation number MDL 875 to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, which led to an increase of over 14,000 cases filed.

<sup>3</sup> In 2004, significant growth in civil filings occurred in this district due to an influx of approximately 20,000 filings related to one case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in that district.

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

**Table 4.3****U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by Origin**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Original Filings <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Removals From State Courts</b>	<b>Remands From Courts of Appeals</b>	<b>Reopens <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Transfers <sup>3</sup></b>
1990 <sup>4</sup>	217,013	177,684	26,989	1,066	9,171	2,103
1995	248,335	190,843	39,901	796	7,727	9,068
2000	259,517	212,454	30,194	914	9,135	6,820
2004	281,338	217,309	34,443	697	10,217	18,672
2005	253,249	198,130	30,178	583	9,407	14,951
2006	259,520	183,511	29,437	602	25,841	20,129
2007	257,490	189,311	30,282	615	10,238	27,044
2008	267,257	184,370	30,065	597	8,572	43,643

<sup>1</sup> Data include small numbers of appeals from magistrate judge judgments and cases of unknown origin; thus, the totals may not match original filings data in Table S-7 of the *Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts*.

<sup>2</sup> In 2006, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania accounted for 65 percent of reopened cases with over 16,900 personal injury/product liability cases. Thirty-six percent of the transfers were a result of 7,208 multidistrict litigation cases addressing asbestos.

<sup>3</sup> Transfers are calculated for fiscal years 1990 and 1995 because earlier tables did not include multidistrict litigation transfers; thus, data for civil cases filed may not match data in Table S-7 of *Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

<sup>4</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Tables S-4 (1990) and S-7 (1995, 2000, 2004-2008), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 4.4**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit**

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1990 <sup>1</sup>	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217,013</b>	<b>248,335</b>	<b>259,517</b>	<b>281,338</b>	<b>253,273</b>	<b>259,541</b>	<b>257,507</b>	<b>267,257</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>44,481</b>	<b>31,182</b>	<b>53,625</b>	<b>29,404</b>	<b>28,020</b>	<b>30,044</b>	<b>33,939</b>	<b>34,172</b>
Insurance	7,104	7,540	7,517	8,460	7,804	9,792	13,287	12,697
Marine	3,286	2,622	2,446	1,676	1,435	1,700	1,969	2,349
Miller Act	1,458	775	769	386	387	359	302	225
Negotiable Instruments	2,993	1,536	495	440	447	336	377	504
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments, Total	9,449	1,822	24,838	2,830	3,309	2,872	3,204	3,447
Medicare Benefits	104	66	114	101	126	152		
Student Loans <sup>2</sup>	4,471	1,142	24,404	2,438	2,883	2,395	2,673	2,910
Veterans' Benefits <sup>3</sup>	4,381	253	43	18	8	13	20	9
Other	493	361	277	273	292	312	511	528
Other Contract Actions	20,191	16,887	17,560	15,612	14,638	14,985	14,416	14,559
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>9,603</b>	<b>6,869</b>	<b>6,711</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>4,561</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>5,180</b>	<b>5,072</b>
Condemnation of Land	474	334	1,243	197	251	316	321	944
Foreclosure	7,188	4,972	4,209	4,306	3,012	2,644	2,960	2,144
Rent, Lease, and Ejectments	348	310	175	169	154	142	135	172
Torts to Land	488	401	377	385	380	467	842	510
Other Real Property Actions	1,105	852	707	788	764	845	922	1,302
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>44,041</b>	<b>53,986</b>	<b>36,586</b>	<b>55,023</b>	<b>51,335</b>	<b>68,804</b>	<b>61,359</b>	<b>72,011</b>
Personal Injury, Total <sup>4</sup>	40,815	50,565	32,621	50,594	47,364	64,743	57,244	68,121
Personal Injuriy/Product Liability	18,839	27,547	14,428	34,100	29,537	48,739	36,469	52,110
Other Personal Injury, Total	21,976	23,018	18,193	16,494	17,827	16,004	20,775	16,011
Airplane	873	683	747	483	351	294	478	386
Marine	2,937	2,277	2,006	1,841	1,667	1,584	1,597	1,393
Motor Vehicle	6,105	5,374	4,690	4,229	4,091	3,938	3,764	3,636
Assault, Libel, and Slander	670	826	801	668	647	587	533	557
Fed. Employers Liability Act	2,703	1,903	1,108	782	748	700	585	511
Medical Malpractice	1,346	1,328	1,526	1,313	1,221	1,221	1,164	1,255
Other	7,342	10,627	7,315	7,178	9,102	7,680	12,654	8,273
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,226	3,421	3,965	4,429	3,971	4,061	4,115	3,890
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,561	1,881	2,265	2,909	2,465	2,313	2,129	2,245
Other Personal Property Damage	1,665	1,540	1,700	1,520	1,506	1,748	1,986	1,645
<b>ACTIONS UNDER STATUTES, TOTAL</b>	<b>118,762</b>	<b>156,209</b>	<b>162,583</b>	<b>191,017</b>	<b>169,265</b>	<b>156,177</b>	<b>156,916</b>	<b>155,939</b>
Antitrust	527	781	858	752	818	986	1,038	1,318
Bankruptcy, Total	5,179	5,046	3,361	4,145	3,000	3,389	3,164	2,383
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	4,330	4,312	2,785	2,822	2,435	2,475	2,290	1,954
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	849	734	576	1,323	565	914	874	429
Banks and Banking	701	432	205	366	258	201	234	258

**Table 4.4 (Continued)**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit**

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1990	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Civil Rights, Total <sup>5</sup>	18,922	36,600	40,908	40,239	36,096	32,865	31,756	32,132
Voting	140	208	167	173	166	150	118	145
Employment	8,273	19,059	21,032	19,746	16,930	14,353	13,375	13,219
Accommodations	364	735	1,284	1,222	885	643	665	644
Welfare	137	116	80	61	54	56	27	48
Other Civil Rights	10,008	16,482	18,345	19,037	18,061	17,663	17,571	18,076
Environmental Matters	1,004	1,081	886	978	714	871	767	920
Deportation	66	106	213	316	201	130	115	130
Prisoner Petitions	43,199	63,550	58,257	55,330	61,238	54,955	53,945	54,786
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	6,021	2,517	2,320	2,146	2,298	2,224	2,272	2,331
Agricultural Acts	87	155	57	43	27	18	29	26
Food and Drug Act	2,663	197	110	42	49	42	55	47
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	-	1,042	1,117	1,292	1,359	1,328	1,355	1,399
Air Traffic Regulations	49	11	7	6	6	2	5	4
Occupational Safety and Health Ac	58	33	4	7	5	8	7	8
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	3,164	1,079	1,025	756	852	826	821	847
Labor Laws, Total	14,068	14,954	14,142	18,330	18,322	16,659	18,674	16,788
Fair Labor Standards Act	1,257	1,580	1,935	3,617	4,039	4,207	7,310	5,393
Labor Management Relations Act	2,272	1,984	1,542	1,641	1,674	1,239	1,079	1,051
Labor Management Reporting & Disclosure Act	165	161	101	81	88	63	82	66
Railway Labor Act	197	172	137	111	104	108	92	83
ERISA <sup>6</sup>	*	9,517	9,124	11,421	11,171	9,748	8,986	8,983
Other Labor Litigation	10,177	1,540	1,303	1,459	1,246	1,294	1,125	1,212
Protected Property Rights	5,738	6,866	8,738	9,590	12,184	11,514	10,783	9,592
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	2,645	1,906	2,678	3,094	2,038	1,621	1,394	1,637
Social Security Laws, Total	6,895	9,354	15,829	15,873	15,487	13,847	12,974	13,138
Health Insurance	119	81	70	61	58	53	56	-
Black Lung Cases	28	11	20	4	20	7	2	-
Disability Insurance	4,743	5,501	8,122	7,061	7,024	6,480	6,187	6,080
Supplemental Security Income	1,774	3,347	6,762	7,916	7,675	6,649	6,135	6,373
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	231	414	855	831	710	658	594	603
RICO <sup>7</sup>	**	900	829	777	781	687	653	684
State Reapportionment Suits	3	7	2	5	8	6	6	4
Tax Suits	2,672	2,202	907	1,314	1,385	1,490	1,522	1,451
Customer Challenge	39	33	12	16	21	17	12	8
Freedom of Information Act	411	467	341	315	404	312	335	639
Constitutionality of State Statutes	304	309	288	317	310	304	277	280
Other Statutory Actions <sup>8</sup>	10,368	9,098	11,809	37,114	13,702	14,099	17,108	16,267

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**Table 4.4 (Continued)**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit**

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FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

<sup>2</sup> Filings for recovery of defaulted student loans decreased from 1990 to 1995 due to a change in Department of Education (DOE) policy on the collection of delinquent loans. Renewed growth peaked in 2000 as a result of a streamlining of the loan-processing system. In 2001, DOE implemented new administrative measures that caused fewer student loan cases to be filed in federal courts.

