

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2019 and 2020

Nature of Suit	2019	2020					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	297,877	470,581	3,407	44,115	138,455	284,603	1
Contract Actions, Total	25,264	26,592	176	237	3,885	22,294	0
Franchise	281	247	0	0	42	205	0
Insurance	10,757	11,630	6	28	1,009	10,587	0
Marine	676	745	1	1	681	62	0
Miller Act	260	264	59	2	203	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	431	356	4	1	26	325	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	969	669	55	117	125	372	0
Defaulted Student Loans	260	41	26	9	6	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	0	4	0	4	0	0	0
Other	709	624	29	104	119	372	0
Other Contract Actions	11,890	12,681	51	88	1,799	10,743	0
Real Property Actions, Total	6,870	4,790	508	198	1,683	2,401	0
Condemnation of Land	352	341	127	26	179	9	0
Foreclosure	2,968	1,808	363	42	422	981	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	1,156	710	4	1	541	164	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	844	740	5	34	123	578	0
Other Real Property Actions	1,550	1,191	9	95	418	669	0
Tort Actions, Total	85,483	263,231	28	1,852	5,548	255,803	0
Personal Injury, Total	81,530	259,385	9	1,723	4,710	252,943	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	56,157	239,980	0	69	986	238,925	0
Airplane	188	229	0	0	86	143	0
Marine	19	6	0	0	4	2	0
Motor Vehicle	405	281	0	2	35	244	0
Asbestos	267	203	0	2	98	103	0
Health Care/Pharma	38,872	23,057	0	43	181	22,833	0
Other	16,406	216,204	0	22	582	215,600	0
Other Personal Injury, Total	25,373	19,405	9	1,654	3,724	14,018	0
Airplane	271	224	0	19	78	127	0

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Marine	1,400	1,377	0	14	837	526	0
Motor Vehicle	5,077	5,459	1	607	290	4,561	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	594	598	0	39	167	392	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	434	355	0	38	317	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,222	1,019	0	483	204	332	0
Other	16,375	10,373	8	454	1,831	8,080	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,953	3,846	19	129	838	2,860	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,370	2,263	9	27	586	1,641	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,583	1,583	10	102	252	1,219	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	180,260	175,968	2,695	41,828	127,339	4,105	1
Antitrust	521	672	14	1	657	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,487	1,867	7	16	1,844	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,233	1,633	5	15	1,613	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	254	234	2	1	231	0	0
Banks and Banking	161	145	5	2	138	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	43,155	41,044	166	1,247	36,967	2,664	0
Voting	117	234	1	12	220	1	0
Employment	12,456	11,174	82	428	8,524	2,140	0
Housing and Accommodations	970	752	24	13	702	13	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA--Employment	2,561	2,338	26	68	2,168	76	0
ADA--Other	11,833	11,273	2	14	11,223	34	0
Education	758	794	0	7	783	4	0
Other Civil Rights	14,460	14,479	31	705	13,347	396	0
Environmental Matters	590	442	85	143	214	0	0
Deportation	10	12	0	8	4	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	55,018	56,195	0	14,161	42,034	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,877	6,834	0	6,834	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus--General	16,902	15,960	0	2,702	13,258	0	0

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Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	154	120	0	7	113	0	0
Mandamus and Other	1,087	1,784	0	1,022	762	0	0
Civil Rights	19,350	18,820	0	931	17,889	0	0
Prison Condition	10,095	10,182	0	382	9,800	0	0
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	1,346	2,261	0	2,261	0	0	0
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	207	234	0	22	212	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,123	985	935	50	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	626	483	474	9	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	497	502	461	41	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	16,641	15,177	175	56	14,142	804	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,196	6,663	99	14	6,550	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	537	470	9	3	458	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	60	71	0	3	68	0	0
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	6,096	5,253	44	7	5,202	0	0
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,316	1,274	1	7	1,266	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,436	1,446	22	22	598	804	0
Immigration, Total'	2,161	2,588	47	2,541	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	391	357	0	357	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	1,770	2,231	47	2,184	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	12,582	9,964	5	4	9,955	0	0
Copyright	5,467	3,224	0	0	3,224	0	0
Patent	3,275	3,627	3	4	3,620	0	0
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	314	282	0	0	282	0	0
Trademark	3,526	2,831	2	0	2,829	0	0

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Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,769	1,840	259	5	1,576	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	17,912	21,110	38	21,072	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	9,464	11,234	38	11,196	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	7,401	8,917	0	8,917	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	985	842	0	842	0	0	0
Other	62	117	0	117	0	0	0
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	1,810	991	2	0	833	156	0
State Reapportionment Suits	11	5	0	0	5	0	0
Tax Suits	728	537	306	230	0	0	1
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	10,870	10,447	3	12	10,248	184	0
Cable/Sat. TV	432	322	3	1	312	6	0
Freedom of Information Act	853	790	0	722	68	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	341	420	4	8	371	37	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,085	10,415	641	1,549	7,971	254	0
Other Actions, Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Data collection for the categories of health care/pharmaceuticals, education, civil detainee—conditions of confinement, and Family and Medical Leave Act began on October 1, 2011.

¹ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.