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ALABAMA:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings		No	No
District Court	L	New filings		No	No
ALASKA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	No
District Court	L	Reopened		No	NA
ARIZONA:					
Superior Court	G	New filings		No	No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	New filings		No	No
ARKANSAS:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
CALIFORNIA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened	Retried cases	No	No
COLORADO:					
District Court	G	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
Water Court	G	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
County Court	L	Reopened	Post activities	No	No
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
CONNECTICUT:					
Superior Court	G	NC	Pending caseload is adjusted	No	No if heard separately (rarely occurs)
DELAWARE:					
Court of Chancery	G	Reopened		N/Applicable	No
Superior Court	G	NA		No	No
Justice of the Peace Court	L	N/Applicable		No	No
Family Court	L	New filings are heard separately Reopened if rehearing of total case	If part of original proceeding	No	No
Court of Common Pleas	L	N/Applicable		No	No
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes
FLORIDA:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
County Court	L	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
GEORGIA:					
Superior Court	G	New filings		Yes	No
Civil Court	L	NC		NC	NC
State Court	L	New filings		Yes	No
Probate Court	L	New filings		NC	NC
Magistrate Court	L	New filings		Yes	No
Municipal Court	L	NC		NC	NC

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HAWAI'I:					
Circuit Court	G	Not reported		Yes/Yes Special proceedings	Yes/Yes Circuit Court: Special proceedings
Family Court	G	Not reported			Yes/No
District Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/No (included as new case filing)
IDAHO:					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	No
Magistrates Division	L	Reopened		Yes/No	No
ILLINOIS:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
INDIANA:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	Redocketed	No	No
City Court	L	NA	NA	NA	N/Applicable
Small Claims Court of Marion County	L	NA	NA	NA	NA
IOWA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes	No
KANSAS:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
KENTUCKY:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
Family Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
District Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/Yes
LOUISIANA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/No	Yes/No
Juvenile Court	L	New filings		Yes/No	No
Family Court	L	Reopened		No	No
City & Parish Courts	L	New filings		Yes/Yes	No
MAINE:					
Superior Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
District Court	G	NC		Yes/Yes	No
Probate Court	L	NC		No	No
MARYLAND:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened, but included with new filings		No	NA
District Court	L	NA		NA	Yes/No
MASSACHUSETTS:					
Superior Court	G	NC		NA	Yes/No
District Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Boston Municipal Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Housing Court	L	NC		Yes/Yes	NA
Land Court	L	NC		N/Applicable	NA

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MICHIGAN:					
Court of Claims	G	Reopened		No	No
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No
District Court	L	Reopened		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	Reopened		NA	NA
Probate Court	L	Reopened		No	No
MINNESOTA:					
District Court	G	Identified separately	No	No	
MISSISSIPPI:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		Yes	Yes/No
Chancery Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes/No
County Court	L	Varies		Varies	Yes/No
Justice Court	L	Varies		Varies	Varies
MISSOURI:					
Circuit Court	G	New filings	Post disposition activities	Yes/No	Yes/Yes
MONTANA:					
District Court	G	New filings		Yes/Yes	Yes/No
Justice's Court	L	NA		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
City Court	L	NA		NA	NA
NEBRASKA:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
County Court	L	Reopened		No	No
NEVADA:					
District Court	G	Reopened	Refers to original case	Varies/Varies	Varies
Justice Court	L	Reopened	Refers to original case	Varies/Varies	Varies
Municipal Court	L	Reopened	Refers to original case	Varies/Varies	Varies
NEW HAMPSHIRE:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	No
District Court	L	NC		No	No
Family Division	L				
NEW JERSEY:					
Superior Court: Family Division	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	Yes/No
Civil, General Equity, and Criminal Divisions	G	Reopened		No	No
NEW MEXICO:					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	No
Magistrate Court	L	Reopened		No	No
Metropolitan Court of Bernalillo County	L	Reopened		No	No

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NEW YORK:					
Supreme Court	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
County Court	G	NC		No	No
Court of Claims	L	NC		No	No
Family Court	L	Reopened		Yes/No	No
NEW YORK (continued):					
District Court	L	NC		No	No
City Court	L	NC		No	No
Civil Court of the City of New York	L	NC		No	No
Town & Village Justice Court	L	NC		No	No
NORTH CAROLINA:					
Superior Court	G	NC		No	No
District Court	L	NC		Yes/No	No
NORTH DAKOTA:					
District Court	G	Reopened		Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes
OHIO:					
Court of Common Pleas	G	Reopened		Yes/No (are counted separately in domestic relations cases)	Yes/No
Municipal Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes
County Court	L	Reopened		Yes	Yes
Court of Claims	L	NA		NA	NA
OKLAHOMA:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
OREGON:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened, not counted		Yes/No	Yes/No
Justice Court	L	NA		NA	NA
Municipal Court	L	NA		NA	NA
PENNSYLVANIA:					
Court of Common Pleas	G	Reopened		No	No
Magisterial District Judges	L	New filings		NA	NA
PUERTO RICO:					
Court of First Instance	G	Reopened		Yes/No	Yes/No
RHODE ISLAND:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
District Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Family Court	L	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Probate Court	L	NA		NA	NA
SOUTH CAROLINA:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened		No	No (Permanent injunctions are counted as new filings)
Family Court	L	Reopened		No	No
Magistrate Court	L	Reopened		No	No
Probate Court	L	Reopened		No	No

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SOUTH DAKOTA:					
Circuit Court	G	New Filings		No	Yes/No
TENNESSEE:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened (varies)			(varies based on local practice)
Chancery Court	G	Reopened (varies)			(varies based on local practice)
TENNESSEE (continued):					
General Sessions Court	L	Reopened (varies)			(varies based on local practice)
TEXAS:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
Constitutional County Court	L	Reopened		No	No
County Court at Law	L	Reopened		No	No
Justice Court	L	New filings		No	No
UTAH:					
District Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
Justice Court	L	NC		No	Yes/No
VERMONT:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
District Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Family Court	G	Reopened		No	Yes/No
Probate Court	L	Reopened		No	N/Applicable
VIRGINIA:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	Reinstated cases		
District Court	L	New filings		Yes/No	No
WASHINGTON:					
Superior Court	G	Reopened (but not identified separately)		No	Yes/No
Municipal Court	L	New filings		NA	NA
District Court	L	New filings		No	NA
WEST VIRGINIA:					
Circuit Court	G	NC		No	Yes/No
Magistrate Court	L	NC		No	N/Applicable
Family Court	L	NC		No	N/Applicable
WISCONSIN:					
Circuit Court	G	Reopened	Identified with R(reopened) suffix	No	Yes/No
WYOMING:					
District Court	G	Reopened		No	No
Circuit Court	L	Reopened		No	NA

JURISDICTION CODES:
G = General Jurisdiction Court
L = Limited Jurisdiction Court
NA = Information is not available
NC = Information is not collected/counted

N/Applicable = Civil case types heard by this court are not applicable to this figure.

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