

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, 2016 and 2017

| Nature of Suit | 2016 | 2017 | | | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | | Total | U.S. Cases | | Private Cases | | |
| | | | Plaintiff | Defendant | Federal Question | Diversity of Citizenship | Local Jurisdiction |
| Total Cases | 291,851 | 267,769 | 5,009 | 39,382 | 147,552 | 75,822 | 4 |
| Contract Actions, Total | 24,486 | 23,523 | 850 | 261 | 3,743 | 18,669 | 0 |
| Franchise | 342 | 263 | 2 | 0 | 30 | 231 | 0 |
| Insurance | 8,872 | 8,846 | 10 | 35 | 864 | 7,937 | 0 |
| Marine | 805 | 652 | 0 | 4 | 587 | 61 | 0 |
| Miller Act | 331 | 270 | 52 | 1 | 217 | 0 | 0 |
| Negotiable Instruments | 481 | 484 | 17 | 2 | 46 | 419 | 0 |
| Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments | 1,582 | 1,368 | 700 | 118 | 247 | 303 | 0 |
| Defaulted Student Loans | 950 | 698 | 608 | 10 | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Veterans' Overpayment | 4 | 25 | 21 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 628 | 645 | 71 | 104 | 167 | 303 | 0 |
| Other Contract Actions | 12,073 | 11,640 | 69 | 101 | 1,752 | 9,718 | 0 |
| Real Property Actions, Total | 9,247 | 7,920 | 802 | 214 | 2,933 | 3,971 | 0 |
| Condemnation of Land | 568 | 210 | 63 | 3 | 139 | 5 | 0 |
| Foreclosure | 4,809 | 3,972 | 713 | 72 | 951 | 2,236 | 0 |
| Rent, Lease, and Ejectment | 970 | 1,072 | 2 | 3 | 968 | 99 | 0 |
| Torts to Land, Including Product Liability | 762 | 606 | 7 | 22 | 87 | 490 | 0 |
| Other Real Property Actions | 2,138 | 2,060 | 17 | 114 | 788 | 1,141 | 0 |
| Tort Actions, Total | 61,495 | 57,467 | 31 | 1,811 | 5,957 | 49,668 | 0 |
| Personal Injury, Total | 55,283 | 53,609 | 19 | 1,658 | 4,989 | 46,943 | 0 |
| Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total | 39,879 | 35,714 | 0 | 32 | 570 | 35,112 | 0 |
| Airplane | 90 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 28 | 0 |
| Marine | 34 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle | 415 | 395 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 347 | 0 |
| Asbestos | 446 | 351 | 0 | 3 | 227 | 121 | 0 |
| Health Care/Pharma | 21,517 | 21,335 | 0 | 17 | 107 | 21,211 | 0 |
| Other | 17,377 | 13,585 | 0 | 11 | 175 | 13,399 | 0 |
| Other Personal Injury, Total | 15,404 | 17,895 | 19 | 1,626 | 4,419 | 11,831 | 0 |
| Airplane | 185 | 208 | 0 | 12 | 80 | 116 | 0 |

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| | | Total | U.S. Cases | | Private Cases | | |
| | | | Plaintiff | Defendant | Federal Question | Diversity of Citizenship | Local Jurisdiction |
| Marine | 1,515 | 1,476 | 3 | 25 | 1,094 | 354 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle | 4,039 | 4,425 | 5 | 468 | 227 | 3,725 | 0 |
| Assault, Libel, and Slander | 559 | 550 | 0 | 34 | 165 | 351 | 0 |
| Federal Employers Liability Act | 316 | 379 | 0 | 40 | 339 | 0 | 0 |
| Medical Malpractice | 1,347 | 1,252 | 0 | 574 | 202 | 476 | 0 |
| Other | 7,443 | 9,605 | 11 | 473 | 2,312 | 6,809 | 0 |
| Personal Property Damage, Total | 6,212 | 3,858 | 12 | 153 | 968 | 2,725 | 0 |
| Fraud, Including Truth in Lending | 3,416 | 2,349 | 8 | 30 | 682 | 1,629 | 0 |
| Other Personal Property Damage | 2,796 | 1,509 | 4 | 123 | 286 | 1,096 | 0 |
| Actions Under Statutes, Total | 196,623 | 178,859 | 3,326 | 37,096 | 134,919 | 3,514 | 4 |
| Antitrust | 853 | 655 | 24 | 9 | 622 | 0 | 0 |
| Bankruptcy, Total | 2,304 | 2,122 | 6 | 6 | 2,110 | 0 | 0 |
| Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158) | 1,952 | 1,855 | 3 | 4 | 1,848 | 0 | 0 |
| Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157) | 352 | 267 | 3 | 2 | 262 | 0 | 0 |
| Banks and Banking | 262 | 191 | 7 | 9 | 175 | 0 | 0 |
| Civil Rights, Total | 38,002 | 38,925 | 272 | 1,211 | 35,259 | 2,183 | 0 |
| Voting | 144 | 112 | 1 | 11 | 98 | 2 | 0 |
| Employment | 11,878 | 12,053 | 160 | 401 | 9,757 | 1,735 | 0 |
| Housing and Accommodations | 900 | 831 | 28 | 5 | 787 | 11 | 0 |
| Welfare | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ADA--Employment | 2,231 | 2,353 | 43 | 55 | 2,182 | 73 | 0 |
| ADA--Other | 7,096 | 8,003 | 3 | 35 | 7,928 | 37 | 0 |
| Education | 548 | 606 | 2 | 10 | 581 | 13 | 0 |
| Other Civil Rights | 15,205 | 14,967 | 35 | 694 | 13,926 | 312 | 0 |
| Environmental Matters | 1,755 | 988 | 103 | 148 | 737 | 0 | 0 |
| Deportation | 10 | 18 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Prisoner Petitions, Total | 73,725 | 57,685 | 0 | 12,753 | 44,932 | 0 | 0 |
| Motions to Vacate Sentence | 24,837 | 7,205 | 0 | 7,205 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Habeas Corpus--General | 17,356 | 17,336 | 0 | 2,538 | 14,798 | 0 | 0 |

