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Table 5.69

Appeals from U.S. District Courts filed in U.S. Courts of Appeals

By nature of suit or offense, 1981-96

Nature of suit or offense	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total cases	21,391	23,551	25,039	26,606	28,560	29,425	30,798	32,686	34,995	36,609	37,410	41,543	44,236	42,983	44,365	47,026
Total civil cases	17,014	18,784	20,249	21,725	23,571	24,291	25,538	26,674	26,975	27,116	27,461	30,328	32,374	32,309	34,203	36,137
U.S. cases	4,940	5,517	5,820	6,259	6,744	6,415	6,292	6,210	6,349	6,626	6,663	7,137	7,858	7,533	7,919	8,750
U.S. plaintiff	777	899	964	958	914	989	969	838	885	935	991	1,012	985	923	809	728
Contract actions	55	91	96	109	99	87	136	105	121	146	116	165	196	126	95	89
Real property actions	141	148	136	126	111	107	117	108	84	88	98	81	134	102	62	63
Civil rights	47	96	77	91	68	79	112	95	95	121	100	89	53	83	78	80
Labor laws	82	87	109	94	68	84	78	86	72	62	68	59	44	49	37	26
All other ^a	452	477	546	538	568	632	526	444	513	518	609	618	558	563	537	470
U.S. defendant	4,163	4,618	4,856	5,301	5,830	5,426	5,323	5,372	5,464	5,691	5,672	6,125	6,873	6,610	7,110	8,022
Contract actions	212	136	136	169	141	141	132	127	112	133	159	206	232	180	139	131
Real property actions	82	80	80	76	77	82	79	106	69	82	107	91	114	99	97	110
Tort actions	395	443	496	410	404	409	448	379	407	381	384	396	369	376	356	463
Civil rights	469	619	632	625	720	612	642	691	707	693	744	796	899	873	898	948
Prisoner petitions:																
Motions to vacate sentence	459	359	388	470	551	624	712	856	991	1,112	1,154	1,467	1,818	1,774	2,215	3,078
Habeas corpus ^b	344	455	440	462	531	485	546	524	493	488	506	432	421	430	462	451
Prisoner civil rights	234	234	282	294	288	324	349	335	325	408	389	406	416	506	555	624
Other prisoner petitions	118	155	148	171	140	136	195	247	256	253	289	239	247	229	225	293
Social Security laws	642	779	992	1,204	1,188	1,178	982	992	951	926	686	683	846	861	925	815
Tax suits	239	248	259	457	448	393	288	264	310	313	332	360	320	306	270	219
Environmental matters	NA	124	89	94	102	81	60	70	97	93	96	99	101	105	110	133
Freedom of Information Act	NA	96	103	104	130	143	134	108	83	93	98	136	142	98	81	94
All other ^c	784	875	811	765	1,110	818	756	673	663	716	728	814	948	773	777	663
Private cases	12,074	13,267	14,429	15,466	16,827	17,876	19,246	20,464	20,626	20,490	20,798	23,919	24,516	24,776	26,284	27,387
Federal question	9,005	9,994	10,769	11,734	12,910	13,989	15,130	15,901	16,274	16,370	16,668	18,795	19,930	20,824	22,496	23,533
Contract actions	307	373	401	495	586	525	510	533	587	561	628	737	631	768	578	642
Tort actions	581	600	607	680	749	782	697	800	778	737	742	750	783	744	813	686
Civil rights	2,587	2,787	3,043	3,215	3,648	3,928	3,926	3,931	3,939	3,915	3,844	4,339	5,030	5,638	6,001	6,242
Antitrust	391	378	345	303	310	345	309	274	253	214	190	162	197	197	164	160
Prisoner petitions:																
Habeas corpus ^b	1,258	1,529	1,683	1,609	2,172	2,331	2,755	3,107	3,168	3,170	3,391	3,725	3,612	3,642	3,927	4,423
Prisoner civil rights	1,851	2,038	2,297	2,796	2,772	2,982	3,817	4,070	4,224	4,413	4,655	5,396	6,044	6,385	7,528	8,053
Other prisoner petitions	47	63	89	162	78	110	111	114	100	53	70	71	104	78	69	70
Labor laws	580	704	845	966	1,009	1,056	1,084	1,109	1,190	1,085	1,079	1,195	1,181	1,179	1,276	1,190
Copyrights, patent, and trademark	394	434	334	303	275	339	329	301	265	349	306	377	394	401	443	447
Securities, commodities, exchange	NA	305	308	342	290	464	407	443	449	417	352	428	323	242	224	242
Constitutionality of State statutes	NA	117	116	82	104	110	71	101	102	96	100	117	87	106	123	96
All other	594	666	701	781	917	1,017	1,114	1,118	1,219	1,360	1,311	1,498	1,544	1,444	1,350	1,282
Diversity of citizenship	3,030	3,217	3,610	3,668	3,878	3,834	4,065	4,504	4,287	4,099	4,088	4,333	4,551	3,898	3,753	3,833
Contract actions	1,815	1,808	1,983	2,102	2,192	2,289	2,459	2,414	2,612	2,413	2,419	2,450	2,398	2,292	2,183	2,235
Tort actions	1,029	1,240	1,413	1,409	1,538	1,393	1,434	1,930	1,468	1,488	1,415	1,663	1,957	1,410	1,414	1,445
All other ^d	186	169	214	157	148	152	172	160	207	198	254	220	196	196	156	153
General local jurisdiction	39	56	50	64	39	53	51	59	65	21	42	63	35	54	35	21
Contract actions	6	NA	NA	NA	NA	5	7	17	18	8	10	16	8	13	8	2
Tort actions	5	NA	NA	NA	NA	30	16	29	17	3	18	14	14	21	11	3
Prisoner petitions	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	3	3	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	4
All other ^d	28	NA	NA	NA	NA	18	25	10	28	9	14	31	13	20	16	12
Total criminal cases	4,377	4,767	4,790	4,881	4,989	5,134	5,260	6,012	8,020	9,493	9,949	11,215	11,862	10,674	10,162	10,889
Homicide	51	62	54	53	49	56	56	54	50	81	66	79	83	126	114	142
Assault	NA	74	90	61	67	63	75	80	102	97	86	80	116	103	103	80
Robbery and burglary	304	362	327	294	300	237	228	229	379	400	463	547	596	528	353	289
Larceny and theft	324	285	287	239	242	210	236	188	243	267	225	238	262	302	250	278
Embezzlement and fraud	887	912	917	855	912	971	966	1,093	1,174	1,221	1,387	1,522	1,561	1,426	1,294	1,581
Auto theft	64	60	52	49	55	51	23	37	30	35	38	49	64	135	92	112
Drug Prevention and Control Act ^e	1,583	1,605	1,774	1,970	2,063	2,134	2,254	2,977	4,386	5,658	5,570	5,936	5,900	5,104	4,499	5,099
Extortion, racketeering, and threats	143	158	158	188	263	245	203	135	125	119	136	167	157	150	122	204
Firearms, weapons	169	281	293	248	229	276	258	297	476	526	715	1,092	1,237	1,139	1,034	1,183
Forgery and counterfeiting	167	194	191	221	157	183	161	142	175	172	128	152	132	127	132	140
Immigration	NA	99	94	97	64	78	73	78	157	140	144	209	226	263	277	353
All other ^f	480	675	553	606	588	629	559	702	723	777	991	1,144	1,528	1,271	1,892	1,428

See notes at end of table.

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Appeals from U.S. District Courts filed in U.S. Courts of Appeals

By nature of suit or offense, 1981-96--Continued

Note: See Note, table 5.67. "Private cases" brought in U.S. District Courts include suits wherein litigation is between States and/or private citizens. "Prisoner petitions" included in this category are those filed by State prisoners naming a State or its representative(s) as the defendant(s). "Diversity of citizenship" refers to lawsuits between residents of different States. Since 1987, totals include reopened, remanded, and reinstated appeals as well as original appeals. Data for 1981-91 are reported for the 12-month period ending June 30. Beginning in 1992, data are reported for the Federal fiscal year, which is the 12-month period ending September 30.

^aIncludes tort actions; forfeiture and penalty; securities, commodities, and exchange; and tax suits.

^bIncludes death cases.

^cIncludes labor suits.

^dIncludes real property actions.

^eIncludes marijuana, narcotics, controlled substances, and other drug-related offenses.

^fIncludes sex offenses, bribery, gambling, lottery, kidnaping, escape, perjury, drunk driving/traffic, and Federal statutes such as agricultural acts, antitrust violations, etc.

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Annual Report of the Director*, **1982**, p. 82; **1985**, p. 118; **1986**, pp. 165-168; **1995**, pp. 122-126 (Washington, DC: Administrative Office of the United States Courts); and Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Annual Report of the Director*, **1984**, p. 112; **1987**, pp. 165-168; **1988**, pp. 168-171; **1989**, pp. 164-167; **1990**, pp. 130-132; **1991**, pp. 183, 184; **1992**, pp. 166-170; **1993**, pp. A1-38--A1-42; **1994**, Table B-7; **1996**, pp. 119-123 (Washington, DC: USGPO). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.