

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2020 through 2024

Nature of Suit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change ¹ 2023-2024
Total Cases	470,581	344,567	274,771	339,731	290,896	-14.4
Contract Actions, Total	26,592	26,455	29,134	31,372	29,102	-7.2
Franchise	247	181	212	175	222	26.9
Insurance	11,630	13,985	16,969	17,620	13,488	-23.5
Marine	745	583	817	701	562	-19.8
Miller Act	264	166	181	195	185	-5.1
Negotiable Instruments	356	353	289	425	544	28.0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	669	517	540	614	604	-1.6
Defaulted Student Loans	41	12	7	10	13	30.0
Veterans' Overpayment	4	-	4	8	3	-
Other	624	505	529	596	588	-1.3
Other Contract Actions	12,681	10,670	10,126	11,642	13,497	15.9
Real Property Actions, Total	4,790	3,249	3,973	4,515	4,787	6.0
Condemnation of Land	341	237	233	79	150	89.9
Foreclosure	1,808	1,004	1,286	1,353	1,215	-10.2
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	710	416	463	742	1,046	41.0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	740	672	856	1,249	1,162	-7.0
Other Real Property Actions	1,191	920	1,135	1,092	1,214	11.2
Tort Actions, Total	263,231	145,562	80,957	131,770	80,982	-38.5
Personal Injury, Total	259,385	141,682	76,825	127,437	76,390	-40.1
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	239,980	123,644	60,062	104,060	54,192	-47.9
Airplane	229	63	23	44	27	-38.6
Marine	6	10	12	12	9	-25.0
Motor Vehicle	281	223	224	306	277	-9.5
Asbestos	203	164	153	128	88	-31.3
Health Care/Pharma	23,057	28,880	16,287	37,797	17,276	-54.3
Other	216,204	94,304	43,363	65,773	36,515	-44.5
Other Personal Injury, Total	19,405	18,038	16,763	23,377	22,198	-5.0
Airplane	224	184	119	158	181	14.6
Marine	1,377	1,069	763	1,042	1,167	12.0
Motor Vehicle	5,459	5,590	5,429	5,836	6,394	9.6
Assault, Libel, and Slander	598	577	569	650	718	10.5

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2024—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change ¹ 2023-2024
Federal Employers Liability Act	355	372	353	340	328	-3.5
Medical Malpractice	1,019	1,152	1,000	1,022	783	-23.4
Other	10,373	9,094	8,530	14,329	12,627	-11.9
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,846	3,880	4,132	4,333	4,592	6.0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,263	2,250	2,395	2,495	2,624	5.2
Other Personal Property Damage	1,583	1,630	1,737	1,838	1,968	7.1
Actions Under Statutes, Total	175,968	169,301	160,707	172,074	176,025	2.3
Antitrust	672	555	346	400	800	100.0
Bankruptcy, Total	1,867	1,865	1,609	1,486	1,387	-6.7
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,633	1,629	1,440	1,346	1,248	-7.3
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	234	236	169	140	139	-0.7
Banks and Banking	145	151	158	225	229	1.8
Civil Rights, Total	41,044	43,333	39,126	41,404	45,781	10.6
Voting	234	172	177	109	159	45.9
Employment	11,174	11,802	10,037	12,152	13,526	11.3
Housing and Accommodations	752	742	823	977	922	-5.6
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
ADA--Employment	2,338	2,629	2,119	2,566	3,018	17.6
ADA--Other	11,273	12,545	10,240	8,776	9,030	2.9
Education	794	828	790	744	932	25.3
Other Civil Rights	14,479	14,615	14,940	16,080	18,194	13.1
Environmental Matters	442	466	434	411	452	10.0
Deportation	12	11	5	18	9	-50.0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	56,195	47,669	46,941	50,353	49,182	-2.3
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,834	3,395	3,392	3,763	3,764	0.0
Habeas Corpus--General	15,960	14,064	13,225	14,224	12,825	-9.8
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	120	135	116	123	121	-1.6
Mandamus and Other	1,784	1,626	1,664	1,614	1,848	14.5
Civil Rights	18,820	17,983	18,638	19,618	19,386	-1.2
Prison Condition	10,182	9,301	9,429	10,476	10,599	1.2
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	2,261	964	327	356	432	21.3
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	234	201	150	179	207	15.6

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2024—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change ¹ 2023-2024
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	985	1,187	961	842	786	-6.7
Agricultural Acts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	483	623	443	345	301	-12.8
Air Traffic Regulations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	502	564	518	497	485	-2.4
Labor Laws, Total	15,177	13,442	13,529	13,287	12,869	-3.1
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,663	5,563	6,133	5,794	5,252	-9.4
Labor Management Relations Act	470	446	422	382	423	10.7
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Labor Act	71	38	40	38	43	13.2
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	5,253	4,658	4,742	4,716	4,758	0.9
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,274	1,308	938	851	945	11.0
Other Labor Litigation	1,446	1,429	1,254	1,506	1,448	-3.9
Immigration, Total	2,588	4,602	7,763	11,134	12,218	9.7
Naturalization Applications	357	304	390	442	340	-23.1
Other Immigration Actions	2,231	4,298	7,373	10,692	11,878	11.1
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	9,964	11,584	12,742	13,839	14,959	8.1
Copyright	3,224	3,746	5,151	6,237	7,250	16.2
Patent	3,627	3,802	3,639	3,016	3,356	11.3
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	282	222	257	243	282	16.0
Trademark	2,831	3,205	3,059	3,678	3,363	-8.6
Defend Trade Secrets Act	-	609	636	665	708	6.5
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,840	2,449	1,955	1,566	1,202	-23.2
Social Security Laws, Total	21,110	19,541	13,385	15,017	13,881	-7.6
Disability Insurance	11,234	10,715	7,123	7,745	7,285	-5.9
Supplemental Security Income	8,917	7,979	5,599	6,556	5,962	-9.1
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	842	725	569	628	547	-12.9
Other	117	122	94	88	87	-1.1
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	991	711	816	1,220	881	-27.8
State Reapportionment Suits	5	4	4	1	5	-

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Nature of Suit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Percent Change ¹ 2023-2024
Tax Suits	537	551	551	543	517	-4.8
Customer Challenge	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consumer Credit	10,447	9,968	9,423	8,108	8,731	7.7
Cable/Sat. TV	322	318	299	380	471	23.9
Freedom of Information Act	790	641	775	846	959	13.4
Constitutionality of State Statutes	420	391	373	414	424	2.4
Other Statutory Actions	10,415	9,862	9,512	10,580	10,282	-2.8
Other Actions, Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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