

Table B-1A.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Civil and Criminal Appeals Commenced, Terminated, and Pending, by Circuit and Nature of Proceeding, in Appeals
Arising From the U.S. District Courts During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2021

Nature of Suit or Offense	Pending Oct. 1, 2020 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Sept. 30, 2021
		Total	Original	Reopened ²	Total	On Procedural Grounds			On the Merits					
						Total	By Consolida-tion	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consolida-tion	After Oral Argument	After Submission on Briefs	
Total	27,489	33,881	32,792	1,089	35,846	12,762	52	3,030	9,680	23,084	1,702	5,383	15,999	25,524
Total Criminal Appeals	8,965	10,625	10,448	177	11,056	2,895	2	355	2,538	8,161	653	1,439	6,069	8,534
Total Civil Appeals	18,524	23,256	22,344	912	24,790	9,867	50	2,675	7,142	14,923	1,049	3,944	9,930	16,990
U.S. Appeals	4,915	5,453	5,237	216	6,385	2,271	5	444	1,822	4,114	293	696	3,125	3,983
U.S. Plaintiff	208	195	183	12	218	68	-	16	52	150	27	54	69	185
Negotiable Instruments	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Contract Actions	10	3	3	-	12	4	-	-	4	8	-	3	5	1
Condemnation of Land	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Other Real Property Actions	2	8	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	4	2	2	-	6
Tort Actions	12	7	7	-	7	1	-	-	1	6	-	2	4	12
Civil Rights	17	10	10	-	11	4	-	-	4	7	1	3	3	16
Employment	8	2	2	-	4	2	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	6
Other Civil Rights	9	8	8	-	7	2	-	-	2	5	1	2	2	10
Forfeiture And Penalty	21	15	14	1	18	6	-	2	4	12	1	3	8	18
Fair Labor Standards Act	4	5	5	-	4	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	5
Other Labor	2	7	7	-	4	2	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	5
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	41	49	46	3	45	20	-	5	15	25	9	8	8	45
Tax Suits	14	30	29	1	22	8	-	4	4	14	1	3	10	22
All Other	83	59	54	5	89	20	-	3	17	69	12	26	31	53
U.S. Defendant	4,707	5,258	5,054	204	6,167	2,203	5	428	1,770	3,964	266	642	3,056	3,798
Contract Actions	27	50	50	-	41	16	-	5	11	25	1	15	9	36
Real Property Actions	27	22	22	-	33	13	-	4	9	20	2	11	7	16
Tort Actions	129	185	177	8	185	69	-	22	47	116	7	33	76	129
Civil Rights	408	538	519	19	588	232	-	74	158	356	23	64	269	358
Employment	126	133	130	3	138	37	-	13	24	101	2	17	82	121
Other Civil Rights	282	405	389	16	450	195	-	61	134	255	21	47	187	237
Prisoner Petitions	2,739	3,242	3,113	129	3,774	1,435	1	250	1,184	2,339	97	175	2,067	2,207

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		Total	Original	Reopened ²		Total	Total	By Consol- dation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consol- dation	After Oral Argument	
Motions to Vacate Sentence	1,622	1,822	1,758	64	2,067	537	-	120	417	1,530	71	90	1,369	1,377
Habeas Corpus--General	512	568	548	20	696	240	-	37	203	456	11	29	416	384
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	6	10	9	1	15	3	-	1	2	12	-	5	7	1
Prisoner Civil Rights	250	381	357	24	455	288	-	57	231	167	5	21	141	176
Prison Condition	92	182	175	7	176	117	-	19	98	59	4	4	51	98
Other Prisoner Petitions	257	279	266	13	365	250	1	16	233	115	6	26	83	171
Labor Suits	15	14	13	1	16	3	-	-	3	13	-	3	10	13
Social Security Laws	687	511	491	20	774	163	-	25	138	611	72	121	418	424
Tax Suits	41	49	48	1	49	7	-	2	5	42	7	17	18	41
Environmental Matters	83	77	76	1	87	53	2	2	49	34	7	18	9	73
Freedom of Information Act	62	53	49	4	62	18	-	4	14	44	4	28	12	53
All Other	489	517	496	21	558	194	2	40	152	364	46	157	161	448
Total Private Appeals	13,609	17,803	17,107	696	18,405	7,596	45	2,231	5,320	10,809	756	3,248	6,805	13,007
Federal Question	11,476	15,088	14,566	522	15,842	6,500	27	2,051	4,422	9,342	589	2,601	6,152	10,722
Marine Contract	16	31	31	-	21	9	-	-	9	12	1	5	6	26
Other Contract Actions	202	300	296	4	249	103	1	21	81	146	12	60	74	253
Federal Employers Liability Act	7	8	8	-	10	7	-	3	4	3	-	2	1	5
Marine Injury	26	31	29	2	31	7	-	2	5	24	3	14	7	26
Other Tort Actions	319	488	470	18	412	173	1	55	117	239	26	87	126	395
Antitrust	112	85	80	5	87	29	1	6	22	58	8	37	13	110
Civil Rights	3,824	4,459	4,315	144	4,840	1,999	10	880	1,109	2,841	138	1,296	1,407	3,443
Employment	1,352	1,296	1,260	36	1,638	779	3	530	246	859	20	534	305	1,010
Other Civil Rights	2,472	3,163	3,055	108	3,202	1,220	7	350	863	1,982	118	762	1,102	2,433
Prisoner Petitions	4,741	7,252	7,012	240	7,540	3,147	2	876	2,269	4,393	149	357	3,887	4,453
Habeas Corpus--General	2,196	3,335	3,234	101	3,470	849	-	327	522	2,621	61	147	2,413	2,061
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	210	72	58	14	109	22	1	13	8	87	9	46	32	173
Prisoner Civil Rights	1,527	2,461	2,378	83	2,582	1,427	1	342	1,084	1,155	68	115	972	1,406
Prison Condition	787	1,331	1,291	40	1,328	826	-	190	636	502	11	48	443	790
Other Prisoner Petitions	21	53	51	2	51	23	-	4	19	28	-	1	27	23
Labor Management Relations Act	63	40	38	2	62	22	-	3	19	40	4	19	17	41

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Other Labor	471	549	526	23	567	223	1	41	181	344	38	194	112	453
Intellectual Property Rights	250	293	283	10	302	130	4	23	103	172	20	99	53	241
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	108	111	107	4	116	35	-	7	28	81	3	61	17	103
Constitutionality of State Statutes	182	180	167	13	197	74	2	17	55	123	16	57	50	165
All Other	1,155	1,261	1,204	57	1,408	542	5	117	420	866	171	313	382	1,008
Diversity of Citizenship	2,131	2,715	2,541	174	2,561	1,095	18	180	897	1,466	167	646	653	2,285
Insurance	412	659	638	21	465	186	6	23	157	279	33	126	120	606
Other Contract Actions	628	709	689	20	699	283	6	46	231	416	67	207	142	638
Real Property Actions	282	285	190	95	378	208	3	14	191	170	9	43	118	189
Personal Injury/Product Liability	140	212	204	8	180	86	-	38	48	94	13	52	29	172
Other Personal Injury	310	389	369	20	373	133	1	22	110	240	28	97	115	326
Personal Property Damage	184	217	213	4	235	107	1	16	90	128	12	67	49	166
All Other	175	244	238	6	231	92	1	21	70	139	5	54	80	188
General Location Jurisdiction	2	0	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	0
All Other	2	0	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	0
Total Criminal Appeals	8,965	10,625	10,448	177	11,056	2,895	2	355	2,538	8,161	653	1,439	6,069	8,534
Violent Offenses	558	658	643	15	683	196	-	33	163	487	41	95	351	533
Homicide	58	67	62	5	63	18	-	4	14	45	4	10	31	62
Robbery	97	149	144	5	156	49	-	7	42	107	11	16	80	90
Assault	73	83	83	-	94	24	-	4	20	70	3	20	47	62
Kidnapping	41	48	47	1	46	14	-	1	13	32	5	4	23	43
Racketeering--Violent Crime	117	141	139	2	145	38	-	6	32	107	8	17	82	113
Carjacking	100	106	105	1	103	31	-	2	29	72	5	12	55	103
Terrorism	27	21	21	-	25	6	-	-	6	19	-	9	10	23
Other Violent Offenses	45	43	42	1	51	16	-	9	7	35	5	7	23	37
Property Offenses	987	881	859	22	1,074	302	-	42	260	772	115	193	464	794

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Burglary	7	4	4	-	7	-	-	-	-	7	1	2	4	4
Larceny & Theft, Total	75	61	60	1	88	23	-	6	17	65	7	11	47	48
Postal	14	15	15	-	18	6	-	1	5	12	-	3	9	11
Theft, U.S. Property	53	28	28	-	58	13	-	5	8	45	6	6	33	23
Transportation of Stolen Property	8	16	15	1	12	4	-	-	4	8	1	2	5	12
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	0	2	2	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Embezzlement	15	25	23	2	19	6	-	-	6	13	2	4	7	21
Fraud, Total	844	758	739	19	910	264	-	36	228	646	103	165	378	692
Tax	32	39	36	3	39	14	-	2	12	25	1	3	21	32
Financial Institutions	35	31	29	2	39	12	-	1	11	27	5	6	16	27
Securities and Exchange	30	27	27	-	40	10	-	1	9	30	11	7	12	17
Mail	27	26	26	-	36	12	-	6	6	24	-	5	19	17
Wire, Radio, or Television	67	56	55	1	78	26	-	3	23	52	6	15	31	45
Social Security	8	12	12	-	13	3	-	-	3	10	1	1	8	7
Citizenship and Naturalization	3	0	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1
Passport	4	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	4
Identification Documents and Information	37	50	49	1	48	15	-	-	15	33	2	7	24	39
False Claims and Services, Government	21	26	26	-	27	10	-	2	8	17	3	3	11	20
False Statements	21	18	18	-	18	1	-	-	1	17	3	3	11	21
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	44	40	38	2	62	23	-	1	22	39	9	7	23	22
Unauthorized Access Devices	66	66	63	3	80	27	-	1	26	53	5	11	37	52
Health Care	92	80	75	5	92	26	-	7	19	66	15	20	31	80
Other Fraud Offenses	357	284	282	2	333	85	-	12	73	248	42	74	132	308
Forgery and Counterfeiting	33	21	21	-	37	9	-	-	9	28	2	5	21	17
Other Property Offenses	13	12	12	-	13	-	-	-	-	13	-	6	7	12
Drug Offenses	3,335	4,154	4,082	72	4,419	1,238	2	141	1,095	3,181	226	434	2,521	3,070
Marijuana, Total	179	237	234	3	242	83	1	6	76	159	13	24	122	174

