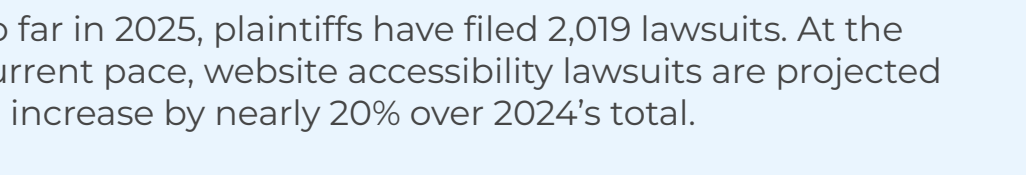


2025 Midyear Digital Accessibility Lawsuit Report

The UsableNet research team has tracked and documented digital accessibility lawsuits involving websites, mobile apps, and video content. This report covers all cases filed across the 11 federal circuit courts under the ADA, as well as cases filed in key individual state courts, including New York and California, highlighting the latest trends as of June 2025. Data and images may be shared with the attribution to UsableNet and a link to www.usablenet.com.

2025 Sees Digital Accessibility Lawsuits Spike



So far in 2025, plaintiffs have filed 2,019 lawsuits. At the current pace, website accessibility lawsuits are projected to increase by nearly 20% over 2024's total.

This spike follows a familiar pattern: when federal enforcement slows, private plaintiffs step in. What's notable this year is the growing shift toward state-level filings, especially in New York, where courts often offer more favorable conditions for applying the ADA to websites.

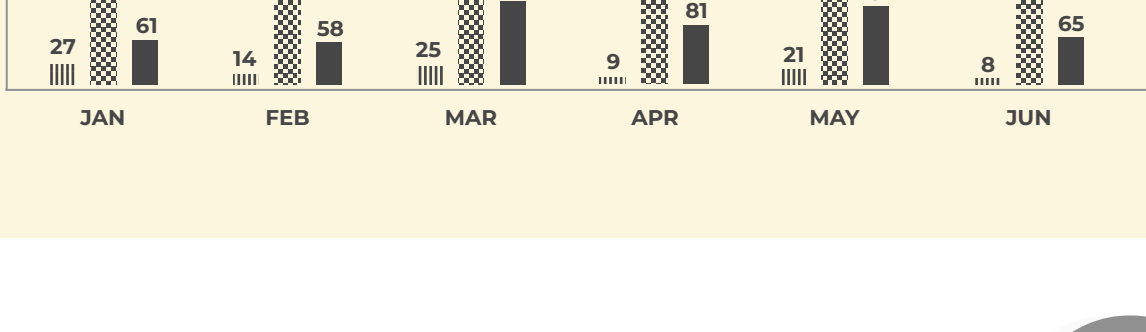
This shift in strategy is helping drive the overall rise in digital accessibility lawsuits.

New York Leads, Florida Surges in Website Accessibility Lawsuits

New York continues to lead in the total number of lawsuit filings; however, most plaintiffs are opting to file their cases in state instead of federal courts.

At the same time, Florida is re-establishing itself as a key jurisdiction and is currently the most active state for federal lawsuits.

Number of cases filed in California, New York, and Florida in 2025

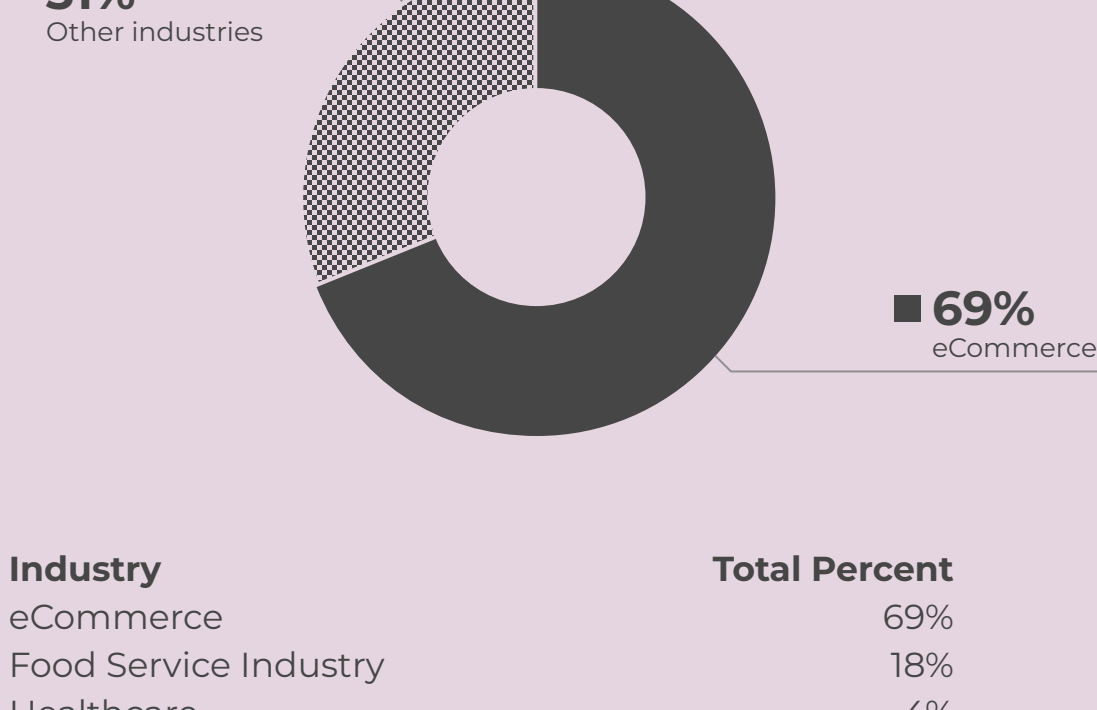


Defense Rankings Shift: New Plaintiff Leaders Emerge

In 2025, Dentons reclaimed the top position, while Stein & Nieporent LLP and other firms in the top ten remain consistent players on the defense side, only shifting in their rankings. Conversely, in recent years, new leaders have emerged on the plaintiff side as legal activity at the state level expands.

