

2026 Midyear Digital Accessibility Lawsuit Report

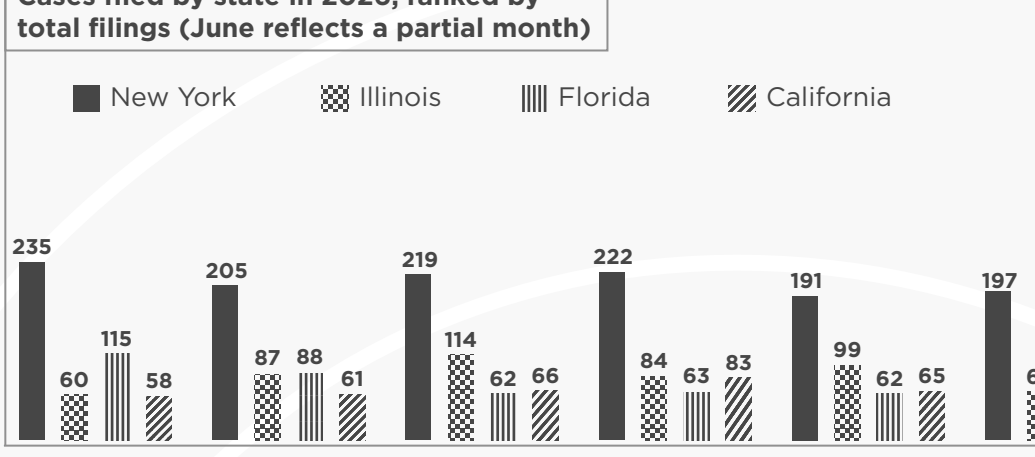
ADA Digital Accessibility Lawsuit Trends Involving: Websites, Mobile Apps, and Video Content

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VOLUME

ADA Lawsuit Filings on Track to Exceed 6,000 in 2026, a Record High

Digital accessibility lawsuits are on track to top 6,000 in 2026, a new record. There's no federal regulation defining web accessibility under ADA Title III, so courts apply the ADA to websites directly. Federal enforcement is limited, so accessibility law is enforced almost entirely through private lawsuits. This year's increase reflects that private litigation, not a change in federal policy.



Based on filings recorded through June 14, UsableNet projects approximately 6,176 lawsuits for 2026.

GEOGRAPHY

New York leads, Illinois surges



In 2026, New York still drives the most ADA digital accessibility lawsuits, but Illinois has rapidly climbed into the top tier.

New York still leads in total filings, with most cases now in state court rather than federal. The surprise of 2026 is Illinois, which has surged to second on the strength of a single high-volume plaintiff firm. Florida ranks third and remains the most active jurisdiction at the federal level, though its monthly filings have trended down over the first half of the year.

