

**Table C-2A.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,**  
**During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2017 through 2021**

Nature of Suit	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Percent Change <sup>1</sup> 2020-2021
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>267,769</b>	<b>282,936</b>	<b>297,877</b>	<b>470,581</b>	<b>344,567</b>	<b>-26.8</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>23,523</b>	<b>26,768</b>	<b>25,264</b>	<b>26,592</b>	<b>26,455</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Franchise	263	308	281	247	181	-26.7
Insurance	8,846	10,816	10,757	11,630	13,985	20.2
Marine	652	663	676	745	583	-21.7
Miller Act	270	266	260	264	166	-37.1
Negotiable Instruments	484	418	431	356	353	-0.8
<b>Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>-22.7</b>
Defaulted Student Loans	698	483	260	41	12	-70.7
Veterans' Overpayment	25	6	-	4	-	-
Other	645	642	709	624	505	-19.1
Other Contract Actions	11,640	13,166	11,890	12,681	10,670	-15.9
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>7,920</b>	<b>7,029</b>	<b>6,870</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>-32.2</b>
Condemnation of Land	210	595	352	341	237	-30.5
Foreclosure	3,972	3,042	2,968	1,808	1,004	-44.5
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	1,072	1,016	1,156	710	416	-41.4
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	606	703	844	740	672	-9.2
Other Real Property Actions	2,060	1,673	1,550	1,191	920	-22.8
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>57,467</b>	<b>67,693</b>	<b>85,483</b>	<b>263,231</b>	<b>145,562</b>	<b>-44.7</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>53,609</b>	<b>63,564</b>	<b>81,530</b>	<b>259,385</b>	<b>141,682</b>	<b>-45.4</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>35,714</b>	<b>45,863</b>	<b>56,157</b>	<b>239,980</b>	<b>123,644</b>	<b>-48.5</b>
Airplane	31	22	188	229	63	-72.5
Marine	17	15	19	6	10	-
Motor Vehicle	395	718	405	281	223	-20.6
Asbestos	351	224	267	203	164	-19.2
Health Care/Pharma	21,335	37,324	38,872	23,057	28,880	25.3
Other	13,585	7,560	16,406	216,204	94,304	-56.4
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>17,895</b>	<b>17,701</b>	<b>25,373</b>	<b>19,405</b>	<b>18,038</b>	<b>-7.0</b>
Airplane	208	192	271	224	184	-17.9
Marine	1,476	1,465	1,400	1,377	1,069	-22.4
Motor Vehicle	4,425	4,836	5,077	5,459	5,590	2.4
Assault, Libel, and Slander	550	612	594	598	577	-3.5

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Nature of Suit	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Percent Change <sup>1</sup> 2020-2021
Federal Employers Liability Act	379	413	434	355	372	4.8
Medical Malpractice	1,252	1,160	1,222	1,019	1,152	13.1
Other	9,605	9,023	16,375	10,373	9,094	-12.3
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>3,953</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>3,880</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,349	2,459	2,370	2,263	2,250	-0.6
Other Personal Property Damage	1,509	1,670	1,583	1,583	1,630	3.0
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>178,859</b>	<b>181,446</b>	<b>180,260</b>	<b>175,968</b>	<b>169,301</b>	<b>-3.8</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>-17.4</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,855	1,846	2,233	1,633	1,629	-0.2
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	267	298	254	234	236	0.9
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>38,925</b>	<b>41,741</b>	<b>43,155</b>	<b>41,044</b>	<b>43,333</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Voting	112	93	117	234	172	-26.5
Employment	12,053	12,579	12,456	11,174	11,802	5.6
Housing and Accommodations	831	848	970	752	742	-1.3
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
ADA--Employment	2,353	2,624	2,561	2,338	2,629	12.4
ADA--Other	8,003	9,990	11,833	11,273	12,545	11.3
Education	606	745	758	794	828	4.3
Other Civil Rights	14,967	14,862	14,460	14,479	14,615	0.9
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-8.3</b>
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>57,685</b>	<b>54,134</b>	<b>55,018</b>	<b>56,195</b>	<b>47,669</b>	<b>-15.2</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,205	5,342	5,877	6,834	3,395	-50.3
Habeas Corpus--General	17,336	16,964	16,902	15,960	14,064	-11.9
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	220	161	154	120	135	12.5
Mandamus and Other	960	1,253	1,087	1,784	1,626	-8.9
Civil Rights	18,986	18,842	19,350	18,820	17,983	-4.4
Prison Condition	11,199	9,708	10,095	10,182	9,301	-8.7
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	1,502	1,674	1,346	2,261	964	-57.4
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	277	190	207	234	201	-14.1

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<b>Nature of Suit</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Percent Change<sup>1</sup> 2020-2021</b>
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>20.5</b>
Agricultural Acts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	591	660	626	483	623	29.0
Air Traffic Regulations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	593	555	497	502	564	12.4
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>17,629</b>	<b>16,641</b>	<b>15,177</b>	<b>13,442</b>	<b>-11.4</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,742	7,600	7,196	6,663	5,563	-16.5
Labor Management Relations Act	596	660	537	470	446	-5.1
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	-	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Labor Act	65	46	60	71	38	-46.5
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	6,632	6,705	6,096	5,253	4,658	-11.3
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,308	1,250	1,316	1,274	1,308	2.7
Other Labor Litigation	1,288	1,368	1,436	1,446	1,429	-1.2
<b>Immigration, Total</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>1,761</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>77.8</b>
Naturalization Applications	271	350	391	357	304	-14.8
Other Immigration Actions	1,540	1,411	1,770	2,231	4,298	92.6
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>10,768</b>	<b>12,690</b>	<b>12,582</b>	<b>9,964</b>	<b>11,584</b>	<b>16.3</b>
Copyright	3,451	5,756	5,467	3,224	3,746	16.2
Patent	4,182	3,493	3,275	3,627	3,802	4.8
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	137	337	314	282	222	-21.3
Trademark	2,998	3,104	3,526	2,831	3,205	13.2
Defend Trade Secrets Act	-	-	-	-	609	-
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,532</b>	<b>1,769</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>2,449</b>	<b>33.1</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>19,020</b>	<b>18,665</b>	<b>17,912</b>	<b>21,110</b>	<b>19,541</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
Disability Insurance	9,147	9,549	9,464	11,234	10,715	-4.6
Supplemental Security Income	8,855	8,132	7,401	8,917	7,979	-10.5
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	932	914	985	842	725	-13.9
Other	86	70	62	117	122	4.3
<b>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>-28.3</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>

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Nature of Suit	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Percent Change <sup>1</sup> 2020-2021
Tax Suits	1,016	925	728	537	551	2.6
Customer Challenge	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consumer Credit	10,531	10,764	10,870	10,447	9,968	-4.6
Cable/Sat. TV	678	597	432	322	318	-1.2
Freedom of Information Act	660	872	853	790	641	-18.9
Constitutionality of State Statutes	484	338	341	420	391	-6.9
Other Statutory Actions	12,349	11,509	11,085	10,415	9,862	-5.3
Other Actions, Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

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