

Table 2.3
U.S. Courts of Appeals (Excludes Federal Circuit). Appeals Filed by Type of Appeal and Originating Agency

Fiscal Year	Total Appeals (1)	Appeals From District Court									Other Appeals From:			
		Civil Appeals						Criminal Appeals			Administrative Agency	Bankruptcy	Original Proceedings** (2)	
		Total	Prisoner Petitions		Other Civil		Total	Drugs	Other Criminal					
Total	U.S.		Private	Total	U.S.	Private								
1990*	40,893	26,980	10,003	2,254	7,749	16,977	4,245	12,732	9,642	5,713	3,929	2,558	1,107	606
1995	50,072	34,203	14,985	3,459	11,526	19,218	4,460	14,758	10,162	4,499	5,663	3,295	1,667	745
2000	54,697	35,780	17,252	4,955	12,297	18,528	3,740	14,788	10,707	4,450	6,257	3,237	1,007	3,966
2001	57,464	36,046	18,343	6,138	12,205	17,703	3,567	14,136	11,281	4,529	6,752	3,300	961	5,876
2002	57,555	35,499	18,272	6,065	12,207	17,227	3,359	13,868	11,569	4,688	6,881	5,789	843	3,855
2003	60,847	34,390	17,691	5,350	12,341	16,699	3,239	13,460	11,968	4,562	7,406	9,988	902	3,599
2004	62,762	33,075	16,561	4,992	11,569	16,514	3,239	13,275	12,506	4,660	7,846	12,255	862	4,064
2005	68,473	32,818	17,034	6,258	10,776	15,784	2,971	12,813	16,060	6,099	9,961	13,713	865	5,017

*Twelve month period ended June 30.

**Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g., writs of mandamus, motions to file successive habeas petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, enacted April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals for certain petitions. Data for these types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998.

(1) Total appeals filed increased 41 percent between 1990 and 2002 and are up 19 percent over the past four years, driven mostly by the increase in immigration-related administrative agency appeals and criminal appeals. The increase in filings of administrative agency appeals began in February 2002, after the Attorney General ordered the Board of Immigration Appeals to clear its backlog of cases, stating that this action was required to help prevent terrorist attacks and enforce the nation's immigration laws.

(2) In 2001, rumors of a one-year deadline for filing petitions pursuant to *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (no such deadline actually existed) resulted in a large jump in motions to seek such petitions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Source: Statistical Tables B-1 and B-7