

Table 2.3
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Filed, by Type of Appeal
During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990 and September 30, 1995 Through September 30, 2020

Fiscal Year	Total Appeals	Appeals from District Court										Other Appeals		
		Civil Appeals						Criminal Appeals						
		Total	Prisoner Petitions			Other Civil			Total	Drugs	Other Criminal	Administrative Agency	Bankruptcy	Original Proceedings ¹
			Total	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.	Private						
2020	48,190	25,526	11,738	4,014	7,724	13,788	2,642	11,146	9,668	3,699	5,969	7,105	621	4,853
2019	48,486	26,936	12,365	4,107	8,258	14,571	2,484	12,087	10,001	3,494	6,507	5,929	635	4,569
2018	49,276	27,696	13,475	4,813	8,662	14,221	2,515	11,706	9,792	3,222	6,570	6,089	658	4,619
2017	50,506	28,221	14,317	5,355	8,962	13,904	2,484	11,420	9,917	3,396	6,521	6,153	729	4,885
2016	60,357	27,837	13,551	4,249	9,302	14,286	2,515	11,771	11,536	4,529	7,007	6,469	757	13,338
2015	52,698	28,550	13,900	4,187	9,713	14,650	2,748	11,902	11,380	4,378	7,002	7,141	841	4,203
2010	55,991	30,939	15,830	4,752	11,078	15,109	2,793	12,316	12,797	4,837	7,960	7,813	678	3,764
2005	68,473	32,814	17,034	6,258	10,776	15,780	2,969	12,811	16,060	6,099	9,961	13,713	865	5,017
2000	54,697	35,777	17,252	4,955	12,297	18,525	3,737	14,788	10,707	4,353	6,354	3,237	1007	3,966
1995	50,072	34,203	14,985	3,459	11,526	19,218	4,460	14,758	10,162	4,499	5,663	3,295	1,667	745
1990 ²	40,898	27,116	9,941	2,263	7,678	17,175	4,363	12,812	9,493	5,658	3,835	2,578	1,087	624

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

This table does not include data for the U.S. Court 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 to file second or successive habeas corpus petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, 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. Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous cases not included previously.

² Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table B-1 and B-7, Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts.