

**Table C-2A.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2019 through 2023**

Nature of Suit	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Percent Change <sup>1</sup> 2022-2023
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>297,877</b>	<b>470,581</b>	<b>344,567</b>	<b>274,771</b>	<b>339,731</b>	<b>23.6</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>26,592</b>	<b>26,455</b>	<b>29,134</b>	<b>31,372</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Franchise	281	247	181	212	175	-17.5
Insurance	10,757	11,630	13,985	16,969	17,620	3.8
Marine	676	745	583	817	701	-14.2
Miller Act	260	264	166	181	195	7.7
Negotiable Instruments	431	356	353	289	425	47.1
<b>Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>13.7</b>
Defaulted Student Loans	260	41	12	7	10	-
Veterans' Overpayment	-	4	-	4	8	-
Other	709	624	505	529	596	12.7
Other Contract Actions	11,890	12,681	10,670	10,126	11,642	15.0
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>6,870</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>3,973</b>	<b>4,515</b>	<b>13.6</b>
Condemnation of Land	352	341	237	233	79	-66.1
Foreclosure	2,968	1,808	1,004	1,286	1,353	5.2
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	1,156	710	416	463	742	60.3
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	844	740	672	856	1,249	45.9
Other Real Property Actions	1,550	1,191	920	1,135	1,092	-3.8
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>85,483</b>	<b>263,231</b>	<b>145,562</b>	<b>80,957</b>	<b>131,770</b>	<b>62.8</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>81,530</b>	<b>259,385</b>	<b>141,682</b>	<b>76,825</b>	<b>127,437</b>	<b>65.9</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>56,157</b>	<b>239,980</b>	<b>123,644</b>	<b>60,062</b>	<b>104,060</b>	<b>73.3</b>
Airplane	188	229	63	23	44	91.3
Marine	19	6	10	12	12	0.0
Motor Vehicle	405	281	223	224	306	36.6
Asbestos	267	203	164	153	128	-16.3
Health Care/Pharma	38,872	23,057	28,880	16,287	37,797	132.1
Other	16,406	216,204	94,304	43,363	65,773	51.7
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>25,373</b>	<b>19,405</b>	<b>18,038</b>	<b>16,763</b>	<b>23,377</b>	<b>39.5</b>
Airplane	271	224	184	119	158	32.8
Marine	1,400	1,377	1,069	763	1,042	36.6
Motor Vehicle	5,077	5,459	5,590	5,429	5,836	7.5
Assault, Libel, and Slander	594	598	577	569	650	14.2

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Nature of Suit	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Percent Change <sup>1</sup> 2022-2023
Federal Employers Liability Act	434	355	372	353	340	-3.7
Medical Malpractice	1,222	1,019	1,152	1,000	1,022	2.2
Other	16,375	10,373	9,094	8,530	14,329	68.0
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>4,132</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,370	2,263	2,250	2,395	2,495	4.2
Other Personal Property Damage	1,583	1,583	1,630	1,737	1,838	5.8
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>180,260</b>	<b>175,968</b>	<b>169,301</b>	<b>160,707</b>	<b>172,074</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>-7.6</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,233	1,633	1,629	1,440	1,346	-6.5
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	254	234	236	169	140	-17.2
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>42.4</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>43,155</b>	<b>41,044</b>	<b>43,333</b>	<b>39,126</b>	<b>41,404</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Voting	117	234	172	177	109	-38.4
Employment	12,456	11,174	11,802	10,037	12,152	21.1
Housing and Accommodations	970	752	742	823	977	18.7
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
ADA--Employment	2,561	2,338	2,629	2,119	2,566	21.1
ADA--Other	11,833	11,273	12,545	10,240	8,776	-14.3
Education	758	794	828	790	744	-5.8
Other Civil Rights	14,460	14,479	14,615	14,940	16,080	7.6
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	-
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>55,018</b>	<b>56,195</b>	<b>47,669</b>	<b>46,941</b>	<b>50,353</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,877	6,834	3,395	3,392	3,763	10.9
Habeas Corpus--General	16,902	15,960	14,064	13,225	14,224	7.6
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	154	120	135	116	123	6.0
Mandamus and Other	1,087	1,784	1,626	1,664	1,614	-3.0
Civil Rights	19,350	18,820	17,983	18,638	19,618	5.3
Prison Condition	10,095	10,182	9,301	9,429	10,476	11.1
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	1,346	2,261	964	327	356	8.9
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	207	234	201	150	179	19.3

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Nature of Suit	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Percent Change <sup>1</sup> 2022-2023
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>-12.4</b>
Agricultural Acts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	626	483	623	443	345	-22.1
Air Traffic Regulations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	497	502	564	518	497	-4.1
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>16,641</b>	<b>15,177</b>	<b>13,442</b>	<b>13,529</b>	<b>13,287</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,196	6,663	5,563	6,133	5,794	-5.5
Labor Management Relations Act	537	470	446	422	382	-9.5
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Labor Act	60	71	38	40	38	-5.0
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	6,096	5,253	4,658	4,742	4,716	-0.5
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,316	1,274	1,308	938	851	-9.3
Other Labor Litigation	1,436	1,446	1,429	1,254	1,506	20.1
<b>Immigration, Total</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>7,763</b>	<b>11,134</b>	<b>43.4</b>
Naturalization Applications	391	357	304	390	442	13.3
Other Immigration Actions	1,770	2,231	4,298	7,373	10,692	45.0
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>12,582</b>	<b>9,964</b>	<b>11,584</b>	<b>12,742</b>	<b>13,839</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Copyright	5,467	3,224	3,746	5,151	6,237	21.1
Patent	3,275	3,627	3,802	3,639	3,016	-17.1
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	314	282	222	257	243	-5.4
Trademark	3,526	2,831	3,205	3,059	3,678	20.2
Defend Trade Secrets Act	-	-	609	636	665	4.6
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>-19.9</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>17,912</b>	<b>21,110</b>	<b>19,541</b>	<b>13,385</b>	<b>15,017</b>	<b>12.2</b>
Disability Insurance	9,464	11,234	10,715	7,123	7,745	8.7
Supplemental Security Income	7,401	8,917	7,979	5,599	6,556	17.1
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	985	842	725	569	628	10.4
Other	62	117	122	94	88	-6.4
<b>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>49.5</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

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<b>Nature of Suit</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Percent Change<sup>1</sup> 2022-2023</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	728	537	551	551	543	-1.5
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	10,870	10,447	9,968	9,423	8,108	-14.0
<b>Cable/Sat. TV</b>	432	322	318	299	380	27.1
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	853	790	641	775	846	9.2
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	341	420	391	373	414	11.0
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	11,085	10,415	9,862	9,512	10,580	11.2
<b>Other Actions, Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> Percent change is not computed when the total for the previous year is fewer than 10 cases.