

Table B-1A.
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Civil and Criminal Appeals Commenced, Terminated, and Pending, by Circuit and Nature of Proceeding, in Appeals
Arising From the U.S. District Courts During the 12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2020

Nature of Suit or Offense	Pending Oct. 1, 2019 ¹	Commenced			Terminated									Pending Sept. 30, 2020
					Total	On Procedural Grounds			On the Merits					
		Total	Original	Reopened ²		Total	Total	By Consol- idation	By Judge	By Staff	Total	By Consol- idation	After Oral Argument	
Total	28,593	35,194	34,268	926	36,319	12,081	74	3,378	8,629	24,238	2,322	5,071	16,845	27,468
Total Criminal Appeals	9,255	9,668	9,558	110	9,952	2,075	-	344	1,731	7,877	669	1,406	5,802	8,971
Total Civil Appeals	19,338	25,526	24,710	816	26,367	10,006	74	3,034	6,898	16,361	1,653	3,665	11,043	18,497
U.S. Appeals	4,821	6,656	6,445	211	6,573	2,151	6	497	1,648	4,422	241	709	3,472	4,904
U.S. Plaintiff	194	220	206	14	208	85	1	14	70	123	17	44	62	206
Negotiable Instruments	0	1	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other Contract Actions	5	8	8	-	3	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	2	10
Condemnation of Land	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Other Real Property Actions	4	5	4	1	7	2	-	-	2	5	2	1	2	2
Tort Actions	6	10	10	-	4	1	-	-	1	3	-	2	1	12
Civil Rights	14	17	17	-	14	11	-	1	10	3	-	2	1	17
Employment	11	7	7	-	10	9	-	1	8	1	-	1	-	8
Other Civil Rights	3	10	10	-	4	2	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	9
Forfeiture And Penalty	17	22	21	1	18	8	-	3	5	10	1	1	8	21
Fair Labor Standards Act	4	4	4	-	4	1	-	-	1	3	-	2	1	4
Other Labor	6	4	4	-	8	7	-	1	6	1	-	1	-	2
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	35	43	39	4	37	14	-	4	10	23	4	6	13	41
Tax Suits	18	19	19	-	23	6	-	1	5	17	2	3	12	14
All Other	84	86	78	8	89	34	1	4	29	55	8	26	21	81
U.S. Defendant	4,627	6,436	6,239	197	6,365	2,066	5	483	1,578	4,299	224	665	3,410	4,698
Contract Actions	33	30	27	3	36	10	-	-	10	26	4	13	9	27
Real Property Actions	33	28	26	2	34	12	-	3	9	22	5	9	8	27
Tort Actions	120	173	164	9	165	51	1	18	32	114	7	31	76	128
Civil Rights	374	674	655	19	640	222	-	65	157	418	28	84	306	408
Employment	102	170	164	6	145	36	-	8	28	109	5	24	80	127
Other Civil Rights	272	504	491	13	495	186	-	57	129	309	23	60	226	281
Prisoner Petitions	2,811	4,014	3,893	121	4,094	1,344	1	325	1,018	2,750	98	160	2,492	2,731

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Motions to Vacate Sentence	1,836	2,345	2,264	81	2,565	607	-	200	407	1,958	76	102	1,780	1,616
Habeas Corpus--General	519	721	709	12	727	278	-	47	231	449	8	21	420	513
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	5	15	15	-	14	1	-	-	1	13	1	5	7	6
Prisoner Civil Rights	243	426	410	16	422	253	-	56	197	169	5	11	153	247
Prison Condition	59	147	140	7	115	61	-	10	51	54	2	5	47	91
Other Prisoner Petitions	149	360	355	5	251	144	1	12	131	107	6	16	85	258
Labor Suits	14	19	19	-	18	9	-	5	4	9	-	4	5	15
Social Security Laws	548	730	714	16	591	165	-	23	142	426	11	98	317	687
Tax Suits	67	42	41	1	68	18	1	4	13	50	7	17	26	41
Environmental Matters	74	88	88	-	79	35	2	-	33	44	3	36	5	83
Freedom of Information Act	74	65	64	1	76	28	-	8	20	48	4	24	20	63
All Other	479	573	548	25	564	172	-	32	140	392	57	189	146	488
Total Private Appeals	14,517	18,870	18,265	605	19,794	7,855	68	2,537	5,250	11,939	1,412	2,956	7,571	13,593
Federal Question	11,622	16,394	15,880	514	16,553	6,727	45	2,327	4,355	9,826	678	2,305	6,843	11,463
Marine Contract	39	19	17	2	42	21	1	1	19	21	4	10	7	16
Other Contract Actions	270	267	254	13	333	133	5	25	103	200	44	72	84	204
Federal Employers Liability Act	12	11	11	-	16	5	-	-	5	11	1	7	3	7
Marine Injury	35	31	31	-	40	11	-	3	8	29	6	12	11	26
Other Tort Actions	323	448	432	16	450	186	-	60	126	264	41	72	151	321
Antitrust	101	109	108	1	98	26	-	5	21	72	11	48	13	112
Civil Rights	3,771	5,171	5,003	168	5,135	2,308	17	1,016	1,275	2,827	176	962	1,689	3,807
Employment	1,137	1,743	1,710	33	1,543	880	-	618	262	663	32	215	416	1,337
Other Civil Rights	2,634	3,428	3,293	135	3,592	1,428	17	398	1,013	2,164	144	747	1,273	2,470
Prisoner Petitions	4,650	7,724	7,516	208	7,634	2,885	1	952	1,932	4,749	136	385	4,228	4,740
Habeas Corpus--General	2,199	3,665	3,579	86	3,672	773	-	364	409	2,899	67	167	2,665	2,192
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	213	99	90	9	103	13	1	5	7	90	5	50	35	209
Prisoner Civil Rights	1,481	2,519	2,448	71	2,469	1,298	-	384	914	1,171	36	112	1,023	1,531
Prison Condition	730	1,404	1,363	41	1,345	775	-	197	578	570	27	53	490	789
Other Prisoner Petitions	27	37	36	1	45	26	-	2	24	19	1	3	15	19
Labor Management Relations Act	57	56	56	-	50	13	-	3	10	37	3	18	16	63