<sup>3</sup> Filings for recovery of overpayments of veterans' benefits have decreased significantly as the Department of Veterans' Affairs has used administrative actions and the Internal Revenue Service to recover overpayments rather than file suit in district courts. For additional information, see the 1991 *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*, page 86.

<sup>4</sup> The increase in personal injury filings between 1990 and 1995 was attributed mostly to breast implant cases and cases related to an oil refinery explosion in Louisiana. In 2002, personal injury/product liability filings more than tripled due to large numbers of plaintiffs seeking relief in the expectation that new laws might soon increase the difficulty of filing cases related to asbestos, as well as plaintiffs alleging injurious side effects of the anti-cholesterol drug Baycol. The 58 percent increase in personal injury/product liability filings in 2004 resulted from the transfer of several thousand cases to the Northern District of Ohio as part of multidistrict litigation (MDL) involving welding products that contained manganese. In addition, a number of district courts experienced influxes of MDL cases related to Baycol or Phentemine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine (Fen-phen). In 2006, personal injury/product liability filings rose 64 percent primarily as a result of 15,000 additional asbestos cases, over 14,000 of which were MDL filings in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Civil rights increased significantly after 1990 largely because of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. With the exception of welfare filings that increased by two cases, filings in all categories of civil rights continued to decline since 2004.

<sup>5</sup> Civil rights filings increased significantly after 1990 largely because of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. With the exception of welfare filings that increased by two cases, filings in all categories of civil rights continued to decline since 2004.

<sup>6</sup> ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act. ERISA filings in 1990 were included in "other labor litigation."

<sup>7</sup> RICO = Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization Act. RICO data not reported in 1990.

<sup>8</sup> In 2004, approximately 20,000 filings were related to one case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina.

Sources: Table C-2, Tables S-8 for 1995, 2000, and 2002 through 2004; Table S-5 for 2005 and 2006; Table C-2 for 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2003; Table S-9 for 2004; and Table S-6 for 2005 through 2008, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**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 <sup>1</sup>	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 <sup>2</sup>	31,520	74	37	561	265	148	591
2007	25,162	12,404 <sup>2</sup>	23,460	114	44	447	249	348	500
2008	19,322	33,780 <sup>2</sup>	17,806	101	33	390	226	247	519

<sup>1</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

<sup>2</sup> 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*.

**Table 4.6**  
**U.S. District Courts—Prisoner Petitions Filed, by Nature of Suit**

Fiscal Year	Grand Total	U.S. Cases					Private Cases				
		Total	Motions to Vacate Sentence	Habeas Corpus General*	Prison Conditions & Civil Rights	Mandamus and Other	Total	Habeas Corpus General	Death Penalty	Prison Conditions & Civil Rights	Mandamus and Other
1990**	43,209	7,103	3,087	2,333	1,130	553	36,106	10,656	79	25,030	341
1995	63,550	8,951	5,988	1,343	1,110	510	54,599	13,462	170	40,569	398
2000	58,257	11,880	6,341	3,870	1,041	628	46,377	21,090	259	24,464	564
2004	55,330	13,908	7,137	4,923	1,334	514	41,422	18,432	214	22,115	661
2005	61,238	18,010	10,361	5,683	1,286	680	43,228	18,961	229	23,328	710
2006	54,955	12,032	6,515	3,789	1,116	612	42,923	18,959	236	23,123	605
2007	53,931	11,282	5,896	3,285	1,246	855	42,649	18,907	232	22,779	731
2008	54,781	11,284	6,352	3,030	1,304	598	43,497	18,268	187	24,375	667

Note: Prisoner petitions increased 47 percent between 1990 and 1995. Since 1995, fluctuations have occurred in prisoner petitions as a result of legislation (the Prison Litigation Reform Act and Title I of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, both of which were passed in April 1996) and Supreme Court decisions (*Bailey v. United States* in 1995, *Apprendi v. New Jersey* in 2000; and *United States v. Booker* in 2005). The 45 percent increase in motions to vacate sentence in 2005 likely resulted from the *Booker* decision. In 2006, motions to vacate sentence and habeas corpus petitions filed by federal prisoners both declined more than 30 percent. The total provided here for prisoner petitions does not match exactly the data reported on the C-3 Table for 1990 because the data for this table were recomputed for the fiscal year.

\* Includes U.S. death penalty cases.

\*\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-3, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.



**Table 4.7**  
**U.S. District Courts—Copyright, Patent, and Trademark Cases Filed**

Fiscal Year	Grand Total	U.S. Cases			Private Cases			
		Total	Patent	Trademark	Total	Copyright	Patent	Trademark
1990 <sup>1</sup>	5,729	37	24	13	5,692	2,075	1,212	2,405
1995	6,866	27	17	10	6,839	2,417	1,706	2,716
2000	8,738	41	24	17	8,697	2,050	2,460	4,187
2004	9,590	32	20	12	9,558	3,007	3,055	3,496
2005	12,184	25	14	11	12,159	5,796	2,706	3,657
2006	11,514	28	23	5	11,486	4,944	2,807	3,735
2007	10,783	22	18	4	10,761	4,400	2,878	3,483
2008	6,358	19	14	5	6,339	3,234 <sup>2</sup>	2,895	3,444

Note: Filings increased steadily from 1990 through 2000 due to rapid growth in advanced technology and an increase in the number of companies and individuals who view intellectual property as an asset to be protected. Filings decreased in 2000, primarily because of a significant decline in trademark filings. The significant growth in filings in 2004 resulted mainly from a 23 percent increase in copyright filings, much of which occurred after a judge ruled that a case originally filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania against more than 200 defendants had to be refiled as individual cases against each of the defendants. Filings continued to grow in 2005, but declined 5 percent in 2006 primarily due to a 15 percent drop in copyright filings. The 2005 increase likely resulted when music companies filed infringement cases against individuals for downloading copyrighted recordings.

<sup>1</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

<sup>2</sup> Over the past year, 70 percent of the U.S. district courts reported lower filings. Their filings are now returning to levels reported prior to 2004.

