

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, 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 | 290,430 | 271,721 | 5,014 | 41,677 | 149,577 | 75,449 | 4 |
| Contract Actions, Total | 24,796 | 23,678 | 1,013 | 252 | 3,728 | 18,685 | 0 |
| Franchise | 382 | 262 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 228 | 0 |
| Insurance | 8,894 | 8,774 | 11 | 31 | 870 | 7,862 | 0 |
| Marine | 834 | 691 | 0 | 5 | 623 | 63 | 0 |
| Miller Act | 340 | 292 | 60 | 1 | 231 | 0 | 0 |
| Negotiable Instruments | 510 | 475 | 15 | 1 | 41 | 418 | 0 |
| Recovery of Overpayments and | | | | | | | |
| Enforcement of Judgments | 1,670 | 1,515 | 856 | 109 | 243 | 307 | 0 |
| Defaulted Student Loans | 1,015 | 846 | 757 | 9 | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Veterans' Overpayment | 5 | 23 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 650 | 646 | 80 | 96 | 163 | 307 | 0 |
| Other Contract Actions | 12,166 | 11,669 | 71 | 105 | 1,686 | 9,807 | 0 |
| Real Property Actions, Total | 9,147 | 8,202 | 769 | 220 | 3,016 | 4,197 | 0 |
| Condemnation of Land | 512 | 273 | 53 | 4 | 211 | 5 | 0 |
| Foreclosure | 4,882 | 4,070 | 690 | 74 | 935 | 2,371 | 0 |
| Rent, Lease, and Ejectment | 900 | 1,100 | 2 | 2 | 1,013 | 83 | 0 |
| Torts to Land, Including Product Liability | 667 | 691 | 8 | 25 | 85 | 573 | 0 |
| Other Real Property Actions | 2,186 | 2,068 | 16 | 115 | 772 | 1,165 | 0 |
| Tort Actions, Total | 62,646 | 57,007 | 41 | 1,804 | 6,134 | 49,028 | 0 |
| Personal Injury, Total | 56,452 | 53,030 | 20 | 1,660 | 5,026 | 46,324 | 0 |
| Personal Injury/Product | | | | | | | |
| Liability, Total | 41,019 | 35,340 | 0 | 29 | 625 | 34,686 | 0 |
| Airplane | 126 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 0 |
| Marine | 37 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 6 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle | 410 | 388 | 0 | 1 | 33 | 354 | 0 |
| Asbestos | 442 | 312 | 0 | 5 | 227 | 80 | 0 |
| Health Care/Pharma | 20,581 | 18,610 | 0 | 17 | 154 | 18,439 | 0 |
| Other | 19,423 | 15,986 | 0 | 6 | 197 | 15,783 | 0 |

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| | | Total | U.S. Cases | | Private Cases | | |
| | | | Plaintiff | Defendant | Federal Question | Diversity of Citizenship | Local Jurisdiction |
| Other Personal Injury, Total | 15,433 | 17,690 | 20 | 1,631 | 4,401 | 11,638 | 0 |
| Airplane | 190 | 200 | 0 | 12 | 75 | 113 | 0 |
| Marine | 1,471 | 1,505 | 4 | 29 | 1,145 | 327 | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle | 3,960 | 4,404 | 5 | 482 | 244 | 3,673 | 0 |
| Assault, Libel, and Slander | 588 | 553 | 0 | 36 | 168 | 349 | 0 |
| Federal Employers Liability Act | 318 | 367 | 0 | 42 | 325 | 0 | 0 |
| Medical Malpractice | 1,344 | 1,243 | 0 | 576 | 217 | 450 | 0 |
| Other | 7,562 | 9,418 | 11 | 454 | 2,227 | 6,726 | 0 |
| Personal Property Damage, Total | 6,194 | 3,977 | 21 | 144 | 1,108 | 2,704 | 0 |
| Fraud, Including Truth in Lending | 3,439 | 2,434 | 12 | 31 | 788 | 1,603 | 0 |
| Other Personal Property Damage | 2,755 | 1,543 | 9 | 113 | 320 | 1,101 | 0 |
| Actions Under Statutes, Total | 193,841 | 182,834 | 3,191 | 39,401 | 136,699 | 3,539 | 4 |
| Antitrust | 1,022 | 657 | 28 | 10 | 619 | 0 | 0 |
| Bankruptcy, Total | 2,492 | 2,141 | 8 | 6 | 2,127 | 0 | 0 |
| Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158) | 2,070 | 1,853 | 3 | 5 | 1,845 | 0 | 0 |
| Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157) | 422 | 288 | 5 | 1 | 282 | 0 | 0 |
| Banks and Banking | 259 | 223 | 9 | 10 | 204 | 0 | 0 |
| Civil Rights, Total | 37,477 | 39,056 | 231 | 1,223 | 35,353 | 2,249 | 0 |
| Voting | 118 | 141 | 1 | 10 | 129 | 1 | 0 |
| Employment | 11,583 | 12,198 | 112 | 406 | 9,896 | 1,784 | 0 |
| Housing and Accommodations | 866 | 834 | 35 | 10 | 778 | 11 | 0 |
| Welfare | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ADA—Employment | 2,169 | 2,326 | 32 | 62 | 2,160 | 72 | 0 |
| ADA—Other | 6,754 | 7,904 | 7 | 32 | 7,834 | 31 | 0 |
| Education | 531 | 591 | 2 | 13 | 562 | 14 | 0 |
| Other Civil Rights | 15,456 | 15,062 | 42 | 690 | 13,994 | 336 | 0 |
| Environmental Matters | 1,784 | 1,160 | 115 | 152 | 893 | 0 | 0 |
| Deportation | 12 | 13 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

