

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 2015 and 2016

Nature of Suit	2015	2016					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	281,608	274,552	5,401	36,641	149,509	82,990	11
Contract Actions, Total	27,172	25,390	1,532	287	4,058	19,513	0
Franchise	386	407	0	0	36	371	0
Insurance	10,547	9,124	7	55	1,126	7,936	0
Marine	885	822	2	2	754	64	0
Miller Act	472	357	94	1	262	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	544	485	11	2	74	398	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,193	1,968	1,287	108	218	355	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,527	1,296	1,212	8	76	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	10	5	1	4	0	0	0
Other	656	667	74	96	142	355	0
Other Contract Actions	12,145	12,227	131	119	1,588	10,389	0
Real Property Actions, Total	8,686	9,145	616	309	3,186	5,034	0
Condemnation of Land	344	467	28	6	426	7	0
Foreclosure	3,865	4,911	550	118	1,142	3,101	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	754	826	7	6	720	93	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	1,513	593	10	35	70	478	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,210	2,348	21	144	828	1,355	0
Tort Actions, Total	69,018	64,015	66	1,736	7,366	54,847	0
Personal Injury, Total	63,200	56,509	18	1,580	4,540	50,371	0
Personal Injury Product Liability, Total	43,187	40,139	0	24	1,463	38,652	0
Airplane	25	71	0	2	36	33	0
Marine	10	10	0	1	5	4	0
Motor Vehicle	408	411	0	6	51	354	0
Asbestos	1,520	993	0	3	911	79	0
Health Care/Pharma	13,812	17,570	0	7	263	17,300	0
Other	27,412	21,084	0	5	197	20,882	0

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Other Personal Injury, Total	20,013	16,370	18	1,556	3,077	11,719	0
Airplane	195	200	0	14	103	83	0
Marine	1,125	1,102	0	13	843	246	0
Motor Vehicle	3,743	3,913	11	434	228	3,240	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	587	542	0	35	175	332	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	292	318	0	49	269	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,084	1,327	0	515	180	632	0
Other	12,987	8,968	7	496	1,279	7,186	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	5,818	7,506	48	156	2,826	4,476	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,055	3,283	38	24	907	2,314	0
Other Personal Property Damage	3,763	4,223	10	132	1,919	2,162	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	176,732	176,002	3,187	34,309	134,899	3,596	11
Antitrust	619	1,070	17	2	1,051	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,799	2,520	8	5	2,507	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,187	2,086	3	1	2,082	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	612	434	5	4	425	0	0
Banks and Banking	249	251	14	20	217	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	36,841	37,143	252	1,233	33,456	2,202	0
Voting	169	102	3	1	98	0	0
Employment	12,326	11,687	127	427	9,425	1,708	0
Housing and Accommodations	749	856	32	11	794	19	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	2,012	2,111	32	52	1,968	59	0
ADA—Other	4,962	5,975	11	33	5,898	33	0
Education	482	539	2	8	518	11	0
Other Civil Rights	16,141	15,873	45	701	14,755	372	0
Environmental Matters	554	1,029	97	168	764	0	0
Deportation	25	11	0	8	3	0	0

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Prisoner Petitions, Total	55,615	54,343	0	11,566	42,777	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,504	6,930	0	6,930	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	18,742	18,248	0	2,365	15,883	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	201	168	0	6	162	0	0
Mandamus and Other	917	813	0	266	547	0	0
Civil Rights	18,474	18,833	0	788	18,045	0	0
Prison Condition	9,762	8,112	0	242	7,870	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	671	951	0	951	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	344	288	0	18	270	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,818	1,208	1,156	52	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	872	619	608	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	945	589	548	41	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,638	19,589	268	78	18,510	733	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,070	9,063	124	14	8,925	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	725	702	31	11	660	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	51	53	0	0	53	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,256	7,129	79	6	7,044	0	0
FMLA ²	1,112	1,194	2	9	1,183	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,424	1,448	32	38	645	733	0
Immigration, Total³	1,156	1,477	26	1,451	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	270	283	0	283	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	886	1,194	26	1,168	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,840	13,270	6	7	13,257	0	0
Copyright	4,680	4,699	0	0	4,699	0	0
Patent	5,452	5,507	5	7	5,495	0	0
Trademark	3,708	3,064	1	0	3,063	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	972	1,053	239	5	809	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,337	17,972	41	17,931	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,701	8,432	41	8,391	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,853	8,774	0	8,774	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	670	681	0	681	0	0	0
Other	113	85	0	85	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	692	746	1	0	658	87	0
State Reapportionment Suits	3	5	0	0	5	0	0
Tax Suits	1,004	977	592	374	0	0	11
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,168	9,897	9	2	9,680	206	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,297	965	0	0	958	7	0
Freedom of Information Act	476	510	0	419	91	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	314	391	1	15	273	102	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,315	11,575	460	973	9,883	259	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 ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

² FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

³ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.