Source: Table C-11, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**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*	217,013	30,188	24,510	104,307	57,435	573
1995	248,335	14,130	29,028	153,489	51,448	240
2000	259,517	34,124	36,985	139,624	48,626	158
2004	281,338	10,071	38,391	165,241	67,624	11
2005	253,273	10,400	41,986	138,696	62,191	-
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

Note: Overall filings increased in 2000 due primarily to increases in private cases, particularly those involving asbestos; many of those asbestos cases were remanded to state court. The growth in civil filings in 2004 resulted from a 16 percent increase in federal question cases; approximately 20,000 of those filings involved one case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina. In addition, diversity of citizenship filings rose significantly in 2004 due to a 58 percent increase in personal injury/product liability filings. In 2006, diversity of citizenship filings rose 29 percent, mainly in response to an increase of over 14,000 asbestos cases filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

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

**Table 4.9****U.S. District Courts – Diversity Of Citizenship Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit**

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year							
	1990 <sup>1</sup>	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,435</b>	<b>51,448</b>	<b>48,626</b>	<b>67,624</b>	<b>62,191</b>	<b>80,370</b>	<b>72,619</b>	<b>88,457</b>
<b>CONTRACT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>22,859</b>	<b>20,992</b>	<b>21,581</b>	<b>20,276</b>	<b>19,266</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>23,298</b>	<b>23,211</b>
Franchise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	291
Insurance	5,983	6,528	6,259	7,166	6,591	7,870	10,430	9,955
Marine	202	157	149	116	93	111	110	99
Negotiable Instruments	1,162	771	401	332	338	276	309	434
Recovery of Overpayments & Enforcement of Judgments, Total	107	106	96	93	105	144	189	233
Other Contract Actions	15,405	13,430	14,676	12,569	12,139	12,569	12,260	12,199
<b>REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>2,085</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>1,622</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>1,839</b>
Condemnation of Land	15	11	20	14	17	13	29	30
Foreclosure	1,310	798	1,430	2,061	928	945	1,521	756
Rent, Lease, Ejectment	148	137	86	92	87	86	75	105
Torts to Land, Including Prod. Liability	348	240	258	273	226	304	401	352
Other Real Property Actions	371	345	291	333	364	450	501	596
<b>TORT ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>32,251</b>	<b>28,806</b>	<b>23,594</b>	<b>43,919</b>	<b>40,866</b>	<b>57,240</b>	<b>46,437</b>	<b>62,427</b>
Personal Injury, Total	30,343	26,756	21,291	41,769	38,588	54,888	43,975	60,153
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	17,691	12,059	10,176	31,842	27,212	45,485	34,974	50,995
Airplane	168	99	133	68	57	60	64	82
Marine	234	28	33	22	19	14	18	18
Motor Vehicle	555	541	388	573	491	523	405	360
Asbestos <sup>2</sup>	12,909	2,098	3,501	981	1,029	16,030	12,254	33,568
Other <sup>3</sup>	3,825	9,293	6,121	30,198	25,616	28,858	22,233	16,967
Other Personal Injury, Total	12,652	14,697	11,115	9,927	11,376	9,403	9,001	9,158
Airplane	571	432	367	244	219	157	260	157
Marine	442	356	208	218	226	255	252	265
Motor Vehicle	5,018	4,305	3,821	3,495	3,356	3,271	3,113	3,012
Assault, Libel, & Slander	441	568	535	398	416	378	327	368
Medical Malpractice	769	800	857	668	631	588	567	698
Other <sup>4</sup>	5,411	8,236	5,327	4,904	6,528	4,754	4,482	4,658
Personal Property Damage, Total	1,908	2,050	2,303	2,150	2,278	2,352	2,462	2,274
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	915	1,091	1,149	1,136	1,292	1,229	1,024	1,095
Other Personal Property Damage	993	959	1,154	1,014	986	1,123	1,438	1,179
<b>OTHER ACTIONS, TOTAL</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>973</b>

<sup>1</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.<sup>2</sup> The increases in 2006 and 2008 primarily resulted from influxes of asbestos filings in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.<sup>3</sup> Other personal injury/product liability filings continued to increase in 2003 as a large number of plaintiffs alleged injurious side effects of the anticholesterol drug Baycol. In 2004, total diversity of citizenship filings rose significantly due to a 55 percent increase in personal injury product/liability filings. Most of the growth resulted from the transfer of several thousand cases to the Northern District of Ohio as part of multidistrict litigation involving welding products that contained manganese. In addition, many district courts experienced an influx of cases related to multidistrict litigation involving either Baycol or Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine (Fen-phen).<sup>4</sup> The significant increase in other personal injury cases in 1995 was mostly attributable to a large number cases related to an oil refinery explosion in Louisiana.

**Table 4.10**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Action Taken**

Fiscal Year	Total	No Court Action	During or After Trial						
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	Total	Nonjury	Jury	% Reaching Trial
1990 <sup>1</sup>	213,429	51,630	161,799	127,017	25,519	9,263	4,480	4,783	4.3%
1995	229,325	36,558	192,767	166,017	19,307	7,443	3,317	4,126	3.2%
2000	259,234	43,281	215,953	189,808	20,365	5,780	2,001	3,779	2.2%
2004	252,016	54,273	197,743	174,212	19,580	3,951	1,422	2,529	1.6%
2005	270,973	62,661	208,312	183,072	21,341	3,899	1,289	2,610	1.4%
2006	272,644	60,863	211,781	170,028	38,198	3,555	1,140	2,415	1.3%
2007	239,292	55,275	184,017	150,756	23,429	9,832 <sup>2</sup>	1,093	8,739 <sup>2</sup>	4.1%
2008	233,826	55,024	178,802	151,404	22,675	4,723 <sup>3</sup>	2,510 <sup>3</sup>	2,213	2.0%

Note: Land condemnation cases omitted.

<sup>1</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

<sup>2</sup> These increases resulted from terminations of oil refinery explosion cases in the Middle District of Louisiana.

<sup>3</sup> More than 1,400 of the cases were related to oil refinery explosions in the Middle District of Louisiana.

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

**Table 4.11**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Pending, by Length of Time Pending**

Fiscal Year	Total	Length of Time				
		Less Than 1 Year	1 to 2 Years	2 to 3 Years	3 Years or More	
					Number	Percent
1990*	242,808	134,550	55,456	27,130	25,672	10.6%
1995	242,274	156,254	51,119	21,363	13,538	5.6%
2000	249,261	153,033	45,651	20,143	30,434	12.2%
2004	286,053	177,370	52,303	20,415	35,965	12.6%
2005	266,216	151,485	52,796	22,335	39,600	14.9%
2006	251,832	150,363	50,434	23,458	27,577	11.0%
2007	265,082	162,516	62,059	23,061	17,446	6.6%
2008	298,129	169,162	71,543	35,604	21,820	7.3%

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-6, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 4.12**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Consent Cases Terminated by U.S. Magistrate Judges Under 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c)**

<b>Fiscal Years</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Without Trial</b>	<b>Jury Trial</b>	<b>NonJury Trial</b>
1990*	4,958	3,950	495	513
1995	8,967	7,371	813	783
2000	11,481	10,181	750	550
2003	13,811	13,044	479	288
2004	13,092	12,440	422	230
2005	12,282	11,669	399	214
2006	11,521	10,944	379	198
2007	10,575	10,065	322	188
2008	10,814	10,290	313	211

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table M-5, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 5.1****U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases and Defendants Filed, Terminated, and Pending (Including Transfers)**

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Filed			Terminated		Pending	
		Cases	Defendants	Defendants per Case Ratio	Cases	Defendants	Cases	Defendants
1990*	575	48,035	65,855	1.4	44,570	60,647	36,131	53,768
1995	649	45,788	64,771	1.4	41,527	57,275	30,589	47,978
2000	655	62,745	83,963	1.3	58,102	77,185	47,609	69,286
2004	679	71,022	93,349	1.3	64,621	83,606	65,619	91,507
2005	678	69,575	92,226	1.3	66,561	86,616	68,914	96,668
2006	678	66,860	88,216	1.3	67,499	88,601	69,293	96,909
2007	678	68,413	89,306	1.3	67,851	88,471	73,418	101,398
2008	678	70,896	92,355	1.3	70,629	91,817	73,685	101,936

Note: Pending totals for 1994 and thereafter exclude each case in which the defendant has been a fugitive for more than one year. However, no case with multiple defendants has been excluded unless all defendants in the case have been fugitives for more than one year.

This table includes all felony and Class A misdemeanor cases, but includes only those petty offense cases that have been assigned to district judges.

