

Table 4.5
U.S. District Courts—Product Liability Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2020

Fiscal Year	Total	Contract Actions	Real Property	Property Damage	Personal Injury				
					Airline	Marine	Motor Vehicle	Asbestos	Other
2020	241,438	537	414	507	229	6	281	203	239,261
2019	57,632	455	526	494	188	19	405	267	55,278
2018	48,420	1,521	419	617	22	15	718	224	44,884
2017	36,733	237	308	474	31	17	395	351	34,920
2016	41,221	390	344	608	90	34	415	446	38,894
2015	46,167	279	342	3,782	63	9	404	1,982	39,306
2010	64,367	293	249	622	184	37	507	41,133	21,342
2005	30,295	224	103	431	79	46	531	1,243	27,638
2000	15,318	350	72	468	164	54	421	7,187	6,602
1995	28,226	249	64	366	155	53	566	6,916	19,857
1990 ¹	19,428	361	65	323	196	330	575	13,687	3,891

¹ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

² Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that have been severed into individual cases.

Sources: Personal injury/product liability data from Table C-11, Table S-7 (1990), and Table S-10 (1995, 2000, 2005),
the *United States Courts*.