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| | | | Plaintiff | Defendant | Federal Question | Diversity of Citizenship | Local Jurisdiction |
| Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty | 202 | 220 | 0 | 6 | 214 | 0 | 0 |
| Mandamus and Other | 892 | 960 | 0 | 411 | 549 | 0 | 0 |
| Civil Rights | 20,622 | 18,986 | 0 | 812 | 18,174 | 0 | 0 |
| Prison Condition | 8,307 | 11,199 | 0 | 266 | 10,933 | 0 | 0 |
| Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees | 1,134 | 1,502 | 0 | 1,502 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement | 375 | 277 | 0 | 13 | 264 | 0 | 0 |
| Forfeiture and Penalty, Total | 1,068 | 1,184 | 1,135 | 49 | 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 | 499 | 591 | 580 | 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 | 569 | 593 | 555 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Labor Laws, Total | 18,929 | 17,631 | 263 | 45 | 16,613 | 710 | 0 |
| Fair Labor Standards Act | 8,686 | 7,742 | 147 | 8 | 7,587 | 0 | 0 |
| Labor Management Relations Act | 675 | 596 | 24 | 5 | 567 | 0 | 0 |
| Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Railway Labor Act | 60 | 65 | 1 | 0 | 64 | 0 | 0 |
| Employee Retirement Income Security Act | 6,831 | 6,632 | 54 | 2 | 6,576 | 0 | 0 |
| Family and Medical Leave Act | 1,255 | 1,308 | 6 | 6 | 1,296 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Labor Litigation | 1,422 | 1,288 | 31 | 24 | 523 | 710 | 0 |
| Immigration, Total¹ | 1,637 | 1,811 | 25 | 1,786 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Naturalization Applications | 307 | 271 | 0 | 271 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Immigration Actions | 1,330 | 1,540 | 25 | 1,515 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intellectual Property Rights, Total | 12,111 | 10,768 | 7 | 9 | 10,752 | 0 | 0 |
| Copyright | 3,936 | 3,451 | 0 | 0 | 3,451 | 0 | 0 |
| Patent | 5,080 | 4,182 | 2 | 9 | 4,171 | 0 | 0 |
| Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application | 0 | 137 | 1 | 0 | 136 | 0 | 0 |
| Trademark | 3,095 | 2,998 | 4 | 0 | 2,994 | 0 | 0 |

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| Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges | 1,119 | 1,455 | 216 | 1 | 1,238 | 0 | 0 |
| Social Security Laws, Total | 18,716 | 19,020 | 55 | 18,965 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disability Insurance | 8,616 | 9,147 | 55 | 9,092 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplemental Security Income | 9,151 | 8,855 | 0 | 8,855 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retirement and Survivors Benefits | 851 | 932 | 0 | 932 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 98 | 86 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act | 771 | 684 | 2 | 0 | 618 | 64 | 0 |
| State Reapportionment Suits | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Tax Suits | 938 | 1,016 | 618 | 394 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Customer Challenge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consumer Credit | 9,745 | 10,531 | 8 | 9 | 10,308 | 206 | 0 |
| Cable/Sat. TV | 691 | 678 | 0 | 0 | 658 | 20 | 0 |
| Freedom of Information Act | 490 | 660 | 0 | 568 | 92 | 0 | 0 |
| Constitutionality of State Statutes | 358 | 484 | 0 | 10 | 428 | 46 | 0 |
| Other Statutory Actions | 13,133 | 12,349 | 585 | 1,112 | 10,367 | 285 | 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.