

Table 4.8**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Filed, by Jurisdiction**

Fiscal Year	Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
		Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
1990 *	217,879	31,763	24,537	103,938	57,183	458
1995	248,335	14,130	29,028	153,489	51,448	240
2000	259,517	34,124	36,985	139,624	48,626	158
2005	253,273	10,400	41,986	138,696	62,191	-
2006	259,541	9,257	35,037	134,877	80,370	-
2007	257,507	9,564	35,900	139,424	72,619	-
2008	267,257	9,649	34,515	134,582	88,457	54
2009	276,397	8,834	34,310	136,041	97,209	3

Note: Overall filings increased from 2000 to 2002 due primarily to increases in private cases, particularly those involving asbestos; many of those cases were remanded to state court. The growth in civil filings in 2004 resulted from a 16 percent increase in federal question cases; approximately 20,000 of those filings related to one case in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of South Carolina. In addition, diversity of citizenship filings rose significantly due to a 58 percent increase in personal injury/product liability filings. In 2006, diversity of citizenship filings rose 29 percent, mainly in response to an increase of over 14,000 asbestos cases filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table 4 and Table C-2, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.