

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 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	280,037	290,430	5,007	52,943	149,294	83,170	16
Contract Actions, Total	26,506	24,796	1,237	266	3,890	19,403	0
Franchise	377	382	0	0	42	340	0
Insurance	9,923	8,894	9	46	977	7,862	0
Marine	903	834	2	3	767	62	0
Miller Act	420	340	93	1	246	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	495	510	9	1	75	425	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,307	1,670	1,006	103	207	354	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,658	1,015	941	9	65	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	9	5	1	4	0	0	0
Other	640	650	64	90	142	354	0
Other Contract Actions	12,081	12,166	118	112	1,576	10,360	0
Real Property Actions, Total	8,963	9,147	612	248	3,244	5,043	0
Condemnation of Land	317	512	44	8	457	3	0
Foreclosure	4,043	4,882	529	87	1,080	3,186	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	702	900	5	10	800	85	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	1,546	667	9	28	136	494	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,355	2,186	25	115	771	1,275	0
Tort Actions, Total	69,875	62,646	55	1,729	5,787	55,075	0
Personal Injury, Total	62,318	56,452	21	1,573	4,389	50,469	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	41,607	41,019	0	27	951	40,041	0
Airplane	28	126	0	1	97	28	0
Marine	10	37	0	1	30	6	0
Motor Vehicle	395	410	0	5	52	353	0
Asbestos	2,030	442	0	4	357	81	0
Health Care/Pharma	14,196	20,581	0	7	223	20,351	0
Other	24,948	19,423	0	9	192	19,222	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	20,711	15,433	21	1,546	3,438	10,428	0
Airplane	194	190	0	16	85	89	0
Marine	1,129	1,471	5	15	1,185	266	0
Motor Vehicle	3,763	3,960	11	450	234	3,265	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	565	588	0	40	171	377	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	302	318	0	41	277	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,097	1,344	0	511	189	644	0
Other	13,661	7,562	5	473	1,297	5,787	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	7,557	6,194	34	156	1,398	4,606	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,195	3,439	23	29	951	2,436	0
Other Personal Property Damage	5,362	2,755	11	127	447	2,170	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	174,693	193,841	3,103	50,700	136,373	3,649	16
Antitrust	618	1,022	22	2	998	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,688	2,492	6	5	2,481	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,162	2,070	2	2	2,066	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	526	422	4	3	415	0	0
Banks and Banking	231	259	13	16	230	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	37,015	37,477	226	1,211	33,813	2,227	0
Voting	100	118	1	2	113	2	0
Employment	12,258	11,583	127	416	9,317	1,723	0
Housing and Accommodations	777	866	23	15	811	17	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	2,002	2,169	29	54	2,024	62	0
ADA—Other	4,942	6,754	11	34	6,678	31	0
Education	513	531	2	8	509	12	0
Other Civil Rights	16,423	15,456	33	682	14,361	380	0

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Environmental Matters	578	1,784	103	152	1,529	0	0
Deportation	24	12	0	8	4	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	52,844	70,863	0	27,461	43,402	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,238	22,728	0	22,728	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	18,352	17,959	0	2,413	15,546	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	214	213	0	12	201	0	0
Mandamus and Other	835	843	0	282	561	0	0
Civil Rights	17,958	19,886	0	781	19,105	0	0
Prison Condition	9,266	7,916	0	227	7,689	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	655	1,003	0	1,003	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	326	315	0	15	300	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,620	1,138	1,085	53	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	792	556	546	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	827	582	539	43	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	19,047	19,235	265	75	18,171	724	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,452	8,849	128	14	8,707	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	723	663	25	9	629	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	48	57	0	0	57	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,234	7,062	79	13	6,970	0	0
FMLA ²	1,116	1,198	4	10	1,184	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,474	1,406	29	29	624	724	0
Immigration, Total ³	1,244	1,552	29	1,523	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	257	305	0	305	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	987	1,247	29	1,218	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	14,145	12,415	3	8	12,404	0	0
Copyright	4,895	4,197	0	0	4,197	0	0
Patent	5,634	5,103	2	8	5,093	0	0
Trademark	3,616	3,115	1	0	3,114	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,012	1,069	232	4	833	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,102	18,407	51	18,356	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,666	8,593	51	8,542	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,672	8,975	0	8,975	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	658	750	0	750	0	0	0
Other	106	89	0	89	0	0	0
RICO⁴	689	748	1	0	650	97	0
State Reapportionment Suits	3	5	0	0	5	0	0
Tax Suits	1,005	973	589	368	0	0	16
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,474	9,893	10	4	9,668	211	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,319	725	0	0	715	10	0
Freedom of Information Act	481	516	0	428	88	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	300	421	1	13	306	101	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,254	12,835	467	1,013	11,076	279	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.