

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2014 through 2018

Nature of Suit	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Percent Change ¹ 2018/2017
Total Cases	295,310	279,036	291,851	267,769	282,936	5.7
Contract Actions, Total	28,557	26,068	24,486	23,523	26,768	13.8
Franchise	456	382	342	263	308	17.1
Insurance	11,728	9,711	8,872	8,846	10,816	22.3
Marine	810	907	805	652	663	1.7
Miller Act	502	398	331	270	266	-1.5
Negotiable Instruments	562	505	481	484	418	-13.6
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,352	2,186	1,582	1,368	1,131	-17.3
Defaulted Student Loans	1,654	1,546	950	698	483	-30.8
Veterans' Overpayment	8	7	4	25	6	-76.0
Other	690	633	628	645	642	-0.5
Other Contract Actions	12,147	11,979	12,073	11,640	13,166	13.1
Real Property Actions, Total	7,802	9,195	9,247	7,920	7,029	-11.3
Condemnation of Land	149	339	568	210	595	183.3
Foreclosure	3,928	4,256	4,809	3,972	3,042	-23.4
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	773	688	970	1,072	1,016	-5.2
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	642	1,554	762	606	703	16.0
Other Real Property Actions	2,310	2,358	2,138	2,060	1,673	-18.8
Tort Actions, Total	79,990	68,879	61,495	57,467	67,693	17.8
Personal Injury, Total	76,463	61,093	55,283	53,609	63,564	18.6
 Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	60,078	41,764	39,879	35,714	45,863	28.4
Airplane	53	63	90	31	22	-29.0
Marine	11	9	34	17	15	-11.8
Motor Vehicle	292	404	415	395	718	81.8
Asbestos	448	1,982	446	351	224	-36.2
Health Care/Pharma	13,939	15,712	21,517	21,335	37,324	74.9
Other	45,335	23,594	17,377	13,585	7,560	-44.4
 Other Personal Injury, Total	16,385	19,329	15,404	17,895	17,701	-1.1
Airplane	214	191	185	208	192	-7.7
Marine	1,166	1,125	1,515	1,476	1,465	-0.7
Motor Vehicle	3,741	3,743	4,039	4,425	4,836	9.3
Assault, Libel, and Slander	495	591	559	550	612	11.3

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Nature of Suit	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Percent Change¹ 2018/2017
Federal Employers Liability Act	330	296	316	379	413	9.0
Medical Malpractice	986	1,135	1,347	1,252	1,160	-7.3
Other	9,453	12,248	7,443	9,605	9,023	-6.1
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,527	7,786	6,212	3,858	4,129	7.0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,005	2,396	3,416	2,349	2,459	4.7
Other Personal Property Damage	1,522	5,390	2,796	1,509	1,670	10.7
Actions Under Statutes, Total	178,961	174,894	196,623	178,859	181,446	1.4
Antitrust	799	769	853	655	557	-15.0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,651	2,814	2,304	2,122	2,144	1.0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,055	2,272	1,952	1,855	1,846	-0.5
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	596	542	352	267	298	11.6
Banks and Banking	294	237	262	191	144	-24.6
Civil Rights, Total	35,274	37,384	38,002	38,925	41,741	7.2
Voting	171	86	144	112	93	-17.0
Employment	11,937	12,205	11,878	12,053	12,579	4.4
Housing and Accommodations	757	775	900	831	848	2.0
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
ADA--Employment	1,894	2,076	2,231	2,353	2,624	11.5
ADA--Other	4,432	5,156	7,096	8,003	9,990	24.8
Education	455	525	548	606	745	22.9
Other Civil Rights	15,628	16,561	15,205	14,967	14,862	-0.7
Environmental Matters	614	845	1,755	988	1,956	98.0
Deportation	21	20	10	18	23	27.8
Prisoner Petitions, Total	60,675	52,531	73,725	57,685	54,134	-6.2
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,390	5,520	24,837	7,205	5,342	-25.9
Habeas Corpus--General	19,185	18,448	17,356	17,336	16,964	-2.1
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	165	194	202	220	161	-26.8
Mandamus and Other	950	837	892	960	1,253	30.5
Civil Rights	18,991	17,829	20,622	18,986	18,842	-0.8
Prison Condition	13,045	8,690	8,307	11,199	9,708	-13.3
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	736	670	1,134	1,502	1,674	11.5
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	213	343	375	277	190	-31.4

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Nature of Suit	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Percent Change¹ 2018/2017
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,901	1,471	1,068	1,184	1,215	2.6
Agricultural Acts	2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,018	688	499	591	660	11.7
Air Traffic Regulations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	881	783	569	593	555	-6.4
Labor Laws, Total	18,673	19,322	18,929	17,631	17,629	0.0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,160	8,781	8,686	7,742	7,600	-1.8
Labor Management Relations Act	812	690	675	596	660	10.7
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	1	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Labor Act	57	45	60	65	46	-29.2
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	7,191	7,228	6,831	6,632	6,705	1.1
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,108	1,139	1,255	1,308	1,250	-4.4
Other Labor Litigation	1,344	1,439	1,422	1,288	1,368	6.2
Immigration, Total	1,163	1,321	1,637	1,811	1,761	-2.8
Naturalization Applications	277	260	307	271	350	29.2
Other Immigration Actions	886	1,061	1,330	1,540	1,411	-8.4
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,420	13,751	12,111	10,768	12,690	17.8
Copyright	4,041	5,035	3,936	3,451	5,756	66.8
Patent	5,686	5,564	5,080	4,182	3,493	-16.5
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	-	-	-	137	337	146.0
Trademark	3,693	3,152	3,095	2,998	3,104	3.5
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	947	1,013	1,119	1,455	1,532	5.3
Social Security Laws, Total	19,146	18,538	18,716	19,020	18,665	-1.9
Disability Insurance	8,513	8,578	8,616	9,147	9,549	4.4
Supplemental Security Income	9,813	9,210	9,151	8,855	8,132	-8.2
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	692	656	851	932	914	-1.9
Other	128	94	98	86	70	-18.6
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	735	678	771	684	2,244	228.1
State Reapportionment Suits	11	3	6	4	6	-
Tax Suits	941	989	938	1,016	925	-9.0

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Nature of Suit	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Percent Change ¹ 2018/2017
Customer Challenge	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consumer Credit	8,547	9,801	9,745	10,531	10,764	2.2
Cable/Sat. TV	1,367	1,162	691	678	597	-11.9
Freedom of Information Act	446	514	490	660	872	32.1
Constitutionality of State Statutes	323	383	358	484	338	-30.2
Other Statutory Actions	11,013	11,348	13,133	12,349	11,509	-6.8
Other Actions, Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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