LEGAL ACTORS

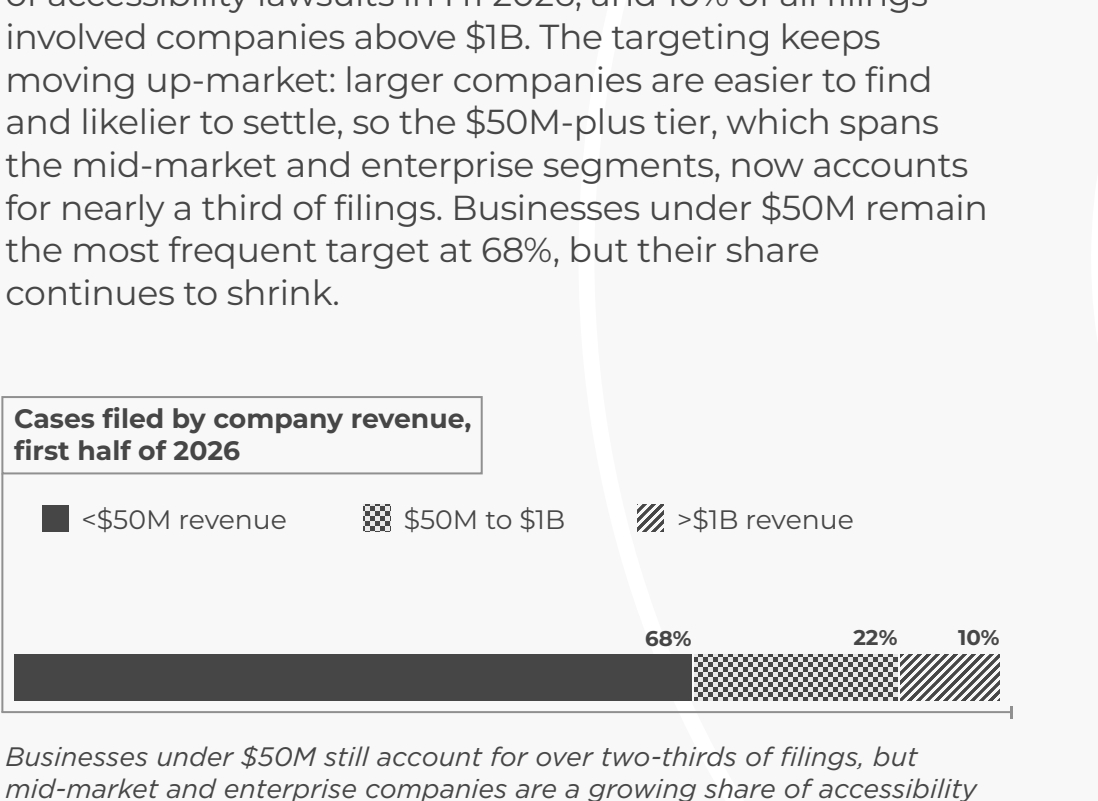
The Firms Driving the Caseload

On defense, the caseload stays fragmented: the top ten firms handle under 16% of filings, led by Dentons US LLP and Stein & Nieporent LLP. The plaintiff side is the opposite, with ten firms accounting for over 82%. One stands out: Equal Access Law Group PLLC, an Illinois firm filing more than one in five cases and a clear driver behind Illinois's surge.

	DEFENSE LAW FIRMS	PLAINTIFF LAW FIRMS
1	DENTONS US LLP	EQUAL ACCESS LAW GROUP PLLC
2	STEIN & NIEPORENT LLP	MIZRAHI KROUB LLP
3	O'HAGAN MEYER, LLC	MANNING LAW APC
4	JACKSON LEWIS P.C.	SHAKED LAW GROUP, P.C.
5	LAW OFFICES OF NOLAN KLEIN, P.A.	GOTTLIB & ASSOCIATES PLLC
6	OGLETTREE DEAKINS	STEIN SAKS PLLC
7	LEWIS BRISBOIS BISGAARD & SMITH LLP	THRONSET MICHENFELDER LAW OFFICE LLC
8	SEYFARTH SHAW LLP	F&S LAW GROUP
9	MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP	MENDEZ LAW OFFICES, PLLC
10	GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI, LLP	KSS LAW PLLC

INDUSTRY

The Same Sectors, Year After Year



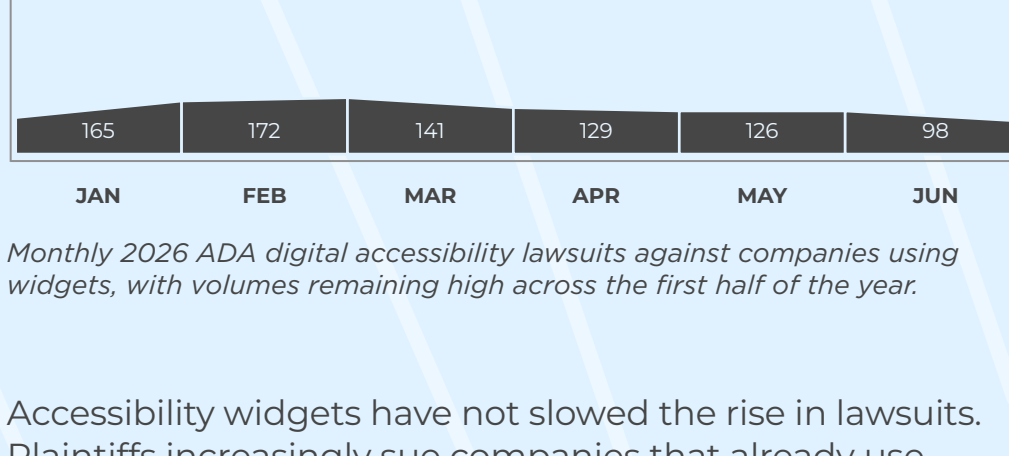
Lawsuits keep targeting the sectors at the heart of the ADA: businesses that serve the public. eCommerce and food service dominate filings because that's where commercial necessity meets everyday life online. For a shopper who is blind or has low vision, an inaccessible checkout or ordering page isn't an inconvenience; it's a barrier to buying at all.

