

Table 4.5
U.S. District Courts – Product Liability Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit

Fiscal Year	Total	Contract Actions	Torts to Land	Property Damage	Personal Injury				
					Airplane	Marine	Motor Vehicle	Asbestos	Other
1990 ¹	19,428	361	65	323	196	330	575	13,687	3,891
1995	28,226	249	64	366	155	53	566	6,916	19,857
2000	15,318	350	72	468	164	54	421	7,187	6,602
2005	30,295	224	103	431	79	46	531	1,243	27,638
2007 ²	37,566	249	348	500	114	44	447	12,404	23,460
2008 ²	53,102	226	247	519	101	33	390	33,780	17,806
2009 ²	59,557	238	252	679	184	27	401	41,785	15,991
2010 ²	64,367	293	249	622	184	37	507	41,133	21,342
2011 ²	60,798	240	250	547	101	14	305	37,744	21,597

¹ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

² Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that have been severed into individual cases.

Source: Personal injury/product liability data from Table C-11, Table S-7 (1990), and Table S-10 (1995, 2000, 2005, and 2007 - 2011), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.