

**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 2021**

Nature of Suit	Fiscal Year						
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2015	2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>166,848</b>	<b>284,603</b>	<b>104,803</b>	<b>88,547</b>	<b>75,822</b>	<b>86,358</b>	<b>101,202</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>22,800</b>	<b>22,294</b>	<b>20,174</b>	<b>20,694</b>	<b>18,669</b>	<b>19,589</b>	<b>22,570</b>
Franchise <sup>1</sup>	155	205	244	251	231	350	293
Insurance	12,992	10,587	9,215	8,588	7,937	8,304	8,278
Marine	54	62	54	79	61	68	119
Negotiable Instruments	313	325	363	348	419	403	693
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	267	372	352	317	303	336	315
Other Contract Actions	9,019	10,743	9,946	11,111	9,718	10,128	12,872
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>1,682</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>3,971</b>	<b>5,399</b>	<b>3,035</b>
Condemnation of Land	10	9	5	5	5	8	12
Foreclosure	540	981	1,697	1,476	2,236	2,486	1,471
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	117	164	115	94	99	110	141
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	515	578	672	598	490	1,425	470
Other Real Property Actions	500	669	902	908	1,141	1,370	941
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>138,448</b>	<b>255,803</b>	<b>76,969</b>	<b>60,727</b>	<b>49,668</b>	<b>57,811</b>	<b>73,150</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>135,657</b>	<b>252,943</b>	<b>74,034</b>	<b>57,702</b>	<b>46,943</b>	<b>54,168</b>	<b>70,516</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>122,529</b>	<b>238,925</b>	<b>54,724</b>	<b>45,075</b>	<b>35,112</b>	<b>39,309</b>	<b>61,179</b>
Airplane	51	143	97	21	28	28	168

Marine	6	2	10	10	6	5	21
Motor Vehicle	196	244	345	524	347	354	431
Asbestos <sup>2</sup>	71	103	89	92	121	112	40,916
Other	93,575	215,600	15,581	7,356	13,399	23,300	19,643
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>13,128</b>	<b>14,018</b>	<b>19,310</b>	<b>12,627</b>	<b>11,831</b>	<b>14,859</b>	<b>9,337</b>
Airplane	101	127	151	104	116	85	177
Marine	369	526	464	345	354	274	320
Motor Vehicle	4,626	4,561	4,254	4,089	3,725	3,110	2,920
Assault, Libel, and Slander	411	392	403	406	351	342	339
Medical Malpractice	360	332	405	390	476	380	519
Other <sup>3</sup>	7,261	8,080	13,633	7,293	6,809	10,668	5,062
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>2,860</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>3,025</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>3,643</b>	<b>2,634</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,571	1,641	1,746	1,781	1,629	1,553	1,339
Other Personal Property Damage	1,220	1,219	1,189	1,244	1,096	2,090	1,295
<b>Other Actions, Total</b>	<b>3,918</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>4,269</b>	<b>4,045</b>	<b>3,514</b>	<b>3,559</b>	<b>2,447</b>
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>41</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defend Trade Secrets Act	41	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table.

<sup>1</sup> Collection of data for this category began in 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Increases beginning in 2008 occurred because cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases thereafter were severed into individual cases.

<sup>3</sup> A significant increase in other personal injury cases in 1995 was mostly attributable to a large number of cases related to an oil refinery explosion in Louisiana.

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

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

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