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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2023	2024	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	232,502	210,747	1,325	3,522	19,345	186,552	3
Contract Actions, Total	3,454	3,554	228	131	675	2,520	-
Franchise	27	27	-	-	4	23	-
Insurance	809	967	4	4	110	849	-
Marine	154	147	-	1	140	6	-
Miller Act	61	60	12	1	47	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	74	69	7	1	9	52	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	313	348	176	104	22	46	-
Defaulted Student Loans	58	58	54	1	3	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	88	88	88	-	-	-	-
Other	167	202	34	103	19	46	-
Other Contract Actions	2,016	1,936	29	20	343	1,544	-
Real Property Actions, Total	889	872	57	60	140	615	-
Foreclosure	249	213	47	12	27	127	-
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	20	20	1	-	9	10	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	440	464	4	11	62	387	-
Other Real Property Actions	180	175	5	37	42	91	-
Tort Actions, Total	206,572	184,783	5	250	1,726	182,802	-
Personal Injury, Total	205,489	183,641	-	239	1,550	181,852	-
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	201,745	179,736	-	34	422	179,280	-
Airplane	74	50	-	-	21	29	-
Marine	4	5	-	-	2	3	-
Motor Vehicle	64	67	-	-	15	52	-
Asbestos ¹	194	179	-	-	39	140	-
Health Care/Pharma	57,257	76,312	-	27	214	76,071	-
Other	144,152	103,123	-	7	131	102,985	-
Other Personal Injury, Total	3,744	3,905	-	205	1,128	2,572	-
Airplane	66	48	-	2	29	17	-
Marine	141	139	-	2	122	15	-

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Motor Vehicle	346	376	-	40	46	290	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	83	79	-	2	20	57	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	92	100	-	5	95	-	-
Medical Malpractice	314	305	-	90	12	203	-
Other	2,702	2,858	-	64	804	1,990	-
Personal Property Damage, Total	1,083	1,142	5	11	176	950	-
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	791	805	5	2	101	697	-
Other Personal Property Damage	292	337	-	9	75	253	-
Actions Under Statutes, Total	21,587	21,538	1,035	3,081	16,804	615	3
Antitrust	862	936	7	-	929	-	-
Bankruptcy, Total	153	150	-	-	150	-	-
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	109	104	-	-	104	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	44	46	-	-	46	-	-
Banks and Banking	17	27	2	1	24	-	-
Civil Rights, Total	4,470	4,440	63	235	3,977	165	-
Voting	13	15	1	-	14	-	-
Employment	1,365	1,365	28	141	1,091	105	-
Housing and Accommodations	75	61	7	1	51	2	-
ADA--Employment	182	188	5	9	165	9	-
ADA--Other	211	181	2	3	173	3	-
Education	87	92	1	-	90	1	-
Other Civil Rights	2,537	2,538	19	81	2,393	45	-
Environmental Matters	218	222	25	70	127	-	-
Deportation	10	9	-	9	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions, Total	6,600	6,265	-	1,374	4,891	-	-
Motions to Vacate Sentence	1,327	1,079	-	1,079	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus--General	1,488	1,498	-	113	1,385	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	421	413	-	17	396	-	-
Mandamus and Other	73	70	-	26	44	-	-

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Civil Rights	2,126	2,065	-	73	1,992	-	-
Prison Condition	1,090	1,081	-	28	1,053	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	44	38	-	38	-	-	-
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	31	21	-	-	21	-	-
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	249	246	245	1	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	77	78	78	-	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	169	165	164	1	-	-	-
Labor Laws, Total	1,603	1,608	41	5	1,447	115	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	728	709	16	2	691	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	158	154	5	-	149	-	-
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	3	3	-	-	3	-	-
Railway Labor Act	6	11	-	-	11	-	-
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	443	465	10	1	454	-	-
Family and Medical Leave Act	43	36	-	-	36	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	222	230	10	2	103	115	-
Immigration, Total ²	61	63	5	58	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	13	10	-	10	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	48	53	5	48	-	-	-
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	984	1,079	1	-	1,074	4	-
Copyright	171	173	-	-	173	-	-
Patent	534	565	1	-	564	-	-
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	32	35	-	-	35	-	-
Trademark	247	257	-	-	257	-	-
Defend Trade Secrets Act	0	49	-	-	45	4	-
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	465	522	166	1	355	-	-
Social Security Laws, Total	703	747	4	743	-	-	-

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Disability Insurance	409	425	4	421	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	243	276	-	276	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	34	27	-	27	-	-	-
Other	17	19	-	19	-	-	-
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	1,966	1,986	4	-	1,678	304	-
State Reapportionment Suits	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Suits	102	96	53	40	-	-	3
Consumer Credit	334	270	1	1	260	8	-
Cable/Sat. TV	20	16	-	-	16	-	-
Freedom of Information Act	321	351	-	325	26	-	-
Constitutionality of State Statutes	56	65	2	-	56	7	-
Other Statutory Actions	2,393	2,440	416	218	1,794	12	-

Note: Total number of land condemnation cases omitted were 53.

The number of pending cases in this report includes cases that have been transferred under a Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) order. Large numbers of civil cases may be temporarily assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to a district judge for pretrial management. As MDL cases vary greatly among districts, it is advisable to check with the relevant district court before drawing statistical conclusions about the number of pending cases for that district.

The higher number of pending cases reported for the Southern District of West Virginia is the result of reconciliation efforts conducted for pretrial management for the three-month period ending June 30, 2018.

¹ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.