

**Table C-2.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction**  
**and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending December 31, 2010 and 2011**

Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>293,352</b>	<b>289,969</b>	<b>10,813</b>	<b>35,974</b>	<b>141,578</b>	<b>101,601</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>31,732</b>	<b>31,226</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>4,710</b>	<b>21,474</b>	<b>0</b>
Franchise	372	439	1	0	72	366	0
Insurance	10,044	8,539	11	50	909	7,569	0
Marine	1,194	1,110	1	7	1,021	81	0
Miller Act	292	432	104	2	326	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	886	914	28	6	131	749	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	3,730	5,031	4,388	156	127	360	0
Defaulted Student Loans	3,028	4,341	4,319	22	0	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	9	9	4	5	0	0	0
Other	693	681	65	129	127	360	0
Other Contract Actions	15,214	14,761	145	143	2,124	12,349	0
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>8,293</b>	<b>11,288</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>3,724</b>	<b>6,133</b>	<b>0</b>
Condemnation of Land	182	163	69	19	69	6	0
Foreclosure	4,986	7,633	819	245	2,429	4,140	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	284	377	9	6	222	140	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	630	647	13	46	122	466	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,211	2,468	40	165	882	1,381	0
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>88,754</b>	<b>78,142</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>2,011</b>	<b>5,094</b>	<b>70,958</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>84,060</b>	<b>73,914</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>3,777</b>	<b>68,317</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury/ Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>69,307</b>	<b>59,866</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>59,023</b>	<b>1</b>
Airplane	208	65	0	1	7	57	0
Marine	27	13	0	0	6	7	0
Motor Vehicle	469	305	0	1	36	268	0
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	47,094	39,449	0	3	308	39,138	0
Health Care/Pharma.	0	1,073	0	0	3	1,070	0
Other	1,509	18,961	0	77	400	18,483	1

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Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>14,753</b>	<b>14,048</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,722</b>	<b>3,017</b>	<b>9,294</b>	<b>0</b>
Airplane	285	260	0	26	92	142	0
Marine	1,407	1,362	2	35	982	343	0
Motor Vehicle	3,530	3,560	3	453	190	2,914	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	559	597	0	37	177	383	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	425	454	0	54	400	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,102	1,067	0	556	0	511	0
Other	7,445	6,748	10	561	1,176	5,001	0
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>4,228</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>0</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,833	2,536	49	44	1,004	1,439	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,861	1,692	14	163	313	1,202	0
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>164,571</b>	<b>169,313</b>	<b>5,107</b>	<b>33,118</b>	<b>128,050</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>2,610</b>	<b>3,295</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3,269</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,146	2,288	7	12	2,269	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	464	1,007	3	4	1,000	0	0
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>35,741</b>	<b>37,270</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>33,040</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>0</b>
Voting	130	168	5	35	127	1	0
Employment	15,020	15,203	240	660	12,604	1,699	0
Housing and Accommodations	737	824	34	14	757	19	0
Welfare	52	53	0	4	48	1	0
ADA—Employment	1,620	1,812	53	45	1,636	78	0
ADA—Other	2,455	2,877	12	27	2,815	23	0
Education	0	6	0	0	6	0	0
Other Civil Rights	15,727	16,327	57	733	15,047	490	0
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Nature of Suit	2010	2011					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>53,356</b>	<b>53,491</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,371</b>	<b>41,118</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,001	6,568	0	6,568	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	20,061	19,320	0	3,125	16,195	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	205	192	0	2	190	0	0
Mandamus and Other	955	1,008	0	401	607	0	0
Civil Rights	17,214	16,972	0	1,074	15,898	0	0
Prison Condition	8,209	8,526	0	297	8,227	2	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	711	904	0	904	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Agricultural Acts	37	33	11	22	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	44	41	28	13	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,267	1,208	1,186	22	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	5	6	6	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	20	26	24	2	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	901	1,013	930	83	0	0	0
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>18,753</b>	<b>18,350</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>17,908</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,864	6,870	153	22	6,695	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,041	1,262	38	9	1,215	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	57	38	2	4	32	0	0
Railway Labor Act	73	60	0	0	60	0	0
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	9,309	8,637	126	14	8,497	0	0
FMLA <sup>3</sup>	0	23	0	0	23	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,409	1,460	44	30	1,386	0	0
<b>Immigration, Total <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Naturalization Applications	368	299	0	299	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	774	745	0	745	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>9,354</b>	<b>10,070</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10,030</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Copyright	2,033	2,375	0	0	2,375	0	0
Patent	3,647	4,142	8	25	4,109	0	0
Trademark	3,674	3,553	7	0	3,546	0	0
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>1,393</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>14,632</b>	<b>15,745</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15,723</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Disability Insurance	6,432	6,729	21	6,708	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	7,408	8,271	0	8,271	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	730	657	0	657	0	0	0
Other	62	88	1	87	0	0	0
<b>RICO<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>955</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>8,662</b>	<b>9,982</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cable/Satellite TV</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>1,628</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>10,251</b>	<b>10,214</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>8,353</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Actions, Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes case filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

<sup>2</sup> ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

<sup>3</sup> FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

<sup>4</sup> Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

<sup>5</sup> RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.