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Other Labor	512	553	525	28	594	247	7	29	211	347	30	192	125	471
Copyright, Patent, & Trademark	313	295	289	6	358	148	6	30	112	210	41	105	64	250
Securities, Commodities, & Exchanges	99	116	113	3	107	31	-	5	26	76	9	47	20	108
Constitutionality of State Statutes	158	167	161	6	143	43	-	13	30	100	19	51	30	182
All Other	1,282	1,427	1,364	63	1,553	670	8	185	477	883	157	324	402	1,156
Diversity of Citizenship	2,894	2,475	2,384	91	3,241	1,128	23	210	895	2,113	734	651	728	2,128
Insurance	430	479	460	19	497	197	7	22	168	300	27	141	132	412
Other Contract Actions	718	734	709	25	826	341	9	69	263	485	78	220	187	626
Real Property Actions	368	339	327	12	425	234	-	39	195	191	27	35	129	282
Personal Injury/Product Liability	682	123	118	5	665	49	3	6	40	616	542	34	40	140
Other Personal Injury	288	362	350	12	340	128	1	27	100	212	23	83	106	310
Personal Property Damage	197	220	208	12	233	83	-	16	67	150	13	71	66	184
All Other	211	218	212	6	255	96	3	31	62	159	24	67	68	174
General Location Jurisdiction	1	1	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
All Other	1	1	1	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total Criminal Appeals	9,255	9,668	9,558	110	9,952	2,075	-	344	1,731	7,877	669	1,406	5,802	8,971
Violent Offenses	580	570	562	8	589	127	-	31	96	462	45	102	315	561
Homicide	53	50	49	1	45	11	-	-	11	34	1	19	14	58
Robbery	100	124	123	1	127	30	-	4	26	97	9	12	76	97
Assault	93	85	84	1	105	23	-	4	19	82	3	26	53	73
Kidnapping	37	42	42	-	38	5	-	2	3	33	6	6	21	41
Racketeering--Violent Crime	138	108	105	3	128	19	-	4	15	109	18	19	72	118
Carjacking	89	96	94	2	84	21	-	3	18	63	3	10	50	101
Terrorism	32	16	16	-	21	3	-	2	1	18	2	7	9	27
Other Violent Offenses	38	49	49	-	41	15	-	12	3	26	3	3	20	46
Property Offenses	1,165	937	920	17	1,110	274	-	41	233	836	123	204	509	992

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Burglary	2	6	6	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Larceny & Theft, Total	102	71	70	1	98	30	-	7	23	68	10	14	44	75
Postal	15	18	18	-	19	6	-	-	6	13	-	1	12	14
Theft, U.S. Property	74	43	42	1	64	18	-	4	14	46	8	10	28	53
Transportation of Stolen Property	12	10	10	-	14	6	-	3	3	8	2	2	4	8
Other Larceny and Theft Offenses	1	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	0
Embezzlement	22	14	13	1	21	5	-	2	3	16	-	4	12	15
Fraud, Total	984	794	779	15	929	218	-	30	188	711	109	181	421	849
Tax	44	31	31	-	43	7	-	2	5	36	-	8	28	32
Financial Institutions	42	39	34	5	46	11	-	2	9	35	3	10	22	35
Securities and Exchange	42	12	12	-	24	8	-	1	7	16	2	7	7	30
Mail	39	41	39	2	53	18	-	4	14	35	3	13	19	27
Wire, Radio, or Television	61	62	62	-	56	14	-	-	14	42	5	11	26	67
Social Security	14	15	15	-	21	6	-	1	5	15	1	3	11	8
Citizenship and Naturalization	7	2	2	-	6	1	-	-	1	5	-	2	3	3
Passport	11	4	4	-	11	2	-	-	2	9	-	4	5	4
Identification Documents and Information	42	49	49	-	51	15	-	1	14	36	3	5	28	40
False Claims and Services, Government	13	23	23	-	16	3	-	-	3	13	-	1	12	20
False Statements	31	24	24	-	34	9	-	-	9	25	-	5	20	21
Conspiracy to Defraud the U.S.	36	55	54	1	47	13	-	1	12	34	2	7	25	44
Unauthorized Access Devices	83	70	69	1	87	22	-	1	21	65	6	10	49	66
Health Care	116	72	72	-	96	17	-	5	12	79	14	26	39	92
Other Fraud Offenses	403	295	289	6	338	72	-	12	60	266	70	69	127	360
Forgery and Counterfeiting	41	38	38	-	46	12	-	-	12	34	3	4	27	33
Other Property Offenses	14	14	14	-	15	8	-	2	6	7	1	1	5	13
Drug Offenses	3,144	3,699	3,653	46	3,509	769	-	109	660	2,740	226	402	2,112	3,334
Marijuana, Total	194	194	189	5	209	48	-	8	40	161	10	25	126	179

