



Meta, Uber, Roblox: How Many Product Liability Lawsuits Target Tech Platforms

Original analysis of 543,213 records from the Federal Judicial Center, FY2016–FY2026 (Oct 2015–Jun 2026). Published October 21, 2026. <https://settlementinsight.com/research/tech-platforms-share-product-liability-lawsuits>

From October 2025 through June 2026, 25.5% of new federal product liability lawsuits outside the health care/pharma and asbestos categories (2,183 of 8,548) named Meta, Uber, Roblox or another of eight tech platforms as the first defendant, up from 11.5% in fiscal 2025 and 3.7% in fiscal 2024. The share rose partly because other filings fell: platform cases averaged 243 a month, against 219 in fiscal 2025, while all product liability filings dropped from 1,906 to 950 a month as filings naming 3M, mostly in the firefighting-foam (AFFF) and combat earplug MDLs, fell off.

26%

Non-pharma suits naming a tech platform, Oct 2025–Jun 2026

11%

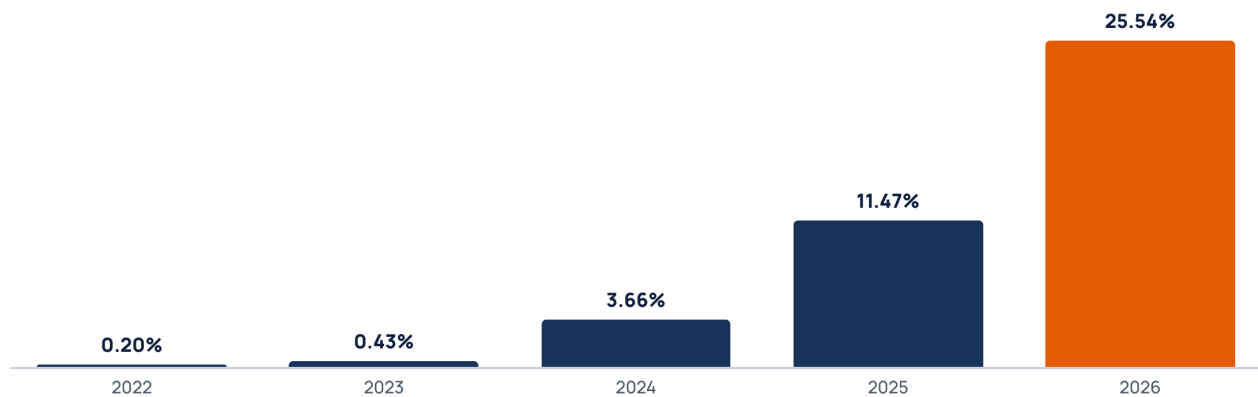
Same share in fiscal 2025

4.81K

Tech-platform cases, Oct 2024–Jun 2026



Share of new NOS 365 product liability cases naming a tech platform first



Source: Settlement Insight analysis of data from the Federal Judicial Center

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What the federal court records show

- 1. More than one in four.** In the first nine months of fiscal 2026, tech platforms were the first-named defendant in 2,183 of 8,548 new product liability cases, or one in every 3.9.

2. **Uber and Meta account for most.** Uber was named first in 1,071 cases (12.5% of all product liability filings) and Meta in 940 (11.0%) from October 2025 to June 2026.
3. **Roblox cases multiplied.** Suits naming Roblox first rose from 36 in all of fiscal 2025 to 135 in the first nine months of fiscal 2026.
4. **A shrinking denominator.** 3M was the first-named defendant in 47.5% of fiscal 2025 product liability filings but only 8.2% in fiscal 2026 to date, so the platform share grew faster than platform filings did.
5. **Outside direct MDL filings.** Leaving out cases filed directly into a multidistrict litigation, the platform share was 10.1% in fiscal 2025 and 21.2% in fiscal 2026 to date.
6. **Almost all in one court.** Of the 4,807 platform cases filed from October 2024 to June 2026, 94.9% were docketed in the Northern District of California, home to the Meta, Uber and Roblox MDLs.

How we measured

Data come from the Federal Judicial Center's Integrated Database (IDB) civil file, which covers cases filed through June 30, 2026. We used the release imported into our database on October 10, 2026, and retrieved all comparison documents on October 21, 2026.

We counted every civil case with nature of suit code 365 (Personal Injury - Product Liability, the U.S. Courts category "Other" product liability) filed between October 1, 2015 and June 30, 2026, by federal fiscal year (October to September). Health care and pharmaceutical (367) and asbestos (368) cases are not included. Where the same case (district, office, docket, origin and filing date) appears in two annual IDB releases, we kept only the newest record (3,786 duplicates removed). Reopened and transferred cases count as new filings, as they do in the judiciary's own statistics.

A case counts as a tech-platform case when its first-listed defendant begins with the name of Meta Platforms, Facebook, Instagram or WhatsApp; Uber Technologies; Roblox; Snap; TikTok or ByteDance; Google, YouTube or Alphabet; Discord; or Character Technologies. We reviewed every name variant and excluded look-alikes such as Snap-on.

Calibration: for fiscal 2025 we count 22,876 NOS 365 filings; U.S. Courts Table C-2 reports 22,879, a gap of 0.01%. For fiscal 2024 we count 36,407 against 36,515 (0.30% below).

Checked against published figures

- Civil cases commenced in U.S. district courts in FY2025 (12 months ending Sept. 30, 2025), Personal Injury/Product Liability - Other (NOS 365): published 22,879, our count 22,876 (0.01% apart). [Table C-2. U.S. District Courts - Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2024 and 2025](#)
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Limitations

- The IDB records only the first-listed defendant, cut to a fixed length. Cases that name a platform second or later, common in social media suits that name Meta, Snap, TikTok and Google together, count once or not at all, so platform involvement is understated.
- A case is a docket, not a plaintiff or an injury. Mass filings into an MDL can add hundreds of dockets in a few days, and a case transferred between districts is counted in both.
- The share depends on the denominator. Product liability filings fell sharply as new filings naming 3M in the earplug and firefighting-foam MDLs dropped, which raises the platform share even where platform filings grew more slowly.
- The latest months may be incomplete. Courts report filings to the Administrative Office with a delay and records are corrected in later releases, so the April–June 2026 quarter can still change and quarter-to-quarter differences at the end of the series should not be read as a trend on their own.
- Filing counts say nothing about the merits. Most of these cases are pending, and the data do not show whether any claim is valid or how it will be resolved. Online marketplaces such as Amazon, sued as product sellers, and app companies outside the eight groups, such as Lyft or Epic Games, are not counted as tech platforms here.

Data files

- [Federal district courts receiving tech-platform product liability lawsuits, Oct 2024-Jun 2026](#) (CSV, 32 rows)
- [New federal product liability lawsuits naming each tech platform first, FY2025 and FY2026 to date](#) (CSV, 8 rows)
- [Tech platforms' share of new federal product liability \(NOS 365\) lawsuits by fiscal year](#) (CSV, 5 rows)
- [Tech platforms' share of new federal product liability lawsuits by fiscal quarter](#) (CSV, 15 rows)

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