

**Table C-2A.****U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,  
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Nature of Suit	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Percent Change <sup>1</sup> 2016 - 2017
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>284,604</b>	<b>295,310</b>	<b>279,036</b>	<b>291,851</b>	<b>267,769</b>	<b>-8.3</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>28,571</b>	<b>28,557</b>	<b>26,068</b>	<b>24,486</b>	<b>23,523</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
Franchise	477	456	382	342	263	-23.1
Insurance	10,569	11,728	9,711	8,872	8,846	-0.3
Marine	987	810	907	805	652	-19.0
Miller Act	473	502	398	331	270	-18.4
Negotiable Instruments	654	562	505	481	484	0.6
<b>Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments</b>	<b>2,520</b>	<b>2,352</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>-13.5</b>
Defaulted Student Loans	1,855	1,654	1,546	950	698	-26.5
Veterans' Overpayment	4	8	7	4	25	-
Other	661	690	633	628	645	2.7
Other Contract Actions	12,891	12,147	11,979	12,073	11,640	-3.6
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>10,762</b>	<b>7,802</b>	<b>9,195</b>	<b>9,247</b>	<b>7,920</b>	<b>-14.4</b>
Condemnation of Land	173	149	339	568	210	-63.0
Foreclosure	6,264	3,928	4,256	4,809	3,972	-17.4
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	516	773	688	970	1,072	10.5
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	687	642	1,554	762	606	-20.5
Other Real Property Actions	3,122	2,310	2,358	2,138	2,060	-3.6
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>67,738</b>	<b>79,990</b>	<b>68,879</b>	<b>61,495</b>	<b>57,467</b>	<b>-6.6</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>63,316</b>	<b>76,463</b>	<b>61,093</b>	<b>55,283</b>	<b>53,609</b>	<b>-3.0</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>49,526</b>	<b>60,078</b>	<b>41,764</b>	<b>39,879</b>	<b>35,714</b>	<b>-10.4</b>
Airplane	28	53	63	90	31	-65.6
Marine	30	11	9	34	17	-50.0
Motor Vehicle	238	292	404	415	395	-4.8
Asbestos	607	448	1,982	446	351	-21.3
Health Care/Pharma	9,004	13,939	15,712	21,517	21,335	-0.8
Other	39,619	45,335	23,594	17,377	13,585	-21.8

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<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>13,790</b>	<b>16,385</b>	<b>19,329</b>	<b>15,404</b>	<b>17,895</b>	<b>16.2</b>
Airplane	222	214	191	185	208	12.4
Marine	1,200	1,166	1,125	1,515	1,476	-2.6
Motor Vehicle	3,524	3,741	3,743	4,039	4,425	9.6
Assault, Libel, and Slander	636	495	591	559	550	-1.6
Federal Employers Liability Act	352	330	296	316	379	19.9
Medical Malpractice	1,025	986	1,135	1,347	1,252	-7.1
Other	6,831	9,453	12,248	7,443	9,605	29.0
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>4,422</b>	<b>3,527</b>	<b>7,786</b>	<b>6,212</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>-37.9</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,078	2,005	2,396	3,416	2,349	-31.2
Other Personal Property Damage	2,344	1,522	5,390	2,796	1,509	-46.0
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>177,533</b>	<b>178,961</b>	<b>174,894</b>	<b>196,623</b>	<b>178,859</b>	<b>-9.0</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>-23.2</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>2,122</b>	<b>-7.9</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,992	2,055	2,272	1,952	1,855	-5.0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	641	596	542	352	267	-24.1
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-27.1</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>35,307</b>	<b>35,274</b>	<b>37,384</b>	<b>38,002</b>	<b>38,925</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Voting	129	171	86	144	112	-22.2
Employment	13,322	11,937	12,205	11,878	12,053	1.5
Housing and Accommodations	667	757	775	900	831	-7.7
Welfare	6	0	0	0	0	-
ADA--Employment	1,944	1,894	2,076	2,231	2,353	5.5
ADA--Other	3,039	4,432	5,156	7,096	8,003	12.8
Education	294	455	525	548	606	10.6
Other Civil Rights	15,906	15,628	16,561	15,205	14,967	-1.6
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>-43.7</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>80.0</b>

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<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>56,955</b>	<b>60,675</b>	<b>52,531</b>	<b>73,725</b>	<b>57,685</b>	<b>-21.8</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,924	7,390	5,520	24,837	7,205	-71.0
Habeas Corpus--General	19,356	19,185	18,448	17,356	17,336	-0.1
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	193	165	194	202	220	8.9
Mandamus and Other	883	950	837	892	960	7.6
Civil Rights	17,514	18,991	17,829	20,622	18,986	-7.9
Prison Condition	10,098	13,045	8,690	8,307	11,199	34.8
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	791	736	670	1,134	1,502	32.5
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	196	213	343	375	277	-26.1
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>1,471</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>10.9</b>
Agricultural Acts	4	2	0	0	0	-
Food and Drug Act	3	0	0	0	0	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,155	1,018	688	499	591	18.4
Air Traffic Regulations	1	0	0	0	0	-
Occupational Safety and Health Act	1	0	0	0	0	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	980	881	783	569	593	4.2
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>18,043</b>	<b>18,673</b>	<b>19,322</b>	<b>18,929</b>	<b>17,631</b>	<b>-6.9</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,500	8,160	8,781	8,686	7,742	-10.9
Labor Management Relations Act	883	812	690	675	596	-11.7
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	7	1	0	0	0	-
Railway Labor Act	64	57	45	60	65	8.3
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	7,599	7,191	7,228	6,831	6,632	-2.9
Family and Medical Leave Act	877	1,108	1,139	1,255	1,308	4.2
Other Labor Litigation	1,113	1,344	1,439	1,422	1,288	-9.4
<b>Immigration, Total</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,321</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>10.6</b>
Naturalization Applications	272	277	260	307	271	-11.7
Other Immigration Actions	782	886	1,061	1,330	1,540	15.8
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>13,335</b>	<b>13,420</b>	<b>13,751</b>	<b>12,111</b>	<b>10,768</b>	<b>-11.1</b>
Copyright	3,666	4,041	5,035	3,936	3,451	-12.3
Patent	6,497	5,686	5,564	5,080	4,182	-17.7
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	0	0	0	0	137	-
Trademark	3,172	3,693	3,152	3,095	2,998	-3.1

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<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	1,113	947	1,013	1,119	1,455	30.0
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	19,977	19,146	18,538	18,716	19,020	1.6
Disability Insurance	8,407	8,513	8,578	8,616	9,147	6.2
Supplemental Security Income	10,634	9,813	9,210	9,151	8,855	-3.2
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	784	692	656	851	932	9.5
Other	152	128	94	98	86	-12.2
<b>Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act</b>	645	735	678	771	684	-11.3
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	9	11	3	6	4	-
<b>Tax Suits</b>	1,113	941	989	938	1,016	8.3
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	3	0	0	0	0	-
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	8,974	8,547	9,801	9,745	10,531	8.1
<b>Cable/Sat. TV</b>	1,489	1,367	1,162	691	678	-1.9
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	382	446	514	490	660	34.7
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	322	323	383	358	484	35.2
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	11,417	11,013	11,348	13,133	12,349	-6.0
<b>Other Actions, Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	-

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