

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, 2011 and 2012

Nature of Suit	2011	2012					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	289,969	267,990	8,330	39,196	144,211	76,251	2
Contract Actions, Total	31,226	28,252	2,685	259	4,602	20,706	0
Franchise	439	375	0	0	54	321	0
Insurance	8,539	8,950	9	57	1,056	7,828	0
Marine	1,110	1,008	4	6	922	76	0
Miller Act	432	584	138	0	446	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	914	711	36	5	107	563	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	5,031	2,836	2,252	73	123	388	0
Defaulted Student Loans	4,341	2,200	2,190	7	3	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	9	5	1	4	0	0	0
Other	681	631	61	62	120	388	0
Other Contract Actions	14,761	13,788	246	118	1,894	11,530	0
Real Property Actions, Total	11,288	12,804	717	396	3,846	7,845	0
Condemnation of Land	163	175	34	7	117	17	0
Foreclosure	7,633	7,810	617	153	2,080	4,960	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	377	673	9	8	528	128	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	647	1,051	10	32	109	900	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,468	3,095	47	196	1,012	1,840	0
Tort Actions, Total	78,142	51,860	70	2,004	4,968	44,818	0
Personal Injury, Total	73,914	47,768	12	1,795	3,638	42,323	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	59,866	33,851	0	45	834	32,972	0
Airplane	65	60	0	0	6	54	0
Marine	13	25	0	0	17	8	0
Motor Vehicle	305	275	0	5	27	243	0
Asbestos ¹	39,449	2,667	0	6	303	2,358	0
Health Care/Pharma.	1,073	7,134	0	9	79	7,046	0
Other	18,961	23,690	0	25	402	23,263	0

Table C-2. (December 31, 2012—Continued)

Nature of Suit	2011	2012					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	14,048	13,917	12	1,750	2,804	9,351	0
Airplane	260	192	0	7	89	96	0
Marine	1,362	1,223	1	26	862	334	0
Motor Vehicle	3,560	3,470	1	447	188	2,834	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	597	590	0	48	178	364	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	454	391	0	60	331	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,067	1,065	0	556	0	509	0
Other	6,748	6,986	10	606	1,156	5,214	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,228	4,092	58	209	1,330	2,495	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,536	2,320	48	62	937	1,273	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,692	1,772	10	147	393	1,222	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	169,313	175,074	4,858	36,537	130,795	2,882	2
Antitrust	461	730	15	5	710	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	3,295	3,563	14	18	3,531	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,288	2,155	6	16	2,133	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,007	1,408	8	2	1,398	0	0
Banks and Banking	648	519	28	29	462	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	37,270	37,391	253	1,357	33,515	2,266	0
Voting	168	202	12	22	167	1	0
Employment	15,203	14,667	126	539	12,255	1,747	0
Housing and Accommodations	824	682	24	13	628	17	0
Welfare	53	16	0	1	14	1	0
ADA—Employment	1,812	2,020	29	45	1,877	69	0
ADA—Other	2,877	3,005	9	33	2,939	24	0
Education	6	183	0	2	177	4	0
Other Civil Rights	16,327	16,616	53	702	15,458	403	0
Environmental Matters	731	649	118	192	339	0	0
Deportation	37	18	0	7	11	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Prisoner Petitions, Total	53,491	54,402	0	13,617	40,784	1	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,568	8,595	0	8,595	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,320	18,794	0	2,727	16,067	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	192	194	0	3	191	0	0
Mandamus and Other	1,008	897	0	341	556	0	0
Civil Rights	16,972	17,054	0	886	16,168	0	0
Prison Condition	8,526	8,081	0	346	7,734	1	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	904	714	0	714	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	1	73	0	5	68	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,327	2,283	2,195	88	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	33	11	4	7	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	41	11	9	2	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,208	1,283	1,261	22	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	26	10	6	4	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	1,013	968	915	53	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,350	18,629	398	73	18,158	0	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,870	7,692	206	14	7,472	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,262	1,053	34	14	1,005	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	38	11	3	1	7	0	0
Railway Labor Act	60	50	0	1	49	0	0
ERISA ²	8,637	8,130	115	10	8,005	0	0
FMLA ³	23	404	0	5	399	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,460	1,289	40	28	1,221	0	0
Immigration, Total ⁴	1,044	1,065	10	1,055	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	299	294	0	294	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	745	771	10	761	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	10,070	12,333	7	67	12,259	0	0
Copyright	2,375	3,266	0	0	3,266	0	0
Patent	4,142	5,713	4	67	5,642	0	0
Trademark	3,553	3,354	3	0	3,351	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,393	1,384	339	1	1,044	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	15,745	18,261	29	18,232	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	6,729	7,738	29	7,709	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,271	9,578	0	9,578	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	657	801	0	801	0	0	0
Other	88	144	0	144	0	0	0
RICO ⁵	657	793	3	0	700	90	0
State Reapportionment Suits	23	9	0	0	9	0	0
Tax Suits	1,217	1,161	677	482	0	0	2
Customer Challenge	12	7	0	7	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,982	9,110	11	12	8,670	417	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,628	1,378	0	0	1,365	13	0
Freedom of Information Act	380	340	0	285	55	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	335	331	2	12	288	29	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,214	10,508	759	998	8,685	66	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 Includes case filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

⁴ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁵ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.