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table D (Cases & Defendants), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 5.2****U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Filed, by District (Including Transfers)**

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year							
	1990*	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,035</b>	<b>45,788</b>	<b>62,745</b>	<b>71,022</b>	<b>69,575</b>	<b>66,860</b>	<b>68,413</b>	<b>70,896</b>
DC	636	451	399	498	462	380	321	407
<b>1ST</b>	<b>1,110</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,336</b>
ME	139	125	181	242	199	178	194	216
MA	313	402	432	375	378	342	378	373
NH	115	110	148	246	212	273	224	177
RI	114	109	132	117	134	126	122	107
PR	429	373	789	418	363	408	434	463
<b>2ND</b>	<b>2,933</b>	<b>3,526</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>3,421</b>	<b>3,302</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>3,408</b>
CT	251	200	236	302	275	303	248	262
NY,N	433	514	528	437	443	407	462	617
NY,E	959	1,117	1,096	1,016	817	735	820	698
NY,S	917	1,216	1,267	1,267	1,153	1,021	1,026	1,054
NY,W	274	330	420	598	583	709	561	634
VT	99	149	114	191	150	127	156	143
<b>3RD</b>	<b>2,388</b>	<b>2,583</b>	<b>3,142</b>	<b>2,977</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>3,056</b>
DE	139	105	97	156	133	126	176	196
NJ	705	831	881	1,021	1,026	1,032	1,004	1,037
PA,E	575	652	719	715	701	627	713	701
PA,M	314	317	359	428	509	447	488	495
PA,W	246	252	302	381	461	493	530	543
VI	409	426	784	276	150	120	124	84
<b>4TH</b>	<b>7,071</b>	<b>5,708</b>	<b>7,199</b>	<b>8,754</b>	<b>8,699</b>	<b>8,175</b>	<b>8,826</b>	<b>8,092</b>
MD	706	512	1,165	1,408	1,541	1,755	1,522	1,389
NC,E	1,161	678	889	1,060	1,343	978	1,087	1,001
NC,M	301	325	388	407	392	395	358	415
NC,W	495	493	394	501	540	518	419	454
SC	666	649	674	794	775	821	885	818
VA,E	2,978	2,429	3,011	3,729	3,207	2,803	3,701	3,267
VA,W	215	280	319	403	397	374	320	239
WV,N	184	107	127	206	273	278	305	264
WV,S	365	235	232	246	231	253	229	245
<b>5TH</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>4,936</b>	<b>10,856</b>	<b>13,600</b>	<b>14,559</b>	<b>13,820</b>	<b>13,951</b>	<b>16,054</b>
LA,E	416	288	320	355	348	318	414	320
LA,M	61	98	177	188	236	243	257	161
LA,W	240	243	244	425	484	502	353	310
MS,N	163	114	135	157	132	152	173	122
MS,S	251	187	365	421	345	460	421	450
TX,N	746	753	963	800	747	784	840	749
TX,E	286	344	498	577	585	662	664	642
TX,S	2,563	1,381	3,720	5,656	6,262	5,379	5,253	6,586
TX,W	1,684	1,528	4,434	5,021	5,420	5,320	5,576	6,714



Table 5.2 (Continued)

## U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Filed, by District (Including Transfers)

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year							
	1990*	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>6TH</b>	<b>3,499</b>	<b>3,420</b>	<b>3,709</b>	<b>4,448</b>	<b>4,485</b>	<b>4,536</b>	<b>4,393</b>	<b>4,460</b>
KY,E	214	318	442	360	427	492	452	552
KY,W	415	584	578	593	627	742	815	762
MI,E	673	604	515	616	556	554	478	518
MI,W	182	231	305	319	365	346	359	333
OH,N	438	476	507	658	690	592	558	529
OH,S	499	369	383	491	554	598	503	502
TN,E	409	342	434	517	466	425	461	464
TN,M	326	127	209	259	287	262	250	257
TN,W	343	369	336	635	513	525	517	543
<b>7TH</b>	<b>2,324</b>	<b>1,733</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>2,251</b>
IL,N	828	521	700	728	769	611	546	579
IL,C	259	231	295	366	384	374	464	349
IL,S	203	225	317	188	229	243	237	205
IN,N	201	207	348	294	382	416	364	428
IN,S	460	242	172	215	224	232	180	200
WI,E	247	202	206	287	280	288	340	311
WI,W	126	105	113	198	234	226	189	179
<b>8TH</b>	<b>2,902</b>	<b>2,354</b>	<b>3,431</b>	<b>4,553</b>	<b>4,488</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>4,449</b>	<b>4,583</b>
AR,E	265	256	199	255	291	353	334	363
AR,W	125	130	163	188	216	229	225	205
IA,N	122	140	279	343	340	420	312	542
IA,S	121	172	296	344	376	331	437	354
MN	316	247	348	446	393	388	383	344
MO,E	270	432	647	883	829	925	872	890
MO,W	1,048	334	515	657	725	676	638	589
NE	200	213	468	743	611	558	584	618
ND	170	160	178	257	280	250	224	215
SD	265	270	338	437	427	400	440	463
<b>9TH</b>	<b>10,044</b>	<b>11,182</b>	<b>14,912</b>	<b>16,013</b>	<b>14,140</b>	<b>12,819</b>	<b>14,497</b>	<b>14,695</b>
AK	231	195	223	181	166	158	178	171
AZ	1,056	1,142	3,117	4,545	4,050	3,446	4,349	3,145
CA,N	767	729	1,057	789	688	661	614	725
CA,E	580	893	1,007	800	945	942	877	959
CA,C	1,050	1,183	1,407	1,902	1,388	1,149	1,464	1,888
CA,S	1,665	2,290	3,953	3,431	2,540	2,731	3,319	4,036
HI	1,751	1,003	477	479	456	377	364	567
ID	107	107	153	221	249	216	239	275
MT	236	409	429	435	518	408	448	413
NV	320	330	518	659	615	497	355	372
OR	439	616	790	702	690	662	619	709
WA,E	506	406	451	534	445	393	352	361
WA,W	1,196	1,688	1,180	1,182	1,232	1,086	1,122	977
GU	136	170	112	92	131	77	169	78
NMI	4	21	38	61	27	16	28	19

**Table 5.2 (Continued)****U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Filed, by District (Including Transfers)**

Circuit and District	Fiscal Year							
	1990*	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>10TH</b>	<b>2,347</b>	<b>2,742</b>	<b>4,362</b>	<b>6,543</b>	<b>6,577</b>	<b>6,629</b>	<b>5,965</b>	<b>6,159</b>
CO	398	444	588	649	658	598	497	462
KS	305	336	489	810	714	774	702	732
NM	534	939	1,720	2,618	2,915	2,826	2,392	2,693
OK,N	155	169	137	197	205	191	198	206
OK,E	77	65	80	138	93	67	72	82
OK,W	417	412	570	774	709	881	877	736
UT	328	271	635	1,077	1,042	952	915	973
WY	133	106	143	280	241	340	312	275
<b>11TH</b>	<b>6,371</b>	<b>6,034</b>	<b>7,241</b>	<b>6,151</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>6,107</b>	<b>6,031</b>	<b>6,395</b>
AL,N	311	331	436	494	479	579	503	464
AL,M	293	249	171	230	267	283	274	259
AL,S	175	237	238	236	312	282	346	409
FL,N	245	290	349	509	454	538	533	508
FL,M	795	808	1,210	1,193	1,148	1,243	1,129	1,377
FL,S	1,461	1,436	1,705	1,458	1,595	1,373	1,608	1,763
GA,N	492	811	970	778	641	666	522	545
GA,M	2,217	1,500	1,787	708	500	495	522	455
GA,S	382	372	375	545	580	648	594	615

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table D (Cases), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

