

Table 4.6

U.S. District Courts. Prisoner Petitions Filed by Nature of Suit

Fiscal Year	Grand Total	U.S. Cases					Private Cases				
		Total	Motions to Vacate Sentence	Habeas Corpus General*	Prison Conditions & Civil	Mandamus and Other	Total	Habeas Corpus General	Death Penalty	Prison Conditions & Civil	Mandamus and Other
1990	43,209	7,103	3,087	2,333	1,130	553	36,106	10,656	79	25,030	341
1995	63,550	8,951	5,988	1,343	1,110	510	54,599	13,462	170	40,569	398
2000	58,257	11,880	6,341	3,870	1,041	628	46,377	21,090	259	24,464	564
2001	58,805	14,619	8,644	4,440	1,019	516	44,186	20,254	192	23,099	641
2002	55,292	12,190	6,107	4,483	1,046	554	43,102	19,390	225	22,918	569
2003	54,378	11,981	5,832	4,341	1,257	551	42,397	18,744	228	22,816	609
2004	55,330	13,908	7,137	4,923	1,334	514	41,422	18,432	214	22,115	661
2005	61,238	18,010	10,361	5,683	1,286	680	43,228	18,961	229	23,328	710

*Includes U.S. death penalty cases.

NOTE: Prisoner petitions increased 47 percent between 1990 and 1995. Since 1995, there have been fluctuations 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 Supreme Court decisions (*Bailey v. U.S.* in 1995; *Apprendi v. New Jersey* in 2000; and *U.S. v. Booker* in 2005). The 45 percent increase in motions to vacate sentence in 2005

Source: Statistical Table C-3. Total prisoner petitions do not match exactly the data reported on the C-3 Table for 1990 because the data for this table were