

**Table 4.3**  
**U.S. District Courts. Civil Cases Filed by Origin**

Fiscal Year	Total	Original Filings**	Removals from State Courts (1)	Remands from Courts of Appeals	Reopens	Transfers***
1990	217,013	177,684	26,989	1,066	9,171	2,103
1995	248,335	190,843	39,901	796	7,727	9,068
2000	259,517	212,454	30,194	914	9,135	6,820
2002	274,841	198,002	55,480	814	11,819	8,726
2003*	252,962	192,618	36,228	844	12,085	11,187
2004	281,338	217,309	34,443	697	10,217	18,672
2005	253,249	198,130	30,178	583	9,407	14,951
2006	259,541	183,532	29,437	602	25,841	20,129

*\*2003 data were revised in the 2004 Annual Report.*

*\*\*This column includes small numbers of appeals from magistrate judge judgments and cases of unknown origin; thus, the totals may not match original filings numbers shown on Table S-7 of the Annual Report.*

*\*\*\*Transfers are calculated for FY 1990 and 1995 because earlier tables did not include MDL transfers; thus, total civil cases filed may not match that of Table S-7 of the Annual Report.*

(1) The significant increase in cases removed from state courts in 2002 involved asbestos "friction products" that relate to automotive brake pads.

NOTE: In 2006, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania accounted for 65 percent of the reopened cases with over 16,900 personal injury product liability cases. Thirty-six percent of the transfers were a result of 7,208 multi-district litigation asbestos cases.

Source: Statistical Table S-4 (1990) and S-7 (1995, 2000, 2002-2006)