Table 5.3

## U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Filed, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year						
	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,053</b>	<b>62,152</b>	<b>70,397</b>	<b>68,996</b>	<b>66,365</b>	<b>67,910</b>	<b>70,429</b>
<b>VIOLENT OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>2,632</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>2,483</b>	<b>2,435</b>	<b>2,264</b>	<b>2,232</b>
Homicide	215	147	159	158	157	132	120
Robbery, Total	1,225	1,256	1,201	1,004	1,058	911	899
Bank	1,165	1,218	1,174	976	1,019	881	868
Other Robbery Offenses	60	38	27	28	39	30	31
Assault	619	845	935	928	828	813	773
Kidnapping	82	77	97	73	70	68	72
Racketeering—Violent	151	171	171	171	145	176	173
Carjacking	152	102	85	83	89	95	115
Terrorism	-	4	10	20	30	32	25
Other Violent Offenses	8	30	43	46	58	37	55
<b>PROPERTY OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>13,214</b>	<b>13,457</b>	<b>11,896</b>	<b>11,765</b>	<b>11,810</b>	<b>12,621</b>	<b>12,048</b>
Burglary	61	59	61	54	38	41	33
Larceny and Theft, Total	3,385	3,276	2,703	2,658	2,816	2,964	2,769
Bank	216	272	96	82	63	58	62
Postal Service	312	441	383	274	314	304	269
Interstate Shipments	108	63	27	34	30	28	22
Theft—U.S. Property	2,026	1,828	1,771	1,752	1,913	2,140	2,024
Theft—Maritime Jurisdiction	331	340	206	200	190	175	137
Transportation, Etc., Stolen Property	318	240	150	132	129	128	130
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	74	92	70	184	177	131	125
Embezzlement, Total	1,256	1,096	772	634	664	549	621
Bank	724	656	321	213	259	194	186
Postal Service	243	242	242	228	193	182	220
Financial Institutions	98	54	38	26	24	18	37
Other Embezzlement Offenses	191	144	171	167	188	155	178
Fraud, Total	7,234	7,566	7,316	7,397	7,169	8,101	7,746
Tax	783	603	516	574	514	520	556
Financial Institutions	1,243	1,257	856	705	721	569	524
Securities and Exchange	52	104	95	101	65	70	66
Mail	941	706	591	556	530	464	483
Wire, Radio, or Television	317	372	403	344	387	340	298
Bankruptcy	98	138	74	87	72	72	52
Social Security	243	641	672	653	589	763	756
False Personation	47	39	30	48	40	56	47
Citizenship and Naturalization	67	364	242	290	184	179	222
Passport	233	281	449	381	298	352	476
Identification Documents and Information	771	619	665	1,069	1,077	1,943	1,345
False Claims and Services—Government	272	168	168	198	355	242	192
False Statements	542	545	916	832	669	638	796
Conspiracy to Defraud the United States	289	742	631	628	578	649	580
Unauthorized Access Devices	937	619	556	523	561	594	612
Computer	24	77	78	104	106	95	101
Health Care	-	200	240	242	246	261	322
Other Fraud Offenses	375	91	134	62	177	294	318

**Table 5.3 (Continued)**

**U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Filed, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers)**

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year						
	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>PROPERTY OFFENSES, TOTAL (Cont'd.)</b>							
Forgery and Counterfeiting	1,014	1,213	881	898	962	825	723
Auto Theft	109	92	54	23	28	26	28
Other Property Offenses	155	155	109	101	133	115	128
<b>DRUG OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>11,475</b>	<b>17,449</b>	<b>18,414</b>	<b>18,198</b>	<b>17,429</b>	<b>17,046</b>	<b>15,784</b>
Marijuana, Total	3,292	6,081	5,746	4,994	4,818	5,040	4,418
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	1,671	3,439	3,103	2,447	2,495	2,491	2,285
Import/Export	323	1,690	1,208	1,122	1,114	1,473	1,137
Manufacture	142	120	139	118	111	161	186
Possession	1,156	832	1,296	1,307	1,098	915	810
All Other Drugs, Total	8,041	11,267	12,530	13,102	12,534	11,953	11,297
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	6,397	8,592	9,575	10,147	10,732	10,442	9,954
Import/Export	802	1,032	933	936	983	877	757
Manufacture	194	420	561	502	332	199	223
Possession	648	1,223	1,461	1,517	487	435	363
Other Drug Offenses	142	101	138	102	77	53	69
<b>FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,871</b>	<b>5,615</b>	<b>9,609</b>	<b>9,207</b>	<b>8,678</b>	<b>8,287</b>	<b>8,045</b>
Firearms, Total	3,665	5,410	9,403	9,008	8,472	8,103	7,891
Possession by Prohibited Persons	1,454	3,137	5,838	5,685	5,314	5,119	5,030
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	1,097	1,148	2,090	2,007	1,962	1,777	1,709
Other Firearms Offenses	1,114	1,125	1,475	1,316	1,196	1,207	1,152
Explosives	206	205	206	199	206	184	154
<b>SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>1,885</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>2,674</b>
Sexual Abuse of Adults	105	115	123	99	98	124	94
Sexual Abuse of Minors	167	237	359	333	373	409	407
Sexually Explicit Material	85	453	930	1,102	1,156	1,544	1,691
Transportation for Illegal Sexual Activity	-	109	211	242	251	230	204
Other Sex Offenses	49	8	9	3	7	153	278
<b>JUSTICE SYSTEM OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>993</b>
Aiding, Abetting, Accessory, Etc.	189	151	194	215	196	160	193
Obstruction of Justice	166	159	203	208	223	203	180
Escape from Custody	281	233	264	247	251	235	310
Failure to Appear	289	299	267	183	182	186	225
Perjury	85	113	80	62	54	48	41
Contempt	69	106	84	64	55	52	44
<b>IMMIGRATION OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>12,163</b>	<b>17,033</b>	<b>17,134</b>	<b>16,353</b>	<b>16,722</b>	<b>21,313</b>
Alien Smuggling	678	1,949	2,506	2,728	2,714	2,688	2,779
Improper Entry by Alien	410	2,546	2,602	2,000	1,100	1,157	1,779
Improper Reentry by Alien	2,649	7,188	11,241	11,648	11,827	12,315	15,626
Fraud and Misuse of Visa/Permit	209	354	506	719	679	533	1,080
Other Immigration Offenses	14	126	178	39	33	29	49

**Table 5.3 (Continued)****U.S. District Courts—Criminal Cases Filed, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers)**

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year						
	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>2,510</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,659</b>
Bribery	213	145	144	123	136	95	122
Money Laundering	570	623	645	589	588	545	552
RICO*	54	37	29	29	28	18	22
Racketeering—General	35	45	33	40	34	27	42
Extortion and Threats	185	174	165	180	126	138	124
Gambling and Lottery	89	92	38	52	25	21	22
Failure to Pay Child Support	35	291	96	92	80	75	91
Other General Offenses	513	1,103	709	580	510	620	684
<b>REGULATORY OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>1,692</b>
Civil Rights	74	80	58	81	74	77	83
Copyright	11	-	-	-	56	38	72
Food and Drug	51	48	42	41	51	55	34
Hazardous Waste Treatment, Disposal, and Storage	43	27	19	27	23	29	30
Telegraph, Telephone, and Radiograph	17	43	26	11	11	15	8
National Defense	18	20	17	29	38	28	29
Antitrust	38	43	12	25	18	16	21
Labor	83	134	65	75	85	68	72
Game and Conservation	188	132	136	141	217	221	217
National Parks	204	174	118	104	103	132	111
Customs	96	96	75	55	44	51	78
Postal Service	199	112	116	104	105	103	108
Reporting of Monetary Transactions	213	242	226	231	189	210	196
Migratory Bird	26	52	81	69	38	65	51
Maritime and Shipping	67	73	60	88	94	98	100
Aircraft Regulations	12	57	134	88	84	69	69
Other Regulatory Offenses	348	331	383	457	431	385	413
<b>TRAFFIC OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>5,214</b>	<b>4,679</b>	<b>4,593</b>	<b>4,140</b>	<b>3,626</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>3,989</b>
Drunk Driving	1,507	1,250	1,439	1,808	1,545	1,583	1,472
Other Traffic Offenses	3,707	3,429	3,154	2,332	2,081	2,844	2,517

\* RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations

Note: In 2005, the classification of criminal filings was amended to categorize more accurately the major offenses charged. Data in this table reflect these revisions. Therefore, data for earlier years are not comparable to the data in the current year's *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

Source: Table D-2 (Cases) *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*. In 2005, the classification of criminal filings was amended to categorize more accurately the major offenses charged. All data on this table reflect these revisions. Therefore, data for earlier years are not comparable to the data in that year's *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 5.4****U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Filed, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers)**

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year						
	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63,986</b>	<b>83,303</b>	<b>92,697</b>	<b>91,632</b>	<b>87,699</b>	<b>88,780</b>	<b>91,866</b>
<b>VIOLENT OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>3,277</b>	<b>3,389</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>2,837</b>	<b>2,853</b>
Homicide	275	174	190	204	186	147	146
Robbery, Total	1,408	1,506	1,425	1,181	1,223	1,076	1,099
Bank	1,332	1,460	1,387	1,139	1,171	1,032	1,065
Other Robbery Offenses	76	46	38	42	52	44	34
Assault	698	940	1,027	988	885	873	850
Kidnapping	138	128	205	137	138	130	142
Racketeering—Violent	295	329	345	364	258	351	347
Carjacking	220	158	132	134	132	160	173
Terrorism	-	5	12	26	59	59	25
Other Violent Offenses	16	37	53	58	69	41	71
<b>PROPERTY OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>17,023</b>	<b>17,177</b>	<b>15,565</b>	<b>15,292</b>	<b>15,379</b>	<b>16,277</b>	<b>15,771</b>
Burglary	83	75	85	76	48	57	52
Larceny and Theft, Total	3,975	3,775	3,052	3,012	3,116	3,345	3,067
Bank	239	290	100	96	72	70	81
Postal Service	414	603	500	387	401	436	345
Interstate Shipments	193	135	46	56	44	39	39
Theft—U.S. Property	2,183	1,925	1,867	1,859	2,022	2,258	2,145
Theft—Maritime Jurisdiction	348	350	217	208	207	192	145
Transportation, Etc., Stolen Property	520	380	251	218	177	210	183
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	78	92	71	188	193	140	129
Embezzlement, Total	1,318	1,171	837	710	719	608	681
Bank	745	674	338	225	263	198	188
Postal Service	248	249	244	232	196	185	221
Financial Institutions	102	54	38	26	26	20	37
Other Embezzlement Offenses	223	194	217	227	234	205	235
Fraud, Total	9,850	10,034	10,038	9,929	9,818	10,804	10,680
Tax	905	654	564	644	588	570	622
Financial Institutions	1,599	1,661	1,250	1,016	994	779	748
Securities and Exchange	80	256	173	142	97	112	91
Mail	1,511	942	995	883	770	658	762
Wire, Radio, or Television	537	515	559	495	535	531	498
Bankruptcy	120	157	83	112	89	83	62
Social Security	289	768	804	738	651	817	956
False Personation	47	43	30	49	45	57	47
Citizenship and Naturalization	70	367	243	307	193	191	226
Passport	242	292	468	394	304	358	483
Identification Documents and Information	856	721	833	1,338	1,358	2,185	1,591
False Claims and Services—Government	431	233	242	259	440	294	252
False Statements	682	658	1,037	960	786	747	899
Conspiracy to Defraud the United States	552	1,393	1,278	1,168	1,262	1,349	1,175
Unauthorized Access Devices	1,259	849	810	744	823	871	883
Computer	30	92	94	115	125	108	115
Health Care	-	310	413	447	391	415	482
Attempt and Conspiracy to Defraud	-	-	48	188	235	540	716
Other Fraud Offenses	640	123	162	118	132	139	72

Table 5.4 (Continued)

## U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Filed, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers)

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year						
	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>PROPERTY OFFENSES, TOTAL (Cont'd.)</b>							
Forgery and Counterfeiting	1,397	1,778	1,373	1,394	1,468	1,284	1,080
Auto Theft	225	164	66	57	42	48	62
Other Property Offenses	175	180	114	114	161	131	149
<b>DRUG OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>22,789</b>	<b>30,412</b>	<b>32,210</b>	<b>32,637</b>	<b>30,567</b>	<b>29,885</b>	<b>28,932</b>
Marijuana, Total	5,561	8,492	8,182	7,349	6,764	6,948	6,263
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	3,545	5,376	4,836	4,233	4,181	3,950	3,749
Import/Export	470	1,981	1,470	1,327	1,260	1,705	1,281
Manufacture	278	203	243	227	188	355	409
Possession	1,268	932	1,633	1,562	1,135	938	824
All Other Drugs, Total	16,948	21,731	23,808	25,121	23,693	22,866	22,572
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	14,451	17,679	19,148	20,672	21,289	20,769	20,571
Import/Export	1,211	1,376	1,380	1,279	1,259	1,174	1,012
Manufacture	403	870	1,212	1,040	630	465	609
Possession	883	1,806	2,068	2,130	515	458	380
Other Drug Offenses	280	189	220	167	110	71	97
<b>FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>6,527</b>	<b>10,811</b>	<b>10,328</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>9,401</b>	<b>9,068</b>
Firearms, Total	4,480	6,251	10,538	10,083	9,510	9,161	8,868
Possession by Prohibited Persons	1,554	3,288	6,126	5,973	5,606	5,390	5,274
Furtherance of Violent/Drug—Trafficking Crimes	1,529	1,606	2,657	2,527	2,447	2,282	2,255
Other Firearms Offenses	1,397	1,357	1,755	1,583	1,457	1,489	1,339
Explosives	300	276	273	245	290	240	200
<b>SEX OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1,690</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>2,760</b>
Sexual Abuse of Adults	118	117	129	104	101	130	97
Sexual Abuse of Minors	169	247	385	353	417	466	449
Sexually Explicit Material	86	462	942	1,112	1,170	1,552	1,708
Transportation for Illegal Sexual Activity	-	142	225	256	278	270	228
Sex Offender Registry	-	-	-	-	-	-	269
Other Sex Offenses	55	8	9	3	9	154	9
<b>JUSTICE SYSTEM OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,174</b>
Aiding, Abetting, Accessory, Etc.	275	202	282	307	253	201	247
Obstruction of Justice	253	246	307	336	332	283	286
Escape from Custody	295	243	280	257	254	235	318
Failure to Appear	295	300	268	184	187	191	228
Perjury	110	135	89	73	61	54	49
Contempt	86	111	91	72	57	64	46
<b>IMMIGRATION OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>4,472</b>	<b>13,067</b>	<b>18,158</b>	<b>18,322</b>	<b>17,651</b>	<b>17,948</b>	<b>22,685</b>
Alien Smuggling	1,044	2,743	3,504	3,773	3,831	3,752	3,789
Improper Entry by Alien	470	2,588	2,670	2,067	1,184	1,257	2,023
Improper Reentry by Alien	2,654	7,196	11,247	11,653	11,837	12,340	15,672
Fraud and Misuse of Visa/Permit	280	406	551	782	743	562	1,133
Other Immigration Offenses	24	134	186	47	56	37	68

