

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 ¹		
			Total	Prisoner Petitions		Other Civil								
	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
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
2009	57,740	28,879	27,805	14,513	4,914	9,599	4,820	1,249	3,571	2,375	2,406	314	3,377	50.02
2010	55,992	28,931	20,986	15,789	4,710	11,079	5,197	1,147	4,050	2,119	2,173	206	3,447	51.67

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

¹ Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g., writs of mandamus, motions seeking permission to file second or successive habeas corpus petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), enacted April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals to file second or successive habeas corpus petitions. 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*.