

Table 4.6
U.S. District Courts—Prisoner Petitions Filed, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2016

| Fiscal Year | Total | U.S. Cases | | | | | | | Private Cases | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | U.S. Cases Total | Motions to Vacate Sentence | Habeas Corpus General ¹ | Death Penalty | Prison Condition & Civil Rights | Mandamus and Other | Habeas Corpus Alien Detainee ² | Private Cases Total | Habeas Corpus General | Death Penalty | Prison Condition & Civil Rights | Mandamus and Other |
| 2016 | 73,725 | 29,546 | 24,837 | 2,221 | 9 | 1,013 | 332 | 1,134 | 44,179 | 15,135 | 193 | 28,291 | 560 |
| 2015 | 52,531 | 9,958 | 5,520 | 2,417 | 8 | 1,056 | 287 | 670 | 42,573 | 16,031 | 186 | 25,806 | 550 |
| 2014 | 60,675 | 12,357 | 7,390 | 2,482 | 7 | 1,378 | 364 | 736 | 48,318 | 16,703 | 158 | 30,871 | 586 |
| 2013 | 56,955 | 13,354 | 7,924 | 2,627 | 3 | 1,694 | 315 | 791 | 43,601 | 16,729 | 190 | 26,114 | 568 |
| 2012 | 54,300 | 13,737 | 8,499 | 2,922 | 3 | 1,214 | 355 | 744 | 40,563 | 15,929 | 186 | 23,896 | 552 |
| 2010 | 52,583 | 11,225 | 5,858 | 2,982 | 9 | 1,284 | 410 | 682 | 41,358 | 16,843 | 199 | 23,774 | 542 |
| 2005 | 61,238 | 18,010 | 10,361 | 5,672 | 11 | 1,286 | 680 | - | 43,228 | 18,961 | 229 | 23,328 | 710 |
| 2000 | 58,257 | 11,880 | 6,341 | 3,855 | 15 | 1,041 | 628 | - | 46,377 | 21,090 | 259 | 24,464 | 564 |
| 1995 | 63,550 | 8,951 | 5,988 | 1,343 | - | 1,110 | 510 | - | 54,599 | 13,462 | 170 | 40,569 | 398 |
| 1990 ³ | 42,684 | 6,611 | 2,970 | 1,967 | - | 1,149 | 525 | - | 36,073 | 10,823 | 54 | 24,843 | 353 |

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table. Prisoner petitions increased 47 percent between 1990 and 1995. Since 1995, fluctuations have occurred in prisoner petitions as a result of legislation (the Prison Litigation Reform Act and Title I of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, both of which were passed in April 1996) and the Supreme Court decisions *Bailey v. United States*, 16 U.S. 137 (1995), and *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000).

¹ Data for 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005 include U.S. death penalty cases.

² Collection of data for this category began in 2008.

³ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-3, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.