

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, 2017 and 2018

Nature of Suit	2017	2018					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	267,769	282,936	4,728	38,013	151,646	88,547	2
Contract Actions, Total	23,523	26,768	585	464	5,025	20,694	0
Franchise	263	308	0	0	57	251	0
Insurance	8,846	10,816	0	233	1,995	8,588	0
Marine	652	663	4	1	579	79	0
Miller Act	270	266	59	0	207	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	484	418	7	4	59	348	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	1,368	1,131	468	135	211	317	0
Defaulted Student Loans	698	483	422	8	53	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	25	6	1	5	0	0	0
Other	645	642	45	122	158	317	0
Other Contract Actions	11,640	13,166	47	91	1,917	11,111	0
Real Property Actions, Total	7,920	7,029	779	198	2,971	3,081	0
Condemnation of Land	210	595	33	2	555	5	0
Foreclosure	3,972	3,042	729	65	772	1,476	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	1,072	1,016	3	4	915	94	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	606	703	4	19	82	598	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,060	1,673	10	108	647	908	0
Tort Actions, Total	57,467	67,693	28	1,791	5,147	60,727	0
Personal Injury, Total	53,609	63,564	12	1,640	4,210	57,702	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	35,714	45,863	0	40	748	45,075	0
Airplane	31	22	0	0	1	21	0
Marine	17	15	0	0	5	10	0
Motor Vehicle	395	718	0	1	193	524	0
Asbestos	351	224	0	2	130	92	0
Health Care/Pharma	21,335	37,324	0	29	223	37,072	0
Other	13,585	7,560	0	8	196	7,356	0
Other Personal Injury, Total	17,895	17,701	12	1,600	3,462	12,627	0

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Airplane	208	192	0	6	82	104	0
Marine	1,476	1,465	1	18	1,101	345	0
Motor Vehicle	4,425	4,836	4	487	256	4,089	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	550	612	0	42	164	406	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	379	413	0	40	373	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,252	1,160	0	538	232	390	0
Other	9,605	9,023	7	469	1,254	7,293	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,858	4,129	16	151	937	3,025	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,349	2,459	11	37	630	1,781	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,509	1,670	5	114	307	1,244	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	178,859	181,446	3,336	35,560	138,503	4,045	2
Antitrust	655	557	13	6	538	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,122	2,144	6	5	2,133	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,855	1,846	3	4	1,839	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	267	298	3	1	294	0	0
Banks and Banking	191	144	7	6	131	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	38,925	41,741	262	1,357	37,585	2,537	0
Voting	112	93	2	6	85	0	0
Employment	12,053	12,579	151	447	10,012	1,969	0
Housing and Accommodations	831	848	13	10	814	11	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA--Employment	2,353	2,624	59	67	2,412	86	0
ADA--Other	8,003	9,990	5	29	9,886	70	0
Education	606	745	1	11	721	12	0
Other Civil Rights	14,967	14,862	31	787	13,655	389	0
Environmental Matters	988	1,956	97	137	1,722	0	0
Deportation	18	23	0	10	13	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	57,685	54,134	0	11,279	42,855	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,205	5,342	0	5,342	0	0	0

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Habeas Corpus--General	17,336	16,964	0	2,469	14,495	0	0
Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	220	161	0	2	159	0	0
Mandamus and Other	960	1,253	0	546	707	0	0
Civil Rights	18,986	18,842	0	792	18,050	0	0
Prison Condition	11,199	9,708	0	440	9,268	0	0
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	1,502	1,674	0	1,674	0	0	0
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	277	190	0	14	176	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,184	1,215	1,150	65	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	591	660	650	10	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	593	555	500	55	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	17,631	17,629	262	46	16,558	763	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,742	7,600	140	9	7,451	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	596	660	26	6	628	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	65	46	0	3	43	0	0
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	6,632	6,705	68	7	6,630	0	0
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,308	1,250	2	3	1,245	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,288	1,368	26	18	561	763	0
Immigration, Total¹	1,811	1,761	54	1,707	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	271	350	0	350	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	1,540	1,411	54	1,357	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	10,768	12,690	4	5	12,681	0	0
Copyright	3,451	5,756	0	0	5,756	0	0
Patent	4,182	3,493	3	5	3,485	0	0
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	137	337	0	0	337	0	0

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Trademark	2,998	3,104	1	0	3,103	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,455	1,532	282	7	1,243	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,020	18,665	38	18,627	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	9,147	9,549	38	9,511	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,855	8,132	0	8,132	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	932	914	0	914	0	0	0
Other	86	70	0	70	0	0	0
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	684	2,244	2	0	1,988	254	0
State Reapportionment Suits	4	6	0	0	6	0	0
Tax Suits	1,016	925	578	345	0	0	2
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	10,531	10,764	6	6	10,563	189	0
Cable/Sat. TV	678	597	1	0	579	17	0
Freedom of Information Act	660	872	0	801	71	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	484	338	2	15	294	27	0
Other Statutory Actions	12,349	11,509	572	1,136	9,543	258	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.