

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 ²	Private Cases Total	Habeas Corpus General	Death Penalty	Prison Condition & Civil Rights	Mandamus and Other
1990 ³	42,684	6,611	2,970	1,967	0	1,149	525	-	36,073	10,823	54	24,843	353
1995	63,550	8,951	5,988	1,343	0	1,110	510	-	54,599	13,462	170	40,569	398
2000	58,257	11,880	6,341	3,870	0	1,041	628	-	46,377	21,090	259	24,464	564
2005	61,238	18,010	10,361	5,683	0	1,286	680	-	43,228	18,961	229	23,328	710
2008	54,781	11,284	6,352	3,035	0	1,304	598	485	43,497	18,268	187	24,375	667
2009	52,304	10,457	5,771	2,883	0	1,315	488	883	41,847	17,454	227	23,573	593
2010	51,522	10,164	5,858	2,982	0	914	410	682	41,358	16,843	199	23,774	542
2011	53,611	11,967	6,260	3,029	1	1,403	409	865	41,644	16,595	194	24,253	602
2012	54,300	13,737	8,499	2,922	3	1,214	355	744	40,563	15,929	186	23,896	552

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 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, 2005 and 2008 - 2010 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*.