

**Table 2.4**  
**U.S. Courts of Appeals—Pro Se Cases Filed,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1995 Through 2021**

Fiscal Year	Total Appeals	Pro Se Cases											Original Proceedings <sup>1</sup>	Percent Pro Se			
		Total	Appeals from District Courts								Criminal Appeals	Other Appeals					
			Total	Civil Appeals						Total		U.S.			Private	Administrative Agency	Bankruptcy
				Total	Prisoner Petitions		Other Civil Appeals										
					Total	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.								
2021	44,546	21,423	12,961	8,936	2,558	6,378	4,025	827	3,198	3,696	1,418	340	3,008	65.3			
2020	48,190	23,546	14,578	9,979	3,153	6,826	4,599	1,036	3,563	2,409	1,829	247	4,483	61.5			
2019	48,486	23,728	15,773	10,700	3,354	7,346	5,073	1,100	3,973	1,763	1,609	273	4,310	50.4			
2018	49,276	24,680	16,566	11,508	3,760	7,748	5,058	1,079	3,979	1,695	1,752	290	4,377	49.0			
2017	50,506	25,366	16,809	11,889	3,944	7,945	4,920	1,088	3,832	1,799	1,832	287	4,639	50.9			
2015	52,698	26,883	17,643	12,406	3,732	8,674	5,237	1,148	4,089	2,636	2,313	285	4,006	52.4			
2010	55,991	27,208	19,263	14,089	4,250	9,839	5,174	1,124	4,050	2,119	2,173	206	3,447	41.2			
2005	68,469	28,555	19,541	15,030	5,426	9,604	4,511	1,108	3,403	1,215	3,501	236	4,062	46.1			
1995	50,072	19,973	17,842	13,083	2,763	10,320	4,759	1,364	3,395	803	622	438	268	39.9			

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 in April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals to file motions for 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.

Source: Table B-9, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.