

Table 4.7
U.S. District Courts—Intellectual Property Rights Cases Filed
During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2021

Fiscal Year	Total	U.S. Cases			Private Cases			
		Total	Patent	Trademark	Total	Copyright	Patent	Trademark
2021	11,584	21	16	5	11,563	3,746	4,008	3,200
2020	9,964	9	7	2	9,955	3,224	3,902	2,829
2019	12,582	7	5	2	12,575	5,467	3,584	3,524
2018	12,690	9	8	1	12,681	5,756	3,822	3,103
2017	10,768	16	12	4	10,752	3,451	4,307	2,994
2015	13,751	16	14	2	13,735	5,035	5,550	3,150
2010	8,966	85	81	4	8,881	2,013	3,220	3,648
2005	12,184	25	14	11	12,159	5,796	2,706	3,657
1995	6,866	27	17	10	6,839	2,417	1,706	2,716
1990 ¹	5,700	30	22	8	5,670	2,095	1,165	2,410

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table.

¹ Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table C-2, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.