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Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	172	173	169	4	183	40	-	8	32	143	8	22	113	162
Import/Export	16	14	14	-	17	4	-	-	4	13	2	1	10	13
Manufacture	5	7	6	1	8	4	-	-	4	4	-	1	3	4
Possession	1	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	0
All Other Drugs, Total	2,899	3,458	3,417	41	3,255	713	-	100	613	2,542	211	372	1,959	3,102
Sell, Distribute, or Dispense	2,776	3,287	3,247	40	3,102	673	-	99	574	2,429	205	360	1,864	2,961
Import/Export	93	110	109	1	104	26	-	1	25	78	3	10	65	99
Manufacture	29	61	61	-	48	14	-	-	14	34	3	2	29	42
Possession	1	0	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	0
Other Drug Offenses	51	47	47	-	45	8	-	1	7	37	5	5	27	53
Firearms and Explosives Offenses	1,983	2,013	1,996	17	2,063	426	-	88	338	1,637	96	311	1,230	1,933
Firearms, Total	1,941	1,956	1,939	17	2,017	414	-	86	328	1,603	96	300	1,207	1,880
Possession by Prohibited Persons	948	965	953	12	1,077	224	-	49	175	853	48	170	635	836
Furtherance of Violent/Drug-Trafficking Crimes	732	763	760	3	723	164	-	34	130	559	35	89	435	772
Other Firearms Offenses	261	228	226	2	217	26	-	3	23	191	13	41	137	272
Explosives	42	57	57	-	46	12	-	2	10	34	-	11	23	53
Sex Offenses	731	757	747	10	784	165	-	26	139	619	26	152	441	704
Sexual Abuse of Adults	23	42	41	1	29	8	-	1	7	21	-	5	16	36
Sexual Abuse of Minors	292	295	289	6	298	57	-	14	43	241	13	58	170	289
Sexually Explicit Material	297	283	282	1	313	68	-	5	63	245	9	67	169	267
Other Sex Offenses	119	137	135	2	144	32	-	6	26	112	4	22	86	112
Justice System Offenses	130	137	136	1	135	29	-	5	24	106	8	30	68	132
Obstruction of Justice	91	87	87	-	85	16	-	2	14	69	6	21	42	93
Escape from Custody	15	20	19	1	21	7	-	-	7	14	1	1	12	14
Failure to Appear	6	7	7	-	8	2	-	-	2	6	-	4	2	5
Other Justice System Offenses	18	23	23	-	21	4	-	3	1	17	1	4	12	20

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Immigration Offenses	649	621	618	3	801	86	-	6	80	715	52	72	591	469
Alien Smuggling	82	74	72	2	98	15	-	-	15	83	6	14	63	58
Improper Entry by Alien	12	14	14	-	12	-	-	-	-	12	-	2	10	14
Improper Reentry by Alien	535	526	525	1	674	68	-	6	62	606	44	52	510	387
Other Immigration Offenses	20	7	7	-	17	3	-	-	3	14	2	4	8	10
General Offenses	262	242	240	2	269	72	-	17	55	197	28	43	126	235
Money Laundering	135	155	153	2	143	38	-	8	30	105	15	21	69	147
RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations)	59	26	26	-	41	5	-	-	5	36	7	12	17	44
Extortion and Threats	37	38	38	-	46	19	-	6	13	27	3	4	20	29
Other General Offenses	31	23	23	-	39	10	-	3	7	29	3	6	20	15
Regulatory Offenses	116	96	96	-	127	38	-	4	34	89	17	29	43	85
Traffic Offenses	3	0	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	0
Unclassified Offenses	492	596	590	6	562	88	-	16	72	474	48	61	365	526

NOTE: This table includes Appeals reopened and remanded as well as Original Appeals. This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Beginning in 2005, Categories for Criminal Offenses were modified. Therefore, offense data for 2005 and thereafter are not comparable to offense data published in previous years.

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² Beginning in 2007, the category entitled "Reopened," which includes all reopened Appeals, has replaced the category entitled "Reinstated." Therefore, data on reopened cases for 2007 and thereafter are not comparable to data published previously on reinstated cases.