

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2018 through 2022

Nature of Suit	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Percent Change ¹ 2021-2022
Total Cases	282,936	297,877	470,581	344,567	274,771	-20.3
Contract Actions, Total	26,768	25,264	26,592	26,455	29,134	10.1
Franchise	308	281	247	181	212	17.1
Insurance	10,816	10,757	11,630	13,985	16,969	21.3
Marine	663	676	745	583	817	40.1
Miller Act	266	260	264	166	181	9.0
Negotiable Instruments	418	431	356	353	289	-18.1
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	1,131	969	669	517	540	4.4
Defaulted Student Loans	483	260	41	12	7	-41.7
Veterans' Overpayment	6	-	4	-	4	-
Other	642	709	624	505	529	4.8
Other Contract Actions	13,166	11,890	12,681	10,670	10,126	-5.1
Real Property Actions, Total	7,029	6,870	4,790	3,249	3,973	22.3
Condemnation of Land	595	352	341	237	233	-1.7
Foreclosure	3,042	2,968	1,808	1,004	1,286	28.1
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	1,016	1,156	710	416	463	11.3
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	703	844	740	672	856	27.4
Other Real Property Actions	1,673	1,550	1,191	920	1,135	23.4
Tort Actions, Total	67,693	85,483	263,231	145,562	80,957	-44.4
Personal Injury, Total	63,564	81,530	259,385	141,682	76,825	-45.8
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	45,863	56,157	239,980	123,644	60,062	-51.4
Airplane	22	188	229	63	23	-63.5
Marine	15	19	6	10	12	20.0
Motor Vehicle	718	405	281	223	224	0.4
Asbestos	224	267	203	164	153	-6.7
Health Care/Pharma	37,324	38,872	23,057	28,880	16,287	-43.6
Other	7,560	16,406	216,204	94,304	43,363	-54.0
Other Personal Injury, Total	17,701	25,373	19,405	18,038	16,763	-7.1
Airplane	192	271	224	184	119	-35.3
Marine	1,465	1,400	1,377	1,069	763	-28.6
Motor Vehicle	4,836	5,077	5,459	5,590	5,429	-2.9
Assault, Libel, and Slander	612	594	598	577	569	-1.4

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2022—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Percent Change ¹ 2021-2022
Federal Employers Liability Act	413	434	355	372	353	-5.1
Medical Malpractice	1,160	1,222	1,019	1,152	1,000	-13.2
Other	9,023	16,375	10,373	9,094	8,530	-6.2
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,129	3,953	3,846	3,880	4,132	6.5
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,459	2,370	2,263	2,250	2,395	6.4
Other Personal Property Damage	1,670	1,583	1,583	1,630	1,737	6.6
Actions Under Statutes, Total	181,446	180,260	175,968	169,301	160,707	-5.1
Antitrust	557	521	672	555	346	-37.7
Bankruptcy, Total	2,144	2,487	1,867	1,865	1,609	-13.7
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,846	2,233	1,633	1,629	1,440	-11.6
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	298	254	234	236	169	-28.4
Banks and Banking	144	161	145	151	158	4.6
Civil Rights, Total	41,741	43,155	41,044	43,333	39,126	-9.7
Voting	93	117	234	172	177	2.9
Employment	12,579	12,456	11,174	11,802	10,037	-15.0
Housing and Accommodations	848	970	752	742	823	10.9
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
ADA--Employment	2,624	2,561	2,338	2,629	2,119	-19.4
ADA--Other	9,990	11,833	11,273	12,545	10,240	-18.4
Education	745	758	794	828	790	-4.6
Other Civil Rights	14,862	14,460	14,479	14,615	14,940	2.2
Environmental Matters	1,956	590	442	466	434	-6.9
Deportation	23	10	12	11	5	-54.5
Prisoner Petitions, Total	54,134	55,018	56,195	47,669	46,941	-1.5
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,342	5,877	6,834	3,395	3,392	-0.1
Habeas Corpus--General	16,964	16,902	15,960	14,064	13,225	-6.0
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	161	154	120	135	116	-14.1
Mandamus and Other	1,253	1,087	1,784	1,626	1,664	2.3
Civil Rights	18,842	19,350	18,820	17,983	18,638	3.6
Prison Condition	9,708	10,095	10,182	9,301	9,429	1.4
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	1,674	1,346	2,261	964	327	-66.1
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	190	207	234	201	150	-25.4

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2022—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Percent Change ¹ 2021-2022
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,215	1,123	985	1,187	961	-19.0
Agricultural Acts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	660	626	483	623	443	-28.9
Air Traffic Regulations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	555	497	502	564	518	-8.2
Labor Laws, Total	17,629	16,641	15,177	13,442	13,529	0.6
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,600	7,196	6,663	5,563	6,133	10.2
Labor Management Relations Act	660	537	470	446	422	-5.4
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Labor Act	46	60	71	38	40	5.3
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	6,705	6,096	5,253	4,658	4,742	1.8
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,250	1,316	1,274	1,308	938	-28.3
Other Labor Litigation	1,368	1,436	1,446	1,429	1,254	-12.2
Immigration, Total	1,761	2,161	2,588	4,602	7,763	68.7
Naturalization Applications	350	391	357	304	390	28.3
Other Immigration Actions	1,411	1,770	2,231	4,298	7,373	71.5
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	12,690	12,582	9,964	11,584	12,742	10.0
Copyright	5,756	5,467	3,224	3,746	5,151	37.5
Patent	3,493	3,275	3,627	3,802	3,639	-4.3
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	337	314	282	222	257	15.8
Trademark	3,104	3,526	2,831	3,205	3,059	-4.6
Defend Trade Secrets Act	-	-	-	609	636	4.4
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,532	1,769	1,840	2,449	1,955	-20.2
Social Security Laws, Total	18,665	17,912	21,110	19,541	13,385	-31.5
Disability Insurance	9,549	9,464	11,234	10,715	7,123	-33.5
Supplemental Security Income	8,132	7,401	8,917	7,979	5,599	-29.8
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	914	985	842	725	569	-21.5
Other	70	62	117	122	94	-23.0
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	2,244	1,810	991	711	816	14.8
State Reapportionment Suits	6	11	5	4	4	-

Table C-2A. (September 30, 2022—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Percent Change¹ 2021-2022
Tax Suits	925	728	537	551	551	0.0
Customer Challenge	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consumer Credit	10,764	10,870	10,447	9,968	9,423	-5.5
Cable/Sat. TV	597	432	322	318	299	-6.0
Freedom of Information Act	872	853	790	641	775	20.9
Constitutionality of State Statutes	338	341	420	391	373	-4.6
Other Statutory Actions	11,509	11,085	10,415	9,862	9,512	-3.5
Other Actions, Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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