The real signal is the consistency. Plaintiffs aren't finding new targets; they're returning to the same ones, which tells us meaningful remediation at scale still hasn't happened.

COMPANY SIZE

Larger Companies Increasingly in the Crosshairs

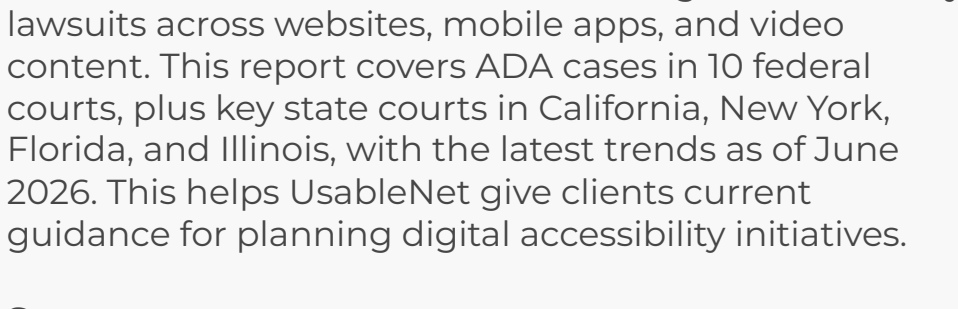
Companies with revenue above \$50M accounted for 32% of accessibility lawsuits in H1 2026, and 10% of all filings involved companies above \$1B. The targeting keeps moving up-market: larger companies are easier to find and likelier to settle, so the \$50M-plus tier, which spans the mid-market and enterprise segments, now accounts for nearly a third of filings. Businesses under \$50M remain the most frequent target at 68%, but their share continues to shrink.



Businesses under \$50M still account for over two-thirds of filings, but, mid-market and enterprise companies are a growing share of accessibility lawsuits in H1 2026.

ECOMMERCE BRANDS

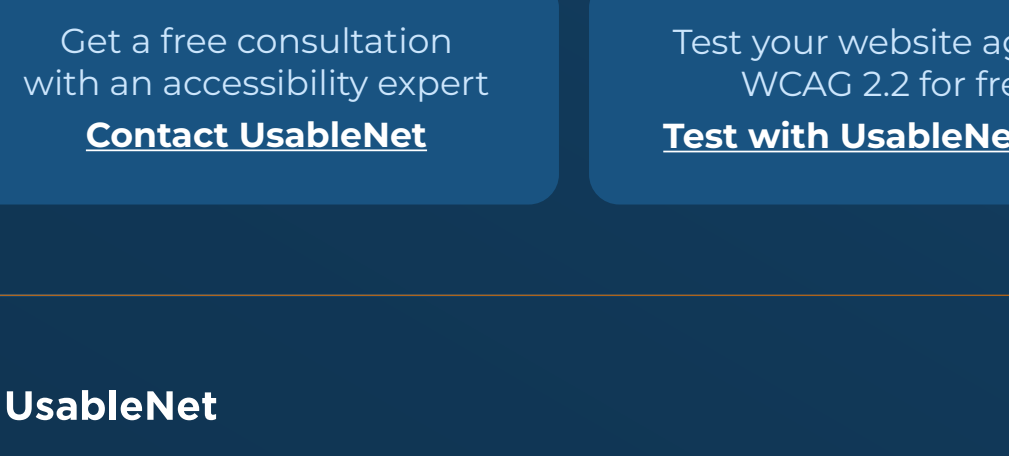
Big eCommerce Brands in the Spotlight



Well-known eCommerce brands remain attractive targets. Their visibility makes it easier for plaintiffs to allege familiarity with the brand, an intent to shop, and a likelihood of returning.

MITIGATION MYTHS

Widgets Don't Stop Lawsuits



Monthly 2026 ADA digital accessibility lawsuits against companies using widgets, with volumes remaining high across the first half of the year.

Accessibility widgets have not slowed the rise in lawsuits. Plaintiffs increasingly sue companies that already use them. Widgets generally address only a limited subset of accessibility issues and do not fix the broken interactions and functionality real users depend on. Some overlays can also interfere with assistive technology or introduce additional usability barriers.

The presence of a widget does not, by itself, prevent a lawsuit or demonstrate that a website is accessible.

Methodology

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Source

Data comes from the UsableNet research team's collection across multiple legal sources, from January 1 through June 14, 2026.

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