

Table C-2A.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2008 Through 2013

| Nature of Suit | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Percent Change 2012-2013 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Total Cases | 276,397 | 282,895 | 289,252 | 278,442 | 284,604 | 2.2 |
| Contract Actions, Total | 35,634 | 31,109 | 32,306 | 28,713 | 28,571 | -0.5 |
| Franchise | 429 | 357 | 423 | 367 | 477 | 30.0 |
| Insurance | 11,155 | 9,380 | 9,493 | 8,679 | 10,569 | 21.8 |
| Marine | 3,498 | 1,344 | 1,117 | 1,032 | 987 | -4.4 |
| Miller Act | 249 | 276 | 388 | 574 | 473 | -17.6 |
| Negotiable Instruments | 872 | 956 | 876 | 819 | 654 | -20.1 |
| Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments | 3,043 | 3,426 | 5,047 | 3,279 | 2,520 | -23.1 |
| Defaulted Student Loans | 2,405 | 2,741 | 4,332 | 2,657 | 1,855 | -30.2 |
| Veterans' Overpayment | 12 | 16 | 8 | 6 | 4 | - |
| Other | 626 | 669 | 707 | 616 | 661 | 7.3 |
| Other Contract Actions | 16,388 | 15,370 | 14,962 | 13,963 | 12,891 | -7.7 |
| Real Property Actions, Total | 5,998 | 7,432 | 10,688 | 12,960 | 10,762 | -17.0 |
| Condemnation of Land | 317 | 173 | 183 | 123 | 173 | 40.7 |
| Foreclosure | 3,129 | 4,267 | 7,224 | 8,130 | 6,264 | -23.0 |
| Rent, Lease, and Ejectment | 185 | 254 | 333 | 662 | 516 | -22.1 |
| Torts to Land, Including Product Liability | 579 | 661 | 577 | 1,054 | 687 | -34.8 |
| Other Real Property Actions | 1,788 | 2,077 | 2,371 | 2,991 | 3,122 | 4.4 |
| Tort Actions, Total | 78,093 | 83,055 | 78,176 | 61,306 | 67,738 | 10.5 |
| Personal Injury, Total | 72,897 | 78,350 | 73,750 | 57,151 | 63,316 | 10.8 |
| Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total | 58,335 | 63,203 | 59,761 | 43,083 | 49,526 | 15.0 |
| Airplane | 131 | 184 | 101 | 66 | 28 | -57.6 |
| Marine | 27 | 37 | 14 | 24 | 30 | 25.0 |
| Motor Vehicle | 401 | 507 | 305 | 287 | 238 | -17.1 |
| Asbestos | 41,785 | 41,133 | 37,744 | 15,167 | 607 | -96.0 |
| Health Care/Pharma. | - | - | - | 6,791 | 9,004 | 32.6 |
| Other | 15,991 | 21,342 | 21,597 | 20,748 | 39,619 | 91.0 |

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| Nature of Suit | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Percent Change 2012-2013 |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Other Personal Injury, Total | 14,562 | 15,147 | 13,989 | 14,068 | 13,790 | -2.0 |
| Airplane | 446 | 300 | 269 | 194 | 222 | 14.4 |
| Marine | 1,345 | 1,393 | 1,390 | 1,258 | 1,200 | -4.6 |
| Motor Vehicle | 3,588 | 3,546 | 3,549 | 3,501 | 3,524 | 0.7 |
| Assault, Libel, and Slander | 530 | 559 | 590 | 579 | 636 | 9.8 |
| Federal Employers' Liability Act | 545 | 480 | 413 | 412 | 352 | -14.6 |
| Medical Malpractice | 1,059 | 1,115 | 1,105 | 1,044 | 1,025 | -1.8 |
| Other | 7,049 | 7,754 | 6,673 | 7,080 | 6,831 | -3.5 |
| Personal Property Damage, Total | 5,196 | 4,705 | 4,426 | 4,155 | 4,422 | 6.4 |
| Fraud, Including Truth in Lending | 3,320 | 2,902 | 2,683 | 2,340 | 2,078 | -11.2 |
| Other Personal Property Damage | 1,876 | 1,803 | 1,743 | 1,815 | 2,344 | 29.1 |
| Actions Under Statutes, Total | 156,629 | 161,297 | 168,078 | 175,463 | 177,533 | 1.2 |
| Antitrust | 812 | 544 | 475 | 702 | 817 | 16.4 |
| Bankruptcy, Total | 2,313 | 2,696 | 2,829 | 3,928 | 2,633 | -33.0 |
| Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158) | 1,906 | 2,177 | 2,227 | 2,168 | 1,992 | -8.1 |
| Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157) | 407 | 519 | 602 | 1,760 | 641 | -63.6 |
| Banks and Banking | 444 | 647 | 622 | 605 | 340 | -43.8 |
| Civil Rights, Total | 33,761 | 34,872 | 37,020 | 37,705 | 35,307 | -6.4 |
| Voting | 127 | 102 | 168 | 204 | 129 | -36.8 |
| Employment | 14,036 | 14,543 | 15,141 | 15,018 | 13,322 | -11.3 |
| Housing and Accommodations | 746 | 687 | 783 | 741 | 667 | -10.0 |
| Welfare | 71 | 58 | 52 | 28 | 6 | -78.6 |
| ADA—Employment | 1,195 | 1,522 | 1,768 | 1,958 | 1,944 | -0.7 |
| AD—Other | 1,974 | 2,309 | 2,713 | 3,133 | 3,039 | -3.0 |
| Education | - | - | - | 126 | 294 | 133.3 |
| Other Civil Rights | 15,612 | 15,651 | 16,395 | 16,497 | 15,906 | -3.6 |
| Environmental Matters | 741 | 942 | 726 | 696 | 1,436 | 106.3 |
| Deportation | 91 | 61 | 53 | 20 | 25 | 25.0 |

