

**Table 1.2**  
**U.S. Courts of Appeals. Pro Se Cases Filed (Excludes Federal Circuit)**

Fiscal Year*	Total Appeals	Pro Se											Percent Pro Se (2)		
		Total	Appeals From District Court								Criminal Appeals	Other Appeals From:			
			Total	Civil Appeals			Total	Other Civil		Administrative Agency (1)		Bankruptcy		Original Proceedings**	
				Total	U.S.	Private		U.S.	Private						
1993	50,224	17,043	14,989	10,799	2,376	8,423	4,190	1,346	2,844	870	662	355	167	33.9%	
1994	48,322	18,252	16,235	11,432	2,467	8,965	4,803	1,423	3,380	986	550	302	179	37.8%	
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%	
1996	51,991	22,258	19,844	15,178	3,712	11,466	4,666	1,433	3,233	1,114	578	405	317	42.8%	
1997	52,319	21,747	19,171	14,225	4,316	9,909	4,946	1,361	3,585	1,034	808	323	411	41.6%	
1998	53,805	22,992	20,400	15,084	4,520	10,564	5,316	1,485	3,831	1,020	885	366	321	42.7%	
1999	54,693	24,416	19,922	14,995	4,330	10,665	4,927	1,449	3,478	927	676	269	2,622	44.6%	
2000	54,697	24,938	19,945	15,027	4,045	10,982	4,918	1,361	3,557	945	797	248	3,003	45.6%	
2001	57,464	27,265	20,415	15,812	5,094	10,718	4,603	1,256	3,347	1,142	764	266	4,678	47.4%	
2002	57,555	26,624	20,660	16,054	5,205	10,849	4,606	1,188	3,418	1,286	1,377	242	3,059	46.3%	
2003	60,847	26,493	20,108	15,467	4,508	10,959	4,641	1,294	3,347	1,196	2,078	241	2,870	43.5%	

\*Pro Se appeals were not reported until 1993.

\*\* 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) The most recent increases resulted from large filings of immigration-related administrative agency appeals. In February 2002, 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) The proportion of pro se appeals increased steadily from 1993, when data were first collected, to 2001. While the new original proceedings have added to this increase, the primary factor remained prisoner appeals. The proportion of pro se appeals filed has decreased 3.9 percentage points since 2001.

Source: Statistical Table B-9