

Table 4.6

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

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	Private Cases Total	Habeas Corpus General	Death Penalty
1990 ²	42,684	6,611	2,970	1,967	0	1,149	525	0	36,073	10,823	54
1995	63,550	8,951	5,988	1,343	0	1,110	510	0	54,599	13,462	170
2000	58,257	11,880	6,341	3,870	0	1,041	628	0	46,377	21,090	259
2005	61,238	18,010	10,361	5,683	0	1,286	680	0	43,228	18,961	229
2007	53,945	11,296	5,896	3,299	0	1,246	855	0	42,649	18,907	232
2008	54,781	11,284	6,352	3,035	0	1,304	598	0	43,497	18,268	187
2009	52,304	10,457	5,771	2,883	0	1,315	488	0	41,847	17,454	227
2010	51,522	10,164	5,858	2,982	0	914	410	0	41,358	16,843	199
2011	53,611	11,967	6,260	3,029	1	1,403	409	865	41,644	16,595	194

Note: 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 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 Includes U.S. death penalty cases.

² Twelve-month period ending June 30.

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

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Prison Condition & Civil Rights	Mandamus and Other
24,843	353
40,569	398
24,464	564
23,328	710
22,779	731
24,375	667
23,573	593
23,774	542
24,253	602

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