

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 2017

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2010	2005	2000	1995	1990 ¹
Total	75,822	81,826	86,358	100,472	89,305	101,202	62,191	48,626	53,350	57,435
Contract Actions, Total	18,669	19,283	19,589	20,603	19,914	22,570	19,266	21,581	20,992	22,859
Franchise ¹	231	300	350	407	409	293	135	-	-	-
Insurance	7,937	7,886	8,304	9,006	7,793	8,278	6,591	6,259	6,528	5,983
Marine	61	62	68	61	68	119	93	149	157	202
Negotiable Instruments	419	412	403	468	539	693	338	401	771	1,162
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	303	342	336	361	412	315	105	96	106	107
Other Contract Actions	9,718	10,281	10,128	10,300	10,693	12,872	12,004	14,676	13,430	15,405
Real Property Actions, Total	3,971	5,058	5,399	4,252	6,598	3,035	1,622	2,085	1,531	2,192
Condemnation of Land	5	3	8	9	11	12	17	20	11	15
Foreclosure	2,236	3,142	2,486	2,139	3,883	1,471	928	1,430	798	1,310
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	99	72	110	138	137	141	87	86	137	148
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	490	571	1,425	525	509	470	226	258	240	348
Other Real Property Actions	1,141	1,270	1,370	1,441	2,058	941	364	291	345	371
Tort Actions, Total	49,668	53,848	57,811	72,286	60,002	73,150	40,866	23,594	30,709	32,251
Personal Injury, Total	46,943	49,299	54,168	69,931	57,739	70,516	38,588	21,291	28,659	30,343
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	35,112	38,886	39,309	58,496	48,546	61,179	27,212	10,176	12,059	17,691
Airplane	28	20	28	27	23	168	57	133	99	168
Marine	6	8	5	5	16	21	19	33	28	234
Motor Vehicle	347	361	354	261	214	431	491	388	541	555
Asbestos ²	121	83	112	189	332	40,916	1,029	3,501	2,098	12,909
Other	13,399	17,167	23,300	44,754	39,181	19,643	25,616	6,121	9,293	3,825
Other Personal Injury, Total	11,831	10,413	14,859	11,435	9,193	9,337	11,376	11,115	16,600	12,652
Airplane	116	89	85	94	112	177	219	367	432	571
Marine	354	285	274	296	296	320	226	208	356	442
Motor Vehicle	3,725	3,329	3,110	3,082	2,863	2,920	3,356	3,821	4,305	5,018

Assault, Libel, and Slander	351	370	342	331	385	339	416	535	568	441
Medical Malpractice	476	638	380	408	458	519	631	857	800	769
Other ³	6,809	5,702	10,668	7,224	5,079	5,062	6,528	5,327	8,236	5,411
Personal Property Damage, Total	2,725	4,549	3,643	2,355	2,263	2,634	2,278	2,303	2,050	1,908
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,629	2,377	1,553	1,238	1,145	1,339	1,292	1,149	1,091	915
Other Personal Property Damage	1,096	2,172	2,090	1,117	1,118	1,295	986	1,154	959	993
Other Actions, Total	3,514	3,637	3,559	3,331	2,791	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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