

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2008 Through 2012

Nature of Suit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change 2011-2012
Total Cases	267,257	276,397	282,895	289,252	278,442	-3.7
Contract Actions, Total	34,172	35,634	31,109	32,306	28,713	-11.1
Franchise	391	429	357	423	367	-13.2
Insurance	112,697	11,155	9,380	9,493	8,679	-8.6
Marine	2,349	3,498	1,344	1,117	1,032	-7.6
Miller Act	225	249	276	388	574	47.9
Negotiable Instruments	504	872	956	876	819	-6.5
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	3,447	3,043	3,426	5,047	3,279	-35.0
Defaulted Student Loans	2,910	2,405	2,741	4,332	2,657	-38.7
Veterans' Overpayment	9	12	16	8	6	-
Other	528	626	669	707	616	-12.9
Other Contract Actions	14,559	16,388	15,370	14,962	13,963	-6.7
Real Property Actions, Total	5,072	5,998	7,432	10,688	12,960	21.3
Condemnation of Land	944	317	173	183	123	-32.8
Foreclosure	2,144	3,129	4,267	7,224	8,130	12.5
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	172	185	254	333	662	98.8
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	510	579	661	577	1,054	82.7
Other Real Property Actions	1,302	1,788	2,077	2,371	2,991	26.1
Tort Actions, Total	72,011	78,093	83,055	78,176	61,306	-21.6
Personal Injury, Total	68,121	72,897	78,350	73,750	57,151	-22.5
Personal Injury						
Product Liability, Total	52,110	58,335	63,203	59,761	43,083	-27.9
Airplane	101	131	184	101	66	-34.7
Marine	33	27	37	14	24	71.4
Motor Vehicle	390	401	507	305	287	-5.9
Asbestos ¹	33,780	41,785	41,133	37,744	15,167	-59.8
Health Care/Pharma.	-	-	-	-	6,791	-
Other	17,806	15,991	21,342	21,597	20,748	-3.9
Other Personal Injury, Total	16,011	14,562	15,147	13,989	14,068	0.6
Airplane	386	446	300	269	194	-27.9
Marine	1,393	1,345	1,393	1,390	1,258	-9.5
Motor Vehicle	3,636	3,588	3,546	3,549	3,501	-1.4
Assault, Libel, and Slander	557	530	559	590	579	-1.9
Federal Employers Liability Act	511	545	480	413	412	-0.2
Medical Malpractice	1,255	1,059	1,115	1,105	1,044	-5.5
Other	8,273	7,049	7,754	6,673	7,080	6.1

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change 2011-2012
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,890	5,196	4,705	4,426	4,155	-6.1
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,245	3,320	2,902	2,683	2,340	-12.8
Other Personal Property Damage	1,645	1,876	1,803	1,743	1,815	4.1
Actions Under Statutes, Total	155,939	156,629	161,297	168,078	175,463	4.4
Antitrust	1,318	812	544	475	702	47.8
Bankruptcy, Total	2,383	2,313	2,696	2,829	3,928	38.8
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,954	1,906	2,177	2,227	2,168	-2.6
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	429	407	519	602	1,760	192.4
Banks and Banking	258	444	647	622	605	-2.7
Civil Rights, Total	32,132	33,761	34,872	37,020	37,705	1.9
Voting	145	127	102	168	204	21.4
Employment	13,219	14,036	14,543	15,141	15,018	-0.8
Housing and Accomodations	644	746	687	783	741	-5.4
Welfare	48	71	58	52	28	-46.2
ADA—Employment	1,095	1,195	1,522	1,768	1,958	10.7
ADA—Other	1,583	1,974	2,309	2,713	3,133	15.5
Education	-	-	-	-	126	-
Other Civil Rights	15,398	15,612	15,651	16,395	16,497	0.6
Environmental Matters	920	741	942	726	696	-4.1
Deportation	130	91	61	53	20	-62.3
Prisoner Petitions, Total	55,271	53,187	52,583	53,611	54,300	1.3
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,352	5,771	5,858	6,260	8,499	35.8
Habeas Corpus—General	21,298	20,319	19,825	19,624	18,851	-3.9
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	192	245	208	195	189	-3.1
Mandamus and Other	1,265	1,081	952	1,011	907	-10.3
Civil Rights	18,069	17,348	16,951	17,047	16,970	-0.5
Prison Condition	7,610	7,540	8,107	8,609	8,066	-6.3
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	485	883	682	865	744	-14.0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	-	-	-	-	74	-
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,331	2,371	2,268	2,369	2,298	-3.0
Agricultural Acts	26	22	32	35	18	-48.6
Food and Drug Act	47	34	35	51	16	-68.6
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,399	1,441	1,273	1,235	1,289	4.4
Air Traffic Regulations	4	1	5	6	0	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	8	12	15	28	13	-53.6
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	847	861	908	1,014	962	-5.1

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Nature of Suit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change 2011-2012
Labor Laws, Total	16,788	17,719	18,624	17,967	19,440	8.2
Fair Labor Standards Act	5,393	6,073	6,825	6,336	8,152	28.7
Labor Management Relations Act	1,051	1,066	1,094	1,173	1,167	-0.5
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	66	57	70	42	15	-64.3
Railway Labor Act	83	74	66	74	44	-40.5
ERISA ²	8,983	9,129	9,216	8,860	8,404	-5.1
FMLA ³	-	-	-	-	291	-
Other Labor Litigation	1,212	1,320	1,353	1,482	1,367	-7.8
Immigration, Total⁴	1,156	1,394	1,183	1,083	1,058	-2.3
Naturalization Applications	586	437	402	298	301	1.0
Other Immigration Actions	570	957	781	785	757	-3.6
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	9,592	8,365	8,966	9,940	11,666	17.4
Copyright	3,234	2,192	2,013	2,297	3,074	33.8
Patent	2,909	2,792	3,301	4,015	5,189	29.2
Trademark	3,449	3,381	3,652	3,628	3,403	-6.2
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,637	1,674	1,397	1,402	1,432	2.1
Social Security Laws, Total	13,138	13,622	14,016	15,705	17,645	12.4
Disability Insurance	6,080	6,389	6,141	6,779	7,487	10.4
Supplemental Security Income	6,373	6,472	7,088	8,176	9,248	13.1
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	603	665	715	682	772	13.2
Other	82	96	72	68	138	102.9
RICO⁵	684	786	993	666	772	15.9
State Reapportionment Suits	4	3	6	14	14	0.0
Tax Suits	1,451	1,306	1,190	1,194	1,202	0.7
Customer Challenge	8	19	9	9	9	-
Consumer Credit	4,239	6,463	8,453	9,822	9,320	-5.1
Cable/Satellite TV	639	626	1,014	1,518	1,514	-0.3
Freedom of Information Act	280	314	298	388	344	-11.3
Constitutionality of State Statutes	254	273	329	333	328	-1.5
Other Statutory Actions	11,326	10,345	10,206	10,332	10,340	0.1
Other Actions, Total	63	43	2	4	0	-

NOTE: Percent change not computed when fewer than 10 cases reported for the previous period. Data collection for the categories of health care/pharmaceutical, education, civil detainee—conditions of confinement, and Family and Medical Leave Act began on October 1, 2011.

¹ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act

⁴ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁵ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.