

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*.