

Table 4.6

U.S. District Courts—Prisoner Petitions Filed, by Nature of Suit

| Fiscal Year | Total | U.S. Cases | | | | | Private Cases | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| | | U.S. Cases Total | Motions to Vacate Sentence | Habeas Corpus General ¹ | Prison Condition & Civil Rights | Mandamus and Other | Private Cases Total | Habeas Corpus General | Death Penalty | Prison Condition & Civil Rights | Mandamus and Other |
| 1990 ² | 42,684 | 6,611 | 2,970 | 1,967 | 1,149 | 525 | 36,073 | 10,823 | 54 | 24,843 | 353 |
| 1995 | 63,550 | 8,951 | 5,988 | 1,343 | 1,110 | 510 | 54,599 | 13,462 | 170 | 40,569 | 398 |
| 2000 | 58,257 | 11,880 | 6,341 | 3,870 | 1,041 | 628 | 46,377 | 21,090 | 259 | 24,464 | 564 |
| 2006 | 54,955 | 12,032 | 6,515 | 3,789 | 1,116 | 612 | 42,923 | 18,959 | 236 | 23,123 | 605 |
| 2007 | 53,945 | 11,296 | 5,896 | 3,299 | 1,246 | 855 | 42,649 | 18,907 | 232 | 22,779 | 731 |
| 2008 | 54,781 | 11,284 | 6,352 | 3,035 | 1,304 | 598 | 43,497 | 18,268 | 187 | 24,375 | 667 |
| 2009 | 52,304 | 10,457 | 5,771 | 2,883 | 1,315 | 488 | 41,847 | 17,454 | 227 | 23,573 | 593 |
| 2010 | 51,522 | 10,164 | 5,858 | 2,982 | 914 | 410 | 41,358 | 16,843 | 199 | 23,774 | 542 |

Note: Prisoner petitions increased 47 percent between 1990 and 1995. Since 1995, fluctuations have occurred in prisoner petitions as a result of legislation (the Prison Litigation Reform Act and Title I of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, both of which were passed in April 1996) and Supreme Court decisions *Bailey v. United States*, 16 U.S. 137 (1995), and *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000).

¹ Includes U.S. death penalty cases.

² Twelve-month period ending June 30. The total provided here for prisoner petitions does not match exactly the data reported on the C-3 Table for 1990 because the data for this table were recomputed for the fiscal year.

Source: Table C-3, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.