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Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	162	221	218	3	216	74	1	5	68	142	13	21	108	167
Import/Export	13	10	10	-	19	7	-	-	7	12	-	2	10	4
Manufacture	4	6	6	-	7	2	-	1	1	5	-	1	4	3
All Other Drugs, Total	3,103	3,854	3,788	66	4,117	1,135	1	131	1,003	2,982	209	402	2,371	2,840
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	2,961	3,719	3,654	65	3,976	1,096	1	130	965	2,880	204	387	2,289	2,704
Import/Export	100	89	88	1	89	30	-	-	30	59	5	13	41	100
Manufacture	42	46	46	-	52	9	-	1	8	43	-	2	41	36
Other Drug Offenses	53	63	60	3	60	20	-	4	16	40	4	8	28	56
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,936	2,325	2,287	38	2,282	598	-	79	519	1,684	113	333	1,238	1,979
Firearms, Total	1,883	2,269	2,232	37	2,223	581	-	77	504	1,642	108	322	1,212	1,929
Possession by Prohibited Persons	836	1,073	1,060	13	1,047	264	-	35	229	783	37	161	585	862
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	774	916	904	12	903	258	-	36	222	645	39	109	497	787
Other Firearms Offenses	273	280	268	12	273	59	-	6	53	214	32	52	130	280
Explosives	53	56	55	1	59	17	-	2	15	42	5	11	26	50
Sex Offenses	704	871	855	16	898	203	-	23	180	695	30	153	512	677
Sexual Abuse of Adults	36	33	33	-	46	8	-	3	5	38	3	16	19	23
Sexual Abuse of Minors	289	365	361	4	345	69	-	11	58	276	18	56	202	309
Sexually Explicit Material	267	335	327	8	366	91	-	2	89	275	8	61	206	236
Other Sex Offenses	112	138	134	4	141	35	-	7	28	106	1	20	85	109
Justice System Offenses	131	123	119	4	149	41	-	5	36	108	20	21	67	105
Obstruction of Justice	93	78	76	2	99	25	-	3	22	74	15	15	44	72
Escape from Custody	14	27	26	1	24	9	-	2	7	15	2	3	10	17
Failure to Appear	5	9	8	1	6	2	-	-	2	4	1	-	3	8
Other Justice System Offenses	19	9	9	-	20	5	-	-	5	15	2	3	10	8
Immigration Offenses	468	630	626	4	582	89	-	5	84	493	42	68	383	516
Alien Smuggling	60	83	82	1	73	12	-	1	11	61	2	15	44	70

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Improper Entry by Alien	14	6	6	-	10	2	-	-	2	8	1	4	3	10
Improper Reentry by Alien	384	530	527	3	489	73	-	3	70	416	39	46	331	425
Other Immigration Offenses	10	11	11	-	10	2	-	1	1	8	-	3	5	11
General Offenses	235	254	253	1	254	62	-	11	51	192	26	55	111	235
Money Laundering	147	149	149	-	163	33	-	5	28	130	20	29	81	133
RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations)	44	40	39	1	32	6	-	1	5	26	4	15	7	52
Extortion and Threats	29	39	39	-	36	14	-	1	13	22	-	6	16	32
Other General Offenses	15	26	26	-	23	9	-	4	5	14	2	5	7	18
Regulatory Offenses	84	111	108	3	106	27	-	1	26	79	6	27	46	89
Traffic Offenses	0	2	2	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Unclassified Offenses	527	616	614	2	609	139	-	15	124	470	34	60	376	534

NOTE: This table includes Appeals reopened and remanded as well as Original Appeals. This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Beginning in 2005, Categories for Criminal Offenses were modified. Therefore, offense data for 2005 and thereafter are not comparable to offense data published in previous years.

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² Beginning in 2007, the category entitled "Reopened," which includes all reopened Appeals, has replaced the category entitled "Reinstated." Therefore, data on reopened cases for 2007 and thereafter are not comparable to data published previously on reinstated cases.