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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	September 30, 2019	September 30, 2020	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	56,387	53,530	1,147	3,518	15,322	33,539	4
Contract Actions, Total	2,708	2,731	223	59	582	1,866	1
Franchise	16	21	-	-	4	17	-
Insurance	599	596	2	3	87	504	-
Marine	182	159	-	1	152	6	-
Miller Act	43	48	8	1	39	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	57	54	7	1	9	37	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	256	276	179	33	22	42	-
Defaulted Student Loans	58	59	56	1	2	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	88	88	88	-	-	-	-
Other	110	129	35	32	20	42	-
Other Contract Actions	1,555	1,577	27	20	269	1,260	1
Real Property Actions, Total	673	680	48	60	119	452	1
Foreclosure	258	269	37	11	34	186	1
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	13	19	1	-	8	10	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	186	204	4	9	36	155	-
Other Real Property Actions	216	188	6	40	41	101	-
Tort Actions, Total	36,059	32,310	9	189	1,126	30,985	1
Personal Injury, Total	34,886	31,619	-	184	1,009	30,425	1
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	33,205	28,848	-	4	233	28,611	-
Airplane	7	6	-	-	2	4	-
Marine	6	4	-	-	2	2	-
Motor Vehicle	137	56	-	-	13	43	-
Asbestos ¹	190	193	-	1	42	150	-
Health Care/Pharma	22,220	20,290	-	-	47	20,243	-

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Other	10,645	8,299	-	3	127	8,169	-
Other Personal Injury, Total	1,681	2,771	-	180	776	1,814	1
Airplane	21	30	-	-	18	12	-
Marine	160	326	-	3	307	16	-
Motor Vehicle	237	277	-	27	41	209	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	46	42	-	1	12	29	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	78	98	-	8	90	-	-
Medical Malpractice	137	250	-	80	16	154	-
Other	1,002	1,748	-	61	292	1,394	1
Personal Property Damage, Total	1,173	691	9	5	117	560	-
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	878	510	8	1	83	418	-
Other Personal Property Damage	295	181	1	4	34	142	-
Actions Under Statutes, Total	16,947	17,809	867	3,210	13,495	236	1
Antitrust	1,056	883	4	-	879	-	-
Bankruptcy, Total	126	120	-	-	120	-	-
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	94	90	-	-	90	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	32	30	-	-	30	-	-
Banks and Banking	24	18	2	1	15	-	-
Civil Rights, Total	3,095	3,593	68	188	3,217	120	-
Voting	13	12	1	-	11	-	-
Employment	972	1,135	32	95	929	79	-
Housing and Accommodations	50	58	5	1	51	1	-
ADA--Employment	106	126	7	6	106	7	-
ADA--Other	141	171	4	2	162	3	-
Education	42	68	1	1	64	2	-

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Other Civil Rights	1,771	2,023	18	83	1,894	28	-
Environmental Matters	237	235	38	60	137	-	-
Deportation	8	9	-	9	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions, Total	6,593	6,598	-	2,014	4,584	-	-
Motions to Vacate Sentence	2,324	1,740	-	1,740	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus--General	1,381	1,461	-	115	1,346	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	446	447	-	20	427	-	-
Mandamus and Other	39	44	-	22	22	-	-
Civil Rights	1,500	1,835	-	69	1,766	-	-
Prison Condition	800	961	-	22	939	-	-
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	10	22	-	22	-	-	-
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	93	88	-	4	84	-	-
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	225	231	228	3	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	57	56	56	-	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	165	172	169	3	-	-	-
Labor Laws, Total	1,205	1,401	46	4	1,282	69	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	555	643	20	-	623	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	130	144	5	2	137	-	-
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	3	3	-	-	3	-	-
Railway Labor Act	6	9	-	-	9	-	-
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	338	400	11	1	388	-	-
Family and Medical Leave Act	23	35	-	-	35	-	-

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Other Labor Litigation	150	167	10	1	87	69	-
Immigration, Total ²	24	30	5	25	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	7	6	-	6	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	17	24	5	19	-	-	-
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	730	827	1	-	826	-	-
Copyright	101	151	-	-	151	-	-
Patent	474	487	1	-	486	-	-
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	0	12	-	-	12	-	-
Trademark	155	177	-	-	177	-	-
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	378	415	103	1	311	-	-
Social Security Laws, Total	562	595	4	591	-	-	-
Disability Insurance	329	349	4	345	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	197	206	-	206	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	20	24	-	24	-	-	-
Other	16	16	-	16	-	-	-
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	181	158	4	-	136	18	-
State Reapportionment Suits	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
Tax Suits	95	110	58	51	-	-	1
Consumer Credit	251	313	1	1	297	14	-
Cable/Sat. TV	12	21	-	-	21	-	-
Freedom of Information Act	104	148	-	134	14	-	-
Constitutionality of State Statutes	43	65	1	-	58	6	-
Other Statutory Actions	1,996	2,038	304	128	1,597	9	-

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NOTE: Total number of land condemnation cases omitted were 70.

The number of pending cases in this report includes cases that have been transferred under a Multidistrict Litigation (MDL) order. Large numbers of civil cases may be temporarily assigned by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation to a district judge for pretrial management. As MDL cases vary greatly among districts, it is advisable to check with the relevant district court before drawing statistical conclusions about the number of pending cases for that district.

The higher number of pending cases reported for the Southern District of West Virginia is the result of reconciliation efforts conducted for pretrial management for the three-month period ending June 30, 2018.

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

² Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.