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| Nature of Suit | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Percent Change 2012-2013 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Prisoner Petitions, Total | 53,187 | 52,583 | 53,611 | 54,300 | 56,955 | 4.9 |
| Motions to Vacate Sentence | 5,771 | 5,858 | 6,260 | 8,499 | 7,924 | -6.8 |
| Habeas Corpus—General | 20,319 | 19,825 | 19,624 | 18,851 | 19,356 | 2.7 |
| Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty | 245 | 208 | 195 | 189 | 193 | 2.1 |
| Mandamus and Other | 1,081 | 952 | 1,011 | 907 | 883 | -2.6 |
| Civil Rights | 17,348 | 16,951 | 17,047 | 16,970 | 17,514 | 3.2 |
| Prison Condition | 7,540 | 8,107 | 8,609 | 8,066 | 10,098 | 25.2 |
| Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees | 883 | 682 | 865 | 744 | 791 | 6.3 |
| Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement | - | - | - | 74 | 196 | 164.9 |
| Forfeiture and Penalty, Total | 2,371 | 2,268 | 2,369 | 2,298 | 2,144 | -6.7 |
| Agricultural Acts | 22 | 32 | 35 | 18 | 4 | -77.8 |
| Food and Drug Act | 34 | 35 | 51 | 16 | 3 | -81.3 |
| Drug-Related Seizure of Property | 1,441 | 1,273 | 1,235 | 1,289 | 1,155 | -10.4 |
| Air Traffic Regulations | 1 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 1 | - |
| Occupational Safety and Health Act | 12 | 15 | 28 | 13 | 1 | -92.3 |
| Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits | 861 | 908 | 1,014 | 962 | 980 | 1.9 |
| Labor Laws, Total | 17,719 | 18,624 | 17,967 | 19,440 | 18,043 | -7.2 |
| Fair Labor Standards Act | 6,073 | 6,825 | 6,336 | 8,152 | 7,500 | -8.0 |
| Labor Management Relations Act | 1,066 | 1,094 | 1,173 | 1,167 | 883 | -24.3 |
| Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act | 57 | 70 | 42 | 15 | 7 | -53.3 |
| Railway Labor Act | 74 | 66 | 74 | 44 | 64 | 45.5 |
| ERISA ² | 9,129 | 9,216 | 8,860 | 8,404 | 7,599 | -9.6 |
| FMLA ³ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 291 | 877 | 201.4 |
| Other Labor Litigation | 1,320 | 1,353 | 1,482 | 1,367 | 1,113 | -18.6 |
| Immigration, Total ⁴ | 1,394 | 1,183 | 1,083 | 1,058 | 1,054 | -0.4 |
| Naturalization Applications | 437 | 402 | 298 | 301 | 272 | -9.6 |
| Other Immigration Actions | 957 | 781 | 785 | 757 | 782 | 3.3 |
| Intellectual Property Rights, Total | 8,365 | 8,966 | 9,940 | 11,666 | 13,335 | 14.3 |
| Copyright | 2,192 | 2,013 | 2,297 | 3,074 | 3,666 | 19.3 |
| Patent | 2,792 | 3,301 | 4,015 | 5,189 | 6,497 | 25.2 |
| Trademark | 3,381 | 3,652 | 3,628 | 3,403 | 3,172 | -6.8 |

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| Nature of Suit | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Percent Change 2012-2013 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges | 1,674 | 1,397 | 1,402 | 1,432 | 1,113 | -22.3 |
| Social Security Laws, Total | 13,622 | 14,016 | 15,705 | 17,645 | 19,977 | 13.2 |
| Disability Insurance | 6,389 | 6,141 | 6,779 | 7,487 | 8,407 | 12.3 |
| Supplemental Security Income | 6,472 | 7,088 | 8,176 | 9,248 | 10,634 | 15.0 |
| Retirement and Survivors Benefits | 665 | 715 | 682 | 772 | 784 | 1.6 |
| Other | 96 | 72 | 68 | 138 | 152 | 10.1 |
| RICO⁵ | 786 | 993 | 666 | 772 | 645 | -16.5 |
| State Reapportionment Suits | 3 | 6 | 14 | 14 | 9 | -35.7 |
| Tax Suits | 1,306 | 1,190 | 1,194 | 1,202 | 1,113 | -7.4 |
| Customer Challenge | 19 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 3 | - |
| Consumer Credit | 6,463 | 8,453 | 9,822 | 9,320 | 8,974 | -3.7 |
| Cable/Satellite TV | 626 | 1,014 | 1,518 | 1,514 | 1,489 | -1.7 |
| Freedom of Information Act | 314 | 298 | 388 | 344 | 382 | 11.0 |
| Constitutionality of State Statutes | 273 | 329 | 333 | 328 | 322 | -1.8 |
| Other Statutory Actions | 10,345 | 10,206 | 10,332 | 10,340 | 10,948 | 5.9 |
| Other Actions, Total | 43 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 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.