

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2009 Through 2014

Nature of Suit	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change 2013-2014
Total Cases	282,895	289,252	278,442	284,604	295,310	3.8
Contract Actions, Total	31,109	32,306	28,713	28,571	28,557	-0.0
Franchise	357	423	367	477	456	-4.4
Insurance	9,380	9,493	8,679	10,569	11,728	11.0
Marine	1,344	1,117	1,032	987	810	-17.9
Miller Act	276	388	574	473	502	6.1
Negotiable Instruments	956	876	819	654	562	-14.1
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	3,426	5,047	3,279	2,520	2,352	-6.7
Defaulted Student Loans	2,741	4,332	2,657	1,855	1,654	-10.8
Veterans' Overpayment	16	8	6	4	8	-
Other	669	707	616	661	690	4.4
Other Contract Actions	15,370	14,962	13,963	12,891	12,147	-5.8
Real Property Actions, Total	7,432	10,688	12,960	10,762	7,802	-27.5
Condemnation of Land	173	183	123	173	149	-13.9
Foreclosure	4,267	7,224	8,130	6,264	3,928	-37.3
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	254	333	662	516	773	49.8
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	661	577	1,054	687	642	-6.6
Other Real Property Actions	2,077	2,371	2,991	3,122	2,310	-26.0
Tort Actions, Total	83,055	78,176	61,306	67,738	79,990	18.1
Personal Injury, Total	78,350	73,750	57,151	63,316	76,463	20.8
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	63,203	59,761	43,083	49,526	60,078	21.3
Airplane	184	101	66	28	53	89.3
Marine	37	14	24	30	11	-63.3
Motor Vehicle	507	305	287	238	292	22.7
Asbestos ¹	41,133	37,744	15,167	607	448	-26.2
Health Care/Pharma.	-	-	6,791	9,004	13,939	54.8
Other	21,342	21,597	20,748	39,619	45,335	14.4

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Nature of Suit	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change 2013-2014
Other Personal Injury, Total	15,147	13,989	14,068	13,790	16,385	18.8
Airplane	300	269	194	222	214	-3.6
Marine	1,393	1,390	1,258	1,200	1,166	-2.8
Motor Vehicle	3,546	3,549	3,501	3,524	3,741	6.2
Assault, Libel, and Slander	559	590	579	636	495	-22.2
Federal Employers Liability Act	480	413	412	352	330	-6.3
Medical Malpractice	1,115	1,105	1,044	1,025	986	-3.8
Other	7,754	6,673	7,080	6,831	9,453	38.4
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,705	4,426	4,155	4,422	3,527	-20.2
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,902	2,683	2,340	2,078	2,005	-3.5
Other Personal Property Damage	1,803	1,743	1,815	2,344	1,522	-35.1
Actions Under Statutes, Total	161,297	168,078	175,463	177,533	178,961	0.8
Antitrust	544	475	702	817	799	-2.2
Bankruptcy, Total	2,696	2,829	3,928	2,633	2,651	0.7
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,177	2,227	2,168	1,992	2,055	3.2
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	519	602	1,760	641	596	-7.0
Banks and Banking	647	622	605	340	294	-13.5
Civil Rights, Total	34,872	37,020	37,705	35,307	35,274	-0.1
Voting	102	168	204	129	171	32.6
Employment	14,543	15,141	15,018	13,322	11,937	-10.4
Housing and Accommodations	687	783	741	667	757	13.5
Welfare	58	52	28	6	0	-
ADA—Employment	1,522	1,768	1,958	1,944	1,894	-2.6
ADA—Other	2,309	2,713	3,133	3,039	4,432	45.8
Education	-	-	126	294	455	54.8
Other Civil Rights	15,651	16,395	16,497	15,906	15,628	-1.7
Environmental Matters	942	726	696	1,436	614	-57.2
Deportation	61	53	20	25	21	-16.0

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Nature of Suit	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change 2013-2014
Prisoner Petitions, Total	52,583	53,611	54,300	56,955	60,675	6.5
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,858	6,260	8,499	7,924	7,390	-6.7
Habeas Corpus—General	19,825	19,624	18,851	19,356	19,185	-0.9
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	208	195	189	193	165	-14.5
Mandamus and Other	952	1,011	907	883	950	7.6
Civil Rights	16,951	17,047	16,970	17,514	18,991	8.4
Prison Condition	8,107	8,609	8,066	10,098	13,045	29.2
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	682	865	744	791	736	-7.0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	-	-	74	196	213	8.7
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,268	2,369	2,298	2,144	1,901	-11.3
Agricultural Acts	32	35	18	4	2	-
Food and Drug Act	35	51	16	3	0	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,273	1,235	1,289	1,155	1,018	-11.9
Air Traffic Regulations	5	6	0	1	0	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	15	28	13	1	0	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	908	1,014	962	980	881	-10.1
Labor Laws, Total	18,624	17,967	19,440	18,043	18,673	3.5
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,825	6,336	8,152	7,500	8,160	8.8
Labor Management Relations Act	1,094	1,173	1,167	883	812	-8.0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	70	42	15	7	1	-
Railway Labor Act	66	74	44	64	57	-10.9
ERISA ²	9,216	8,860	8,404	7,599	7,191	-5.4
FMLA ³	-	-	291	877	1,108	26.3
Other Labor Litigation	1,353	1,482	1,367	1,113	1,344	20.8
Immigration, Total ⁴	1,183	1,083	1,058	1,054	1,163	10.3
Naturalization Applications	402	298	301	272	277	1.8
Other Immigration Actions	781	785	757	782	886	13.3
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	8,966	9,940	11,666	13,335	13,420	0.6
Copyright	2,013	2,297	3,074	3,666	4,041	10.2
Patent	3,301	4,015	5,189	6,497	5,686	-12.5
Trademark	3,652	3,628	3,403	3,172	3,693	16.4

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Nature of Suit	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change 2013-2014
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,397	1,402	1,432	1,113	947	-14.9
Social Security Laws, Total	14,016	15,705	17,645	19,977	19,146	-4.2
Disability Insurance	6,141	6,779	7,487	8,407	8,513	1.3
Supplemental Security Income	7,088	8,176	9,248	10,634	9,813	-7.7
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	715	682	772	784	692	-11.7
Other	72	68	138	152	128	-15.8
RICO ⁵	993	666	772	645	735	14.0
State Reapportionment Suits	6	14	14	9	11	-
Tax Suits	1,190	1,194	1,202	1,113	941	-15.5
Customer Challenge	9	9	9	3	0	-
Consumer Credit	8,453	9,822	9,320	8,974	8,547	-4.8
Cable/Satellite TV	1,014	1,518	1,514	1,489	1,367	-8.2
Freedom of Information Act	298	388	344	382	446	16.8
Constitutionality of State Statutes	329	333	328	322	323	0.3
Other Statutory Actions	10,206	10,332	10,465	11,417	11,013	-3.5

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.