

Table 2.4
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Pro Se Cases Filed
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 1995 Through 2016

Fiscal Year	Total Appeals	Pro Se Cases												Percent Pro Se		
		Total	Appeals from District Courts									Criminal Appeals	Other Appeals			
			Civil Appeals						Total	U.S.	Private		Administrative Agency		Bankruptcy	Original Proceedings ¹
			Prisoner Petitions			Other Civil Appeals										
			Total	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.	Private								
2016	60,357	31,609	16,824	11,917	3,624	8,293	4,907	1,061	3,846	2,920	1,866	256	9,743	52.4		
2015	52,698	26,883	17,643	12,406	3,732	8,674	5,237	1,148	4,089	2,636	2,313	285	4,006	52.4		
2014	54,987	28,047	18,603	13,666	4,827	8,839	4,937	1,049	3,888	1,876	2,363	237	4,968	50.8		
2013	56,475	28,800	18,761	13,556	4,528	9,028	5,205	1,067	4,138	2,301	2,723	313	4,702	53.5		
2012	57,500	29,075	19,028	13,582	4,288	9,294	5,446	1,100	4,346	3,342	2,508	227	3,970	52.8		
2010	55,991	27,208	19,263	14,089	4,250	9,839	5,174	1,124	4,050	2,119	2,173	206	3,447	41.2		
2005	68,469	28,555	19,541	15,030	5,426	9,604	4,511	1,108	3,403	1,215	3,501	236	4,062	46.1		
2000	54,694	24,935	19,942	15,027	4,045	10,982	4,915	1,358	3,557	945	797	248	3,003	25.0		
1995	50,072	19,973	17,842	13,083	2,763	10,320	4,759	1,364	3,395	803	622	438	268	39.9		

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table. This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g., writs of mandamus, motions seeking permission to file second or successive habeas corpus petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), enacted in April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals to file motions for second or successive habeas corpus petitions. Data for these and other types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998. Beginning in March 2014, data include miscellaneous cases not included previously.

Source: Table B-9, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.