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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2022	2023	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	85,417	232,502	1,322	3,687	19,098	208,390	5
Contract Actions, Total	3,334	3,454	230	87	660	2,476	1
Franchise	28	27	-	-	4	23	-
Insurance	759	809	3	3	94	709	-
Marine	141	154	-	1	148	5	-
Miller Act	54	61	15	1	45	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	78	74	7	1	8	58	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	301	313	176	60	24	53	-
Defaulted Student Loans	59	58	54	1	3	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	88	88	88	-	-	-	-
Other	154	167	34	59	21	53	-
Other Contract Actions	1,973	2,016	29	21	337	1,628	1
Real Property Actions, Total	882	889	73	60	125	630	1
Foreclosure	281	249	62	8	28	150	1
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	18	20	1	-	10	9	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	361	440	4	11	51	374	-
Other Real Property Actions	222	180	6	41	36	97	-
Tort Actions, Total	59,769	206,572	4	250	1,640	204,677	1
Personal Injury, Total	58,725	205,489	-	239	1,491	203,758	1
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	54,819	201,745	-	29	383	201,333	-
Airplane	12	74	-	-	21	53	-
Marine	7	4	-	-	2	2	-
Motor Vehicle	65	64	-	-	15	49	-
Asbestos ¹	199	194	-	-	46	148	-
Health Care/Pharma	47,781	57,257	-	25	153	57,079	-
Other	6,755	144,152	-	4	146	144,002	-
Other Personal Injury, Total	3,906	3,744	-	210	1,108	2,425	1
Airplane	75	66	-	6	30	30	-
Marine	307	141	-	3	127	11	-

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Motor Vehicle	355	346	-	40	45	261	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	91	83	-	2	19	62	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	113	92	-	4	88	-	-
Medical Malpractice	330	314	-	91	17	206	-
Other	2,635	2,702	-	64	782	1,855	1
Personal Property Damage, Total	1,044	1,083	4	11	149	919	-
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	763	791	4	1	105	681	-
Other Personal Property Damage	281	292	-	10	44	238	-
Actions Under Statutes, Total	21,432	21,587	1,015	3,290	16,673	607	2
Antitrust	753	862	4	-	858	-	-
Bankruptcy, Total	145	153	-	-	153	-	-
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	105	109	-	-	109	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	40	44	-	-	44	-	-
Banks and Banking	22	17	2	1	14	-	-
Civil Rights, Total	4,521	4,470	60	247	3,998	165	-
Voting	13	13	1	-	12	-	-
Employment	1,475	1,365	21	138	1,098	108	-
Housing and Accommodations	71	75	7	3	63	2	-
ADA--Employment	185	182	7	17	150	8	-
ADA--Other	207	211	3	4	200	4	-
Education	86	87	1	1	84	1	-
Other Civil Rights	2,484	2,537	20	84	2,391	42	-
Environmental Matters	222	218	29	72	117	-	-
Deportation	9	10	-	10	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions, Total	7,070	6,600	-	1,638	4,962	-	-
Motions to Vacate Sentence	1,656	1,327	-	1,327	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus--General	1,520	1,488	-	121	1,367	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	446	421	-	15	406	-	-
Mandamus and Other	60	73	-	27	46	-	-

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Civil Rights	2,209	2,126	-	75	2,051	-	-
Prison Condition	1,061	1,090	-	28	1,062	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	34	44	-	44	-	-	-
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	84	31	-	1	30	-	-
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	238	249	248	1	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	76	77	77	-	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	159	169	168	1	-	-	-
Labor Laws, Total	1,582	1,603	42	10	1,438	113	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	749	728	15	1	712	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	150	158	7	2	149	-	-
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	3	3	-	-	3	-	-
Railway Labor Act	5	6	-	-	6	-	-
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	405	443	10	2	431	-	-
Family and Medical Leave Act	42	43	-	-	43	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	228	222	10	5	94	113	-
Immigration, Total ²	50	61	5	56	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	15	13	-	13	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	35	48	5	43	-	-	-
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	955	984	2	-	982	-	-
Copyright	159	171	-	-	171	-	-
Patent	524	534	2	-	532	-	-
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	41	32	-	-	32	-	-
Trademark	231	247	-	-	247	-	-
Defend Trade Secrets Act	0	0	-	-	-	-	-
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	462	465	140	1	324	-	-
Social Security Laws, Total	634	703	4	699	-	-	-

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Disability Insurance	380	409	4	405	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	213	243	-	243	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	25	34	-	34	-	-	-
Other	16	17	-	17	-	-	-
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	1,737	1,966	4	-	1,663	299	-
State Reapportionment Suits	1	0	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Suits	117	102	64	36	-	-	2
Consumer Credit	326	334	-	-	326	8	-
Cable/Sat. TV	22	20	-	-	19	1	-
Freedom of Information Act	270	321	-	304	17	-	-
Constitutionality of State Statutes	54	56	1	-	49	6	-
Other Statutory Actions	2,242	2,393	410	215	1,753	15	-

Note: Total number of land condemnation cases omitted were 66.

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.