**Table 5.4 (Continued)**

**U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Filed, by Major Offense (Excluding Transfers)**

Nature of Offense	Fiscal Year						
	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>GENERAL OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>3,838</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>2,373</b>	<b>2,512</b>
Bribery	288	327	198	182	182	148	173
Money Laundering	1,183	1,443	1,491	1,303	1,347	1,121	1,082
RICO*	193	139	139	159	173	97	150
Racketeering—General	51	55	48	72	49	41	61
Extortion and Threats	243	236	204	222	150	176	155
Gambling and Lottery	182	213	108	159	61	74	99
Failure to Pay Child Support	35	292	96	92	80	75	91
Other General Offenses	534	1,133	731	611	543	641	701
<b>REGULATORY OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,101</b>	<b>1,947</b>	<b>1,962</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>2,115</b>
Civil Rights	138	126	95	116	122	115	125
Copyright	11	-	-	-	97	40	81
Food and Drug	68	64	51	44	61	62	46
Hazardous Waste Treatment, Disposal, and Storage	64	38	27	37	30	37	41
Telegraph, Telephone, and Radiograph	19	47	31	11	20	15	8
National Defense	32	25	21	41	54	34	45
Antitrust	48	75	22	37	32	23	29
Labor	87	139	70	78	91	78	79
Game and Conservation	267	192	200	202	274	270	262
National Parks	252	183	127	110	112	153	120
Customs	151	164	105	79	60	101	108
Postal Service	210	112	118	110	106	103	109
Reporting of Monetary Transactions	266	318	310	292	244	244	245
Migratory Bird	48	80	138	107	52	90	161
Maritime and Shipping	99	94	78	96	110	129	129
Aircraft Regulations	16	64	139	96	91	73	75
Other Regulatory Offenses	429	380	415	506	472	463	452
<b>TRAFFIC OFFENSES, TOTAL</b>	<b>5,216</b>	<b>4,691</b>	<b>4,595</b>	<b>4,142</b>	<b>3,627</b>	<b>4,429</b>	<b>3,996</b>
Drunk Driving	1,509	1,252	1,439	1,809	1,546	1,584	1,473
Other Traffic Offenses	3,707	3,439	3,156	2,333	2,081	2,845	2,523

\* RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations.

Note: In 2005, the classification of criminal filings was amended to categorize more accurately the major offenses charged. Data in this table reflect these revisions. Therefore, data for earlier years are not comparable to the data in the current year's *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

Source: Table D-2 (Defendants), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.



**Table 5.5**  
**U.S. District Courts—Criminal Defendants Disposed of, by Method of Disposition (Excluding Transfers)**

Fiscal Year	Total Defendants	Not Convicted					Convicted and Sentenced				
		Total	Percent of Total Defendants	Dismissed	Acquitted by		Total	Percent of Total	Plea of Guilty*	Convicted by	
					Court	Jury				Court	Jury
1990**	55,267	9,747	18%	8,231	612	904	45,520	82%	39,690	979	4,851
1995	54,980	8,207	15%	7,112	482	613	46,773	85%	43,103	467	3,203
2000	75,071	8,035	11%	6,992	603	440	67,036	89%	63,863	632	2,541
2004	81,717	8,101	10%	7,465	239	397	73,616	90%	71,028	312	2,276
2005	86,000	8,661	10%	8,141	159	361	77,339	90%	74,024	291	3,024
2006	87,985	8,260	9%	7,755	141	364	79,725	91%	76,610	245	2,870
2007	88,014	9,153	10%	8,651	174	328	78,861	90%	75,949	323	2,589
2008	91,390	8,939	10%	8,400	184	355	82,451	90%	79,842	244	2,365

\* Includes *nolo contendere* cases.

\*\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

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

**Table 6.1****U.S. District Courts—Total Civil and Criminal Cases Filed, Terminated, and Pending (Including Transfers)**

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	District Court Caseload		
		Filed	Terminated	Pending
1990*	575	263,202	256,962	280,482
1995	649	296,224	275,319	273,402
2000	655	322,225	318,355	300,928
2004	679	352,360	317,382	351,672
2005	678	322,848	338,314	335,130
2006	678	326,401	340,692	321,125
2007	678	325,920	307,529	337,560
2008	678	338,153	305,200	371,814

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Text tables, Table C, Table D-1 (Cases) (1990), and Table D (Cases), 1995, 2000, and 2004-2008, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 6.2**  
**U.S. District Courts – Total Weighted and Unweighted Filings per Authorized Judgeship**

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships <sup>1</sup>	Weighted Filings				Unweighted Filings			
		Total	Civil	Criminal	Supervised Release Hearings <sup>2</sup>	Total	Civil	Criminal	Supervised Release Hearings <sup>2</sup>
1990 <sup>3</sup>	575	427	285	142	-	448	364	85	-
1995	649	448	320	128	-	444	364	80	-
2000	655	486	383	103	-	505	378	127	-
2004	679	529	414	111	4.14	545	379	137	28.76
2005	678	489	374	111	4.23	511	346	135	29.41
2006	678	464	354	106	4.48	482	321	130	30.94
2007	678	477	366	106	4.72	495	331	131	32.44
2008	678	472	359	109	4.87	494	325	136	33.41

Note: Weighted filings for 1990 and 1995 were derived from the 1987-1993 district court time study by the Federal Judicial Center (FJC). Weighted filings for 2003 have been revised based on the current case weights developed through the FJC's 2003-2004 district court case weighting study. Criminal filings include reopens and transfers. For 1990 and 1995, criminal weighted filings excluded felony defendants. Civil cases reopened, remanded, or transferred to the district by order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation are excluded.

<sup>1</sup> Authorized judgeships include territorial courts, although data for these courts are not reflected in the total weighted filings per authorized judgeship. Territorial courts are excluded from the district court case weight studies.

<sup>2</sup> Beginning in 2002, supervised release hearings are included in weighted filing totals.

<sup>3</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Text table 11 and Table X-1A, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 6.3**  
**U.S. District Courts—Median Times Intervals in Months From Filing to Disposition of Civil and Criminal Cases**

Fiscal Year	Civil					Criminal				
	Overall Civil Median	No Court Action	Court Action			All Defendants	Dismissed	Guilty Plea	Court Trial	Jury Trial
			Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial <sup>1</sup>	Trial <sup>2</sup>					
1990 <sup>3</sup>	8	6	7	14	19	4.6	3.6	4.4	0.1	7.2
1995	8	7	7	13	18	5.7	6.5	5.4	1.6	9.6
2000	8.2	7.9	7.8	13.6	20.1	5.9	5.8	5.8	0.1	10.9
2004	8.5	7.5	7.8	13.2	21.1	6.4	5.9	6.2	4.8	12.1
2005	9.5	7.0	9.5	13.1	21.8	6.8	6.2	6.6	7.3	14.0
2006	8.3	6.3	7.2	33.9	23.5	7.1	6.5	6.9	6.7	15.7
2007	9.6	6.9	8.6	14.2	128.2	7.0	9.0	6.8	6.1	14.4
2008	8.1	5.0	7.8	13.6	32.9	6.8	6.9	6.6	7.2	14.4

Note: Prior to 2000, civil median disposition time intervals were rounded to whole months.

<sup>1</sup> The significant increase in median disposition time for civil cases closed by court action during or after pretrial in 2006 resulted from the termination of more than 15,000 breast implant cases originally filed in 1998 in the Eastern District of Michigan.

<sup>2</sup> The substantial increase in 2007 resulted from the disposition of more than 6,300 oil refinery explosion cases in the Middle District of Louisiana that had been pending more than 10 years.

<sup>3</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-5 and Table D-6, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 6.4**  
**U. S. District Courts—Civil and Criminal Trials Completed**

Fiscal Year	Grand Total	Civil			Criminal		
		Total	Nonjury	Jury	Total	Nonjury	Jury
1990*	20,393	11,446	6,674	4,772	8,947	3,875	5,072
1995	17,816	10,395	6,146	4,249	7,421	3,176	4,245
2000	14,679	7,933	4,529	3,404	6,746	3,257	3,489
2004	12,938	5,492	3,081	2,411	7,446	3,672	3,774
2005	12,771	5,294	2,982	2,312	7,477	3,709	3,768
2006	12,612	5,121	3,024	2,097	7,491	4,125	3,366
2007	13,449	5,600	3,331	2,269	7,849	4,636	3,213
2008	13,256	5,283	3,108	2,175	7,973	4,823	3,150

Note: Includes trials conducted by district and appellate judges only. All trials conducted by magistrate judges are excluded. Includes hearings on temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, hearings on contested motions, and other contested proceedings in which evidence is introduced. Civil trials include trials of miscellaneous cases.

