

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 <sup>1</sup>	Death Penalty	Prison Condition & Civil Rights	Mandamus and Other	Habeas Corpus Alien Detainee <sup>2</sup>	Private Cases Total	Habeas Corpus General	Death Penalty	Prison Condition & Civil Rights	Mandamus and Other
1990 <sup>3</sup>	42,684	6,611	2,970	1,967	0	1,149	525	-	36,073	10,823	54	24,843	353
1995	63,550	8,951	5,988	1,343	0	1,110	510	-	54,599	13,462	170	40,569	398
2000	58,257	11,880	6,341	3,870	0	1,041	628	-	46,377	21,090	259	24,464	564
2005	61,238	18,010	10,361	5,683	0	1,286	680	-	43,228	18,961	229	23,328	710
2011	53,611	11,967	6,260	3,029	1	1,403	409	865	41,644	16,595	194	24,253	602
2012	54,300	13,737	8,499	2,922	3	1,214	355	744	40,563	15,929	186	23,896	552
2013	56,164	12,563	7,924	2,627	3	1,694	315	791	43,601	16,729	190	26,114	568
2014	59,939	11,621	7,390	2,482	7	1,378	364	736	48,318	16,703	158	30,871	586
2015	51,861	9,288	5,520	2,417	8	1,056	287	670	42,573	16,031	186	25,806	550

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 the Supreme Court decisions *Bailey v. United States*, 16 U.S.137 (1995), and *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000).

<sup>1</sup> Data for 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005 include U.S. death penalty cases.

<sup>2</sup> Collection of data for this category began in 2008.

<sup>3</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

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