

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 2019

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995	1990 ¹
Total	104,803	88,547	75,822	81,826	86,358	101,202	62,191	48,626	53,350	57,435
Contract Actions, Total	20,174	20,694	18,669	19,283	19,589	22,570	19,266	21,581	20,992	22,859
Franchise ¹	244	251	231	300	350	293	135	-	-	-
Insurance	9,215	8,588	7,937	7,886	8,304	8,278	6,591	6,259	6,528	5,983
Marine	54	79	61	62	68	119	93	149	157	202
Negotiable Instruments	363	348	419	412	403	693	338	401	771	1,162
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	352	317	303	342	336	315	105	96	106	107
Other Contract Actions	9,946	11,111	9,718	10,281	10,128	12,872	12,004	14,676	13,430	15,405
Real Property Actions, Total	3,391	3,081	3,971	5,058	5,399	3,035	1,622	2,085	1,531	2,192
Condemnation of Land	5	5	5	3	8	12	17	20	11	15
Foreclosure	1,697	1,476	2,236	3,142	2,486	1,471	928	1,430	798	1,310
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	115	94	99	72	110	141	87	86	137	148
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	672	598	490	571	1,425	470	226	258	240	348
Other Real Property Actions	902	908	1,141	1,270	1,370	941	364	291	345	371
Tort Actions, Total	76,969	60,727	49,668	53,848	57,811	73,150	40,866	23,594	30,709	32,251
Personal Injury, Total	74,034	57,702	46,943	49,299	54,168	70,516	38,588	21,291	28,659	30,343
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	54,724	45,075	35,112	38,886	39,309	61,179	27,212	10,176	12,059	17,691
Airplane	97	21	28	20	28	168	57	133	99	168
Marine	10	10	6	8	5	21	19	33	28	234
Motor Vehicle	345	524	347	361	354	431	491	388	541	555
Asbestos ²	89	92	121	83	112	40,916	1,029	3,501	2,098	12,909
Other	15,581	7,356	13,399	17,167	23,300	19,643	25,616	6,121	9,293	3,825

Table 4.9 (September 30, 2019—Continued)

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year									
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2010	2005	2000	1995	1990 ¹
Other Personal Injury, Total	19,310	12,627	11,831	10,413	14,859	9,337	11,376	11,115	16,600	12,652
Airplane	151	104	116	89	85	177	219	367	432	571
Marine	464	345	354	285	274	320	226	208	356	442
Motor Vehicle	4,254	4,089	3,725	3,329	3,110	2,920	3,356	3,821	4,305	5,018
Assault, Libel, and Slander	403	406	351	370	342	339	416	535	568	441
Medical Malpractice	405	390	476	638	380	519	631	857	800	769
Other ³	13,633	7,293	6,809	5,702	10,668	5,062	6,528	5,327	8,236	5,411
Personal Property Damage, Total	2,935	3,025	2,725	4,549	3,643	2,634	2,278	2,303	2,050	1,908
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,746	1,781	1,629	2,377	1,553	1,339	1,292	1,149	1,091	915
Other Personal Property Damage	1,189	1,244	1,096	2,172	2,090	1,295	986	1,154	959	993
Other Actions, Total	4,269	4,045	3,514	3,637	3,559	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.

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