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-7, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 6.5**  
**U. S. District Courts—Lengths of Civil and Criminal Trials Completed**

Fiscal Year	Total All Trials	Civil							Criminal						
		Total	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 to 9 Days	10 to 19 Days	20 Days or More	Total	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 to 9 Days	10 to 19 Days	20 Days or More
1990*	20,393	11,446	4,883	2,242	1,445	2,442	349	85	8,947	3,939	1,707	1,190	1,727	281	103
1995	17,816	10,395	4,718	1,732	1,256	2,288	338	63	7,421	3,173	1,249	939	1,653	297	110
2000	14,679	7,933	3,639	1,209	976	1,831	238	40	6,746	3,260	1,135	832	1,227	222	70
2004	12,938	5,492	2,252	876	696	1,446	196	26	7,446	3,553	1,362	898	1,347	205	81
2005	12,771	5,294	2,240	800	657	1,367	194	36	7,477	3,662	1,308	924	1,270	227	86
2006	12,612	5,121	2,381	748	541	1,217	207	27	7,491	4,055	1,147	846	1,185	184	74
2007	13,449	5,600	2,822	712	588	1,254	198	26	7,849	4,552	1,081	731	1,230	180	75
2008	13,256	5,283	2,652	673	561	1,194	182	21	7,973	4,786	1,016	760	1,144	206	61

Note: Includes trials conducted by district and appellate judges only; all trials conducted by magistrate judges are excluded. Includes trials of miscellaneous cases, hearings on temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, hearings on contested motions, and other contested proceedings in which evidence is introduced.

\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-8, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.

**Table 6.6****U.S. District Courts—Cases and Defendants Terminated by Senior, Visiting, and Magistrate Judges**

Fiscal Year	Authorized Judgeships	Vacant Judgeship Months	District Court Terminations			Assistance to Courts Provided By			
			Total	Civil Cases	Criminal Defendants	Total	Senior Judges <sup>1</sup>	Visiting Judges <sup>2</sup>	Magistrate Judges Section 636 (c) Consent Cases
1990 <sup>3</sup>	575	540.1	275,082	214,435	60,647	39,350	32,878	1,514	4,958
1995	649	642.0	287,095	229,820	57,275	49,459	38,833	1,659	8,967
2000	655	597.5	336,822	259,637	77,185	69,526	55,726	2,319	11,481
2004	679	303.3	336,367	252,761	83,606	68,796	53,752	1,952	13,092
2005	678	309.2	358,369	271,753	86,616	69,129	54,358	2,489	12,282
2006	678	399.3	361,794	273,193	88,601	72,417	58,366	2,530	11,521
2007	678	427.7	346,814	257,507	89,307	72,762	53,412	8,775	10,575
2008	678	397.9	359,074	267,257	91,817	69,492	54,988	3,690	10,814

<sup>1</sup> Does not include the work of senior circuit judges in the district courts during each time period.

<sup>2</sup> Includes senior judges.

<sup>3</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Text table 11; unpublished senior judge activity report; Table C, Table D-1 (Defendants), Table M-5, and Table V-1, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the U.S. Courts*.

**Table 7.1**  
**U.S. Bankruptcy Courts—Bankruptcy Petitions Filed, Terminated, and Pending**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Filed</b>	<b>Terminated</b>	<b>Pending</b>
1990 <sup>1</sup>	749,981	637,118	993,346
1995	883,457	892,796	1,101,089
2000	1,262,102	1,256,874	1,383,213
2004	1,618,987	1,671,177	1,658,238
2005	1,782,643	1,581,287	1,859,437
2006	1,112,542	1,619,142	1,349,241
2007	801,269	864,588	1,298,016
2008	1,042,993	975,296	1,343,538

Note: The general effective date of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) was October 17, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> Twelve-month period ending June June 30.

Source: Table F, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.



**Table 7.2**  
**U.S. Bankruptcy Courts—Voluntary and Involuntary Cases Filed, by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code**

Fiscal Year	Total Filings <sup>1</sup>	Voluntary					Involuntary		
		Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 12 <sup>2</sup>	Chapter 13	Total	Chapter 7	Chapter 11
1990 <sup>3</sup>	749,981	748,344	520,047	19,741	1,320	207,211	1,637	1,311	326
1995	883,457	882,315	597,302	12,445	883	271,650	1,142	948	194
2000	1,262,102	1,261,372	870,183	9,728	551	380,880	730 <sup>4</sup>	622	107
2004	1,618,987	1,618,385	1,153,334	10,297	238	454,412	602	531	71
2005	1,782,643	1,782,080	1,345,723	6,552	364	429,316	563	478	85
2006	1,112,542	1,112,064	832,758	5,914	376	272,937	478	389	89
2007	801,269	800,728	483,750	5,759	361	310,802	541	412	129
2008	1,042,993	1,042,233	679,507	8,514	332	353,828	760	475	285

Note: The general effective date of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) was October 17, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> Totals may include cases filed under provisions of the Bankruptcy Code other than chapters 7, 11, 12, or 13.

<sup>2</sup> In 2005, BAPCPA made chapter 12 a permanent part of the bankruptcy code and added debts of family fishermen to the chapter.

<sup>3</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

<sup>4</sup> Total includes one case filed under Section 304 and not reported under chapter 7 or chapter 11.

Source: Tables F-2A and F-2B (unpublished).

**Table 7.3**  
**U. S. Bankruptcy Courts—Business and Nonbusiness Bankruptcy Cases Filed, by Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code**

Fiscal Year	Total Filings					Business Filings <sup>1</sup>					Nonbusiness Filings <sup>1</sup>			
	Total <sup>2</sup>	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 12 <sup>3</sup>	Chapter 13	Total <sup>2</sup>	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 12 <sup>3</sup>	Chapter 13	Total <sup>2</sup>	Chapter 7	Chapter 11	Chapter 13
1990 <sup>4</sup>	749,981	521,358	20,067	1,320	207,211	64,552	36,687	17,789	1,320	8,731	685,429	484,671	2,278	198,480
1995	883,457	598,250	12,639	883	271,650	51,042	28,800	11,168	883	10,156	832,415	569,450	1,471	261,494
2000	1,262,102	870,805	9,835	551	380,880	36,065	20,687	9,135	551	5,661	1,226,037	850,118	700	375,219
2004	1,618,987	1,153,865	10,368	238	454,412	34,817	20,243	9,436	238	4,799	1,584,170	1,133,622	932	449,613
2005	1,782,643	1,346,201	6,637	364	429,316	34,222	23,313	5,776	364	4,649	1,748,421	1,322,888	861	424,667
2006	1,112,542	833,147	6,003	376	272,937	27,333	18,258	5,345	376	3,277	1,085,209	814,889	658	269,660
2007	801,269	484,162	5,888	361	310,802	25,925	16,914	5,317	361	3,281	775,344	467,248	571	307,521
2008	1,042,993	679,982	8,799	332	353,828	38,651	26,578	7,962	332	3,727	1,004,342	653,404	837	350,101

Note: The general effective date of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) was October 17, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> Section 101 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code defines consumer (nonbusiness) debt as that incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose. If the debtor is a corporation or partnership, or if debt related to operation of a business predominates, the nature of debt is business.

<sup>2</sup> Totals may include cases filed under provisions of the Bankruptcy Code other than chapters 7, 11, 12, or 13.

<sup>3</sup> In 2005, BAPCPA made chapter 12 a permanent part of the bankruptcy code and added debts of family fishermen to the chapter.

<sup>4</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Statistical Table F-2 (1990 to present), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.