	DEFENDANT LAWYERS	PLAINTIFF LAWYERS
1	DENTONS US LLP	MIZRAHI KROUB LLP
2	STEIN & NIEPORENT LLP	EQUAL ACCESS LAW GROUP PLLC
3	JACKSON LEWIS P.C.	GOTTLIEB & ASSOCIATES
4	OGLETREE DEAKINS	STEIN SAKS, PLLC
5	O'HAGAN MEYER, LLC	SHAKED LAW GROUP, P.C.
6	LAW OFFICES OF NOLAN KLEIN, P.A.	ALEKSANDRA KRAVETS, ESQ., P.A.
7	SHEPPARD, MULLIN, RICHTER AND HAMPTON LLP	NYE, STIRLING, HALE, MILLER & SWEET, LLP
8	SEYFARTH SHAW LLP	MANNING LAW, APC
9	MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP	RODERICK HANNAH, ESQ., P.A.
10	LITTLER MENDELSON, P.C.	HOROWITZ LAW, PLLC

Lawsuits Pinpoint Key Industries



Industry	Total Percent
eCommerce	69%
Food Service Industry	18%
Healthcare	4%
Fitness & Wellness	3%
Education	2%
Travel/Hospitality	1%
Entertainment & Leisure	1%
Other	1%
Banking/Financial	< 1%
Automotive	< 1%
Digital Media & Agencies	< 1%
Insurance	< 1%
Self-Service	< 1%
Grand Total	100%

Most website accessibility lawsuits target companies that fall under the ADA's definition of places of public accommodation.

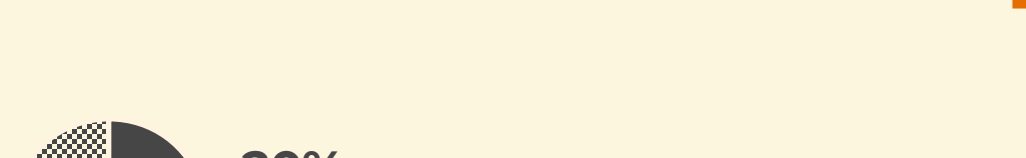
Plaintiffs argue that websites act as digital gateways to the goods and services and so should be required to meet the same accessibility standards.

Large Companies See Steady Rise in Lawsuits

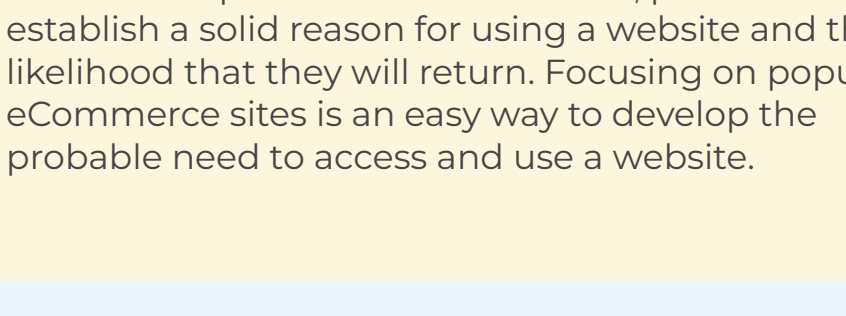
Lawsuits against large companies are steadily increasing. In the first half of 2025, 36% of sued companies had annual revenue exceeding \$25 million, up from 33% in 2024.

This shift suggests that plaintiffs are focusing on companies with more resources to settle lawsuits. Smaller companies are still targeted but account for a smaller share of lawsuits than in past years.

Cases filed among companies with less or more than \$25M revenue in the first 6 months of 2025



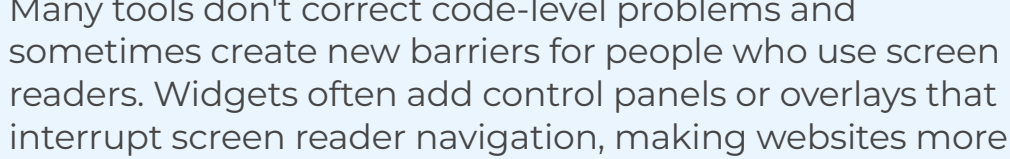
Big eCommerce Brands in the Spotlight



The more popular a site is, the more likely it is to receive one or multiple lawsuits. In a lawsuit, plaintiffs need to establish a solid reason for using a website and the likelihood that they will return. Focusing on popular eCommerce sites is an easy way to develop the probable need to access and use a website.

Accessibility Widgets Don't Offer Lawsuit Protection

Number of cases filed in 2025 against companies using widgets on their websites



Accessibility widgets haven't slowed the rise in digital accessibility lawsuits. More plaintiffs are filing lawsuits against companies that already use these tools. This trend shows that widgets often fail to fix the core accessibility issues that plaintiffs and law firms cite.

Many tools don't correct code-level problems and sometimes create new barriers for people who use screen readers. Widgets often add control panels or overlays that interrupt screen reader navigation, making websites more complicated to use for the people they aim to support.

Methodology

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