

**Table 4.5**  
**U.S. District Courts. Product Liability Cases Filed, by Nature of Suit**

Fiscal Year	Total	Contract Actions	Torts to Land	Property Damage	Personal Injury				
					Airline	Marine	Motor Vehicle	Asbestos	Other
1990	19,621	383	65	334	191	277	589	13,809	3,973
1995	28,226	249	64	366	155	53	566	6,916	19,857
2000	15,318	350	72	468	164	54	421	7,187	6,602
2003	22,509	314	90	494	101	34	609	1,562	19,305
2004	34,928	260	99	469	100	32	618	1,471	31,879
2005	30,295	224	103	431	79	46	531	1,243	27,638
2006	49,743	265	148	591	74	37	561	16,547	31,520
2007	37,566	249	348	500	114	44	447	12,404	23,460

Source: Personal injury/product liability data from Table C-2, Table S-7 (1990), and Table S-10 (1995, 2000, 2002-2007), *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.