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| Prisoner Petitions, Total | 70,863 | 61,031 | 0 | 15,082 | 45,949 | 0 | 0 |
| Motions to Vacate Sentence | 22,728 | 9,677 | 0 | 9,677 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Habeas Corpus—General | 17,959 | 17,287 | 0 | 2,420 | 14,867 | 0 | 0 |
| Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty | 213 | 214 | 0 | 6 | 208 | 0 | 0 |
| Mandamus and Other | 843 | 962 | 0 | 413 | 549 | 0 | 0 |
| Civil Rights | 19,886 | 19,768 | 0 | 803 | 18,965 | 0 | 0 |
| Prison Condition | 7,916 | 11,361 | 0 | 271 | 11,090 | 0 | 0 |
| Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees | 1,003 | 1,481 | 0 | 1,481 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement | 315 | 281 | 0 | 11 | 270 | 0 | 0 |
| Forfeiture and Penalty, Total | 1,138 | 1,110 | 1,055 | 55 | 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 | 556 | 540 | 528 | 12 | 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 | 582 | 570 | 527 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Labor Laws, Total | 19,235 | 17,887 | 252 | 58 | 16,886 | 691 | 0 |
| Fair Labor Standards Act | 8,849 | 8,033 | 138 | 10 | 7,885 | 0 | 0 |
| Labor Management Relations Act | 663 | 611 | 25 | 10 | 576 | 0 | 0 |
| Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Railway Labor Act | 57 | 62 | 1 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 0 |
| Employee Retirement Income Security Act | 7,062 | 6,579 | 55 | 6 | 6,518 | 0 | 0 |
| Family and Medical Leave Act | 1,198 | 1,277 | 2 | 12 | 1,263 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Labor Litigation | 1,406 | 1,325 | 31 | 20 | 583 | 691 | 0 |
| Immigration, Total ¹ | 1,552 | 1,907 | 24 | 1,883 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Naturalization Applications | 305 | 281 | 0 | 281 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Immigration Actions | 1,247 | 1,626 | 24 | 1,602 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Intellectual Property Rights, Total | 12,415 | 11,060 | 4 | 8 | 11,048 | 0 | 0 |
| Copyright | 4,197 | 3,581 | 0 | 0 | 3,581 | 0 | 0 |
| Patent | 5,103 | 4,420 | 3 | 8 | 4,409 | 0 | 0 |
| Patent—Abbreviated New Drug Application | 0 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 0 | 0 |
| Trademark | 3,115 | 3,004 | 1 | 0 | 3,003 | 0 | 0 |
| Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges | 1,069 | 1,353 | 217 | 4 | 1,132 | 0 | 0 |
| Social Security Laws, Total | 18,407 | 18,953 | 55 | 18,898 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disability Insurance | 8,593 | 8,974 | 55 | 8,919 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Supplemental Security Income | 8,975 | 8,927 | 0 | 8,927 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retirement and Survivors Benefits | 750 | 966 | 0 | 966 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 89 | 86 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act | 748 | 669 | 1 | 0 | 594 | 74 | 0 |
| State Reapportionment Suits | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Tax Suits | 973 | | 993 | 613 | 376 | 0 | 0 4 |
| Customer Challenge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consumer Credit | 9,893 | 10,287 | 7 | 8 | 10,085 | 187 | 0 |
| Cable/Sat. TV | 725 | 707 | 0 | 0 | 689 | 18 | 0 |
| Freedom of Information Act | 516 | 602 | 0 | 517 | 85 | 0 | 0 |
| Constitutionality of State Statutes | 421 | 456 | 0 | 9 | 405 | 42 | 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.