

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2020 and 2021

Nature of Suit	2020	2021					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	470,581	344,567	3,257	39,225	135,236	166,848	1
Contract Actions, Total	26,592	26,455	120	209	3,326	22,800	0
Franchise	247	181	0	0	26	155	0
Insurance	11,630	13,985	6	26	961	12,992	0
Marine	745	583	0	5	524	54	0
Miller Act	264	166	37	0	129	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	356	353	5	1	34	313	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	669	517	33	104	113	267	0
Defaulted Student Loans	41	12	3	2	7	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	624	505	30	102	106	267	0
Other Contract Actions	12,681	10,670	39	73	1,539	9,019	0
Real Property Actions, Total	4,790	3,249	293	131	1,143	1,682	0
Condemnation of Land	341	237	101	8	118	10	0
Foreclosure	1,808	1,004	181	34	249	540	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	710	416	1	1	297	117	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	740	672	4	16	137	515	0
Other Real Property Actions	1,191	920	6	72	342	500	0
Tort Actions, Total	263,231	145,562	38	1,934	5,142	138,448	0
Personal Injury, Total	259,385	141,682	9	1,790	4,226	135,657	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	239,980	123,644	0	58	1,057	122,529	0
Airplane	229	63	0	0	12	51	0
Marine	6	10	0	0	4	6	0
Motor Vehicle	281	223	0	1	26	196	0
Asbestos	203	164	0	2	91	71	0
Health Care/Pharma	23,057	28,880	0	17	233	28,630	0
Other	216,204	94,304	0	38	691	93,575	0
Other Personal Injury, Total	19,405	18,038	9	1,732	3,169	13,128	0
Airplane	224	184	0	9	74	101	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Marine	1,377	1,069	0	15	685	369	0
Motor Vehicle	5,459	5,590	6	658	300	4,626	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	598	577	0	31	135	411	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	355	372	0	30	342	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,019	1,152	0	472	320	360	0
Other	10,373	9,094	3	517	1,313	7,261	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,846	3,880	29	144	916	2,791	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,263	2,250	22	30	627	1,571	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,583	1,630	7	114	289	1,220	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	175,968	169,301	2,806	36,951	125,625	3,918	1
Antitrust	672	555	28	1	526	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	1,867	1,865	2	8	1,855	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,633	1,629	2	6	1,621	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	234	236	0	2	234	0	0
Banks and Banking	145	151	2	3	146	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	41,044	43,333	193	1,252	39,359	2,529	0
Voting	234	172	4	12	153	3	0
Employment	11,174	11,802	88	448	9,293	1,973	0
Housing and Accommodations	752	742	24	10	693	15	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA--Employment	2,338	2,629	36	61	2,458	74	0
ADA--Other	11,273	12,545	10	22	12,480	33	0
Education	794	828	1	8	798	21	0
Other Civil Rights	14,479	14,615	30	691	13,484	410	0
Environmental Matters	442	466	75	150	241	0	0
Deportation	12	11	0	6	5	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	56,195	47,669	0	8,725	38,944	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,834	3,395	0	3,395	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus--General	15,960	14,064	0	2,343	11,721	0	0

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Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	120	135	0	6	129	0	0
Mandamus and Other	1,784	1,626	0	791	835	0	0
Civil Rights	18,820	17,983	0	841	17,142	0	0
Prison Condition	10,182	9,301	0	366	8,935	0	0
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	2,261	964	0	964	0	0	0
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	234	201	0	19	182	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	985	1,187	1,134	53	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	483	623	614	9	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	502	564	520	44	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	15,177	13,442	166	45	12,463	768	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,663	5,563	90	11	5,462	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	470	446	11	5	430	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	71	38	1	0	37	0	0
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	5,253	4,658	37	1	4,620	0	0
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,274	1,308	2	6	1,300	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,446	1,429	25	22	614	768	0
Immigration, Total¹	2,588	4,602	25	4,577	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	357	304	0	304	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	2,231	4,298	25	4,273	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	9,964	11,584	8	13	11,522	41	0
Copyright	3,224	3,746	0	0	3,746	0	0
Patent	3,627	3,802	3	12	3,787	0	0
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	282	222	0	1	221	0	0
Trademark	2,831	3,205	5	0	3,200	0	0

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Defend Trade Secrets Act	0	609	0	0	568	41	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,840	2,449	258	1	2,190	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	21,110	19,541	28	19,513	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	11,234	10,715	28	10,687	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,917	7,979	0	7,979	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	842	725	0	725	0	0	0
Other	117	122	0	122	0	0	0
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	991	711	1	0	574	136	0
State Reapportionment Suits	5	4	0	0	4	0	0
Tax Suits	537	551	311	239	0	0	1
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	10,447	9,968	8	8	9,804	148	0
Cable/Sat. TV	322	318	2	0	309	7	0
Freedom of Information Act	790	641	0	550	91	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	420	391	2	15	327	47	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,415	9,862	563	1,792	7,265	242	0
Other Actions, Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Data collection for the categories of health care/pharmaceuticals, education, civil detainee—conditions of confinement, and Family and Medical Leave Act began on October 1, 2011.

¹ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.