

Table 2.4

U.S. Courts of Appeals—Pro Se Cases Filed

Fiscal Year	Total Appeals	Pro Se Cases											Percent Pro Se	
		Total	Appeals From District Courts							Other Appeals				
			Civil Appeals						Criminal Appeals	Administrative Agency	Bankruptcy	Original Proceedings ¹		
			Total	Prisoner Petitions		Other Civil Appeals								
Total	U.S.	Private		Total	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.	Private	Appeals	Agency	Bankruptcy	Proceedings 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
2000	54,697	24,938	19,945	15,027	4,045	10,982	4,918	1,361	3,557	945	797	248	3,003	45.6
2005	68,473	28,559	19,545	15,030	5,426	9,604	4,515	1,110	3,405	1,215	3,501	236	4,062	41.7
2010	55,992	27,209	19,264	14,067	4,227	9,840	5,197	1,147	4,050	2,119	2,173	206	3,447	48.6
2011	55,126	27,143	19,121	14,057	4,261	9,796	5,064	1,079	3,985	2,017	2,070	244	3,691	49.2
2012	57,501	29,075	19,028	13,582	4,288	9,294	5,446	1,100	4,346	3,342	2,508	227	3,970	50.6
2013	56,475	28,800	18,761	13,556	4,528	9,028	5,205	1,067	4,138	2,301	2,723	313	4,702	51.0
2014	54,988	28,047	18,603	13,666	4,827	8,839	4,937	1,049	3,888	1,876	2,363	237	4,968	51.0

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ 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 petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), enacted 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*.