

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, 2014 and 2015

Nature of Suit	2014	2015					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	295,310	279,036	5,924	35,659	151,083	86,358	12
Contract Actions, Total	28,557	26,068	1,789	311	4,379	19,589	0
Franchise	456	382	0	0	32	350	0
Insurance	11,728	9,711	13	79	1,315	8,304	0
Marine	810	907	0	2	837	68	0
Miller Act	502	398	110	1	287	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	562	505	23	6	73	403	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,352	2,186	1,547	97	206	336	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,654	1,546	1,454	9	83	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	8	7	2	5	0	0	0
Other	690	633	91	83	123	336	0
Other Contract Actions	12,147	11,979	96	126	1,629	10,128	0
Real Property Actions, Total	7,802	9,195	592	312	2,892	5,399	0
Condemnation of Land	149	339	50	8	273	8	0
Foreclosure	3,928	4,256	503	122	1,145	2,486	0
Rent, Lease and Ejectment	773	688	7	6	565	110	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	642	1,554	7	32	90	1,425	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,310	2,358	25	144	819	1,370	0
Tort Actions, Total	79,990	68,879	64	1,787	9,217	57,811	0
Personal Injury, Total	76,463	61,093	12	1,618	5,295	54,168	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	60,078	41,764	0	32	2,423	39,309	0
Airplane	53	63	0	2	33	28	0
Marine	11	9	0	1	3	5	0
Motor Vehicle	292	404	0	5	45	354	0
Asbestos	448	1,982	0	3	1,867	112	0
Health Care/Pharma	13,939	15,712	0	12	190	15,510	0
Other	45,335	23,594	0	9	285	23,300	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	16,385	19,329	12	1,586	2,872	14,859	0
Airplane	214	191	0	15	91	85	0
Marine	1,166	1,125	1	15	835	274	0
Motor Vehicle	3,741	3,743	6	413	214	3,110	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	495	591	0	49	200	342	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	330	296	0	47	249	0	0
Medical Malpractice	986	1,135	0	558	197	380	0
Other	9,453	12,248	5	489	1,086	10,668	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,527	7,786	52	169	3,922	3,643	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,005	2,396	40	23	780	1,553	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,522	5,390	12	146	3,142	2,090	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	178,961	174,894	3,479	33,249	134,595	3,559	12
Antitrust	799	769	12	0	757	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,651	2,814	13	6	2,795	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C.158)	2,055	2,272	5	1	2,266	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C.157)	596	542	8	5	529	0	0
Banks and Banking	294	237	19	18	200	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	35,274	37,384	276	1,284	33,607	2,217	0
Voting	171	86	4	2	79	1	0
Employment	11,937	12,205	138	429	9,935	1,703	0
Housing and Accommodations	757	775	31	8	721	15	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,894	2,076	38	46	1,924	68	0
ADA—Other	4,432	5,156	8	39	5,073	36	0
Education	455	525	2	6	510	7	0
Other Civil Rights	15,628	16,561	55	754	15,365	387	0
Environmental Matters	614	845	103	177	565	0	0
Deportation	21	20	0	15	5	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Prisoner Petitions, Total	60,675	52,531	0	9,958	42,572	0	1
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,390	5,520	0	5,520	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,185	18,448	0	2,417	16,030	0	1
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	165	194	0	8	186	0	0
Mandamus and Other	950	837	0	287	550	0	0
Civil Rights	18,991	17,829	0	768	17,061	0	0
Prison Condition	13,045	8,690	0	269	8,421	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	736	670	0	670	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	213	343	0	19	324	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,901	1,471	1,413	58	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,018	688	677	11	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	881	783	736	47	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,673	19,322	313	85	18,251	673	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,160	8,781	149	13	8,619	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	812	690	30	13	647	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	57	45	0	0	45	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,191	7,228	94	12	7,122	0	0
FMLA ²	1,108	1,139	3	13	1,123	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,344	1,439	37	34	695	673	0
Immigration, Total ³	1,163	1,321	18	1,303	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	277	260	0	260	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	886	1,061	18	1,043	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,420	13,751	6	10	13,735	0	0
Copyright	4,041	5,035	0	0	5,035	0	0
Patent	5,686	5,564	4	10	5,550	0	0
Trademark	3,693	3,152	2	0	3,150	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	947	1,013	218	7	788	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,146	18,538	36	18,502	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,513	8,578	36	8,542	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,813	9,210	0	9,210	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	692	656	0	656	0	0	0
Other	128	94	0	94	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	735	678	1	0	593	84	0
State Reapportionment Suits	11	3	0	0	3	0	0
Tax Suits	941	989	564	414	0	0	11
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	8,547	9,801	10	3	9,531	257	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,367	1,162	0	0	1,158	4	0
Freedom of Information Act	446	514	0	422	92	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	323	383	0	15	278	90	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,013	11,348	477	972	9,665	234	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.

¹ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

²FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

³Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.