

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, 2012 and 2013

Nature of Suit	2012	2013					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	267,990	292,912	7,484	40,339	148,656	96,428	5
Contract Actions, Total	28,252	29,180	2,199	527	6,426	20,028	0
Franchise	375	468	0	0	68	400	0
Insurance	8,950	11,430	8	283	3,033	8,106	0
Marine	1,008	979	5	4	911	59	0
Miller Act	584	462	99	1	362	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	711	639	23	9	77	530	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,836	2,558	1,923	82	161	392	0
Defaulted Student Loans	2,200	1,898	1,870	8	20	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	5	4	1	3	0	0	0
Other	631	656	52	71	141	392	0
Other Contract Actions	13,788	12,644	141	148	1,814	10,541	0
Real Property Actions, Total	12,804	9,984	775	282	2,886	6,041	0
Condemnation of Land	175	133	42	11	68	12	0
Foreclosure	7,810	5,619	659	114	1,484	3,362	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	673	539	17	5	363	154	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	1,051	674	5	13	141	515	0
Other Real Property Actions	3,095	3,019	52	139	830	1,998	0
Tort Actions, Total	51,860	75,171	51	1,818	5,813	67,488	1
Personal Injury, Total	47,768	70,790	11	1,652	3,891	65,235	1
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	33,851	56,883	0	53	955	55,875	0
Airplane	60	40	0	1	16	23	0
Marine	25	29	0	1	12	16	0
Motor Vehicle	275	214	0	3	19	192	0
Asbestos ¹	2,667	581	0	9	266	306	0
Health Care/Pharma.	7,134	10,353	0	8	304	10,041	0
Other	23,690	45,666	0	31	338	45,297	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	13,917	13,907	11	1,599	2,936	9,360	1
Airplane	192	223	0	13	100	110	0
Marine	1,223	1,215	0	18	886	310	1
Motor Vehicle	3,470	3,552	4	442	215	2,891	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	590	584	0	69	160	355	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	391	355	0	40	315	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,065	990	0	491	52	447	0
Other	6,986	6,988	7	526	1,208	5,247	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,092	4,381	40	166	1,922	2,253	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,320	2,040	35	35	840	1,130	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,772	2,341	5	131	1,082	1,123	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	175,074	178,577	4,459	37,712	133,531	2,871	4
Antitrust	730	843	14	2	827	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	3,563	2,590	8	9	2,573	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,155	2,017	5	6	2,006	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,408	573	3	3	567	0	0
Banks and Banking	519	308	36	26	246	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	37,391	34,575	248	1,245	30,814	2,268	0
Voting	202	114	3	11	99	1	0
Employment	14,667	12,665	121	470	10,341	1,733	0
Housing and Accommodations	682	695	32	9	642	12	0
Welfare	16	5	1	0	4	0	0
ADA—Employment	2,020	1,883	39	57	1,716	71	0
ADA—Other	3,005	3,217	10	26	3,148	33	0
Education	183	321	0	1	315	5	0
Other Civil Rights	16,616	15,675	42	671	14,549	413	0
Environmental Matters	649	1,452	131	163	1,158	0	0
Deportation	18	29	0	22	7	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Prisoner Petitions, Total	54,402	58,914	0	13,242	45,672	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	8,595	7,811	0	7,811	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	18,794	19,489	0	2,586	16,903	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	194	197	0	4	193	0	0
Mandamus and Other	897	921	0	343	578	0	0
Civil Rights	17,054	17,722	0	1,272	16,450	0	0
Prison Condition	8,081	11,776	0	433	11,343	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	714	777	0	777	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	73	221	0	16	205	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,283	2,099	1,989	110	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	11	4	0	4	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	11	3	3	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,283	1,127	1,089	38	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	968	964	896	68	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,629	18,424	419	89	17,809	107	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,692	7,934	226	17	7,691	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,053	871	26	13	832	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	11	7	2	0	5	0	0
Railway Labor Act	50	61	0	3	58	0	0
ERISA ²	8,130	7,452	127	8	7,317	0	0
FMLA ³	404	987	3	4	980	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,289	1,112	35	44	926	107	0
Immigration, Total⁴	1,065	1,105	16	1,089	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	294	271	0	271	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	771	834	16	818	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	12,333	13,473	6	65	13,402	0	0
Copyright	3,266	3,866	0	0	3,866	0	0
Patent	5,713	6,401	4	65	6,332	0	0
Trademark	3,354	3,206	2	0	3,204	0	0

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Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,384	1,061	234	7	820	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	18,261	19,816	27	19,789	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	7,738	8,414	27	8,387	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,578	10,503	0	10,503	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	801	753	0	753	0	0	0
Other	144	146	0	146	0	0	0
RICO ⁵	793	643	2	0	565	76	0
State Reapportionment Suits	9	13	0	0	13	0	0
Tax Suits	1,161	1,066	610	452	0	0	4
Customer Challenge	7	1	0	1	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,110	8,675	16	6	8,440	213	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,378	1,491	0	0	1,473	18	0
Freedom of Information Act	340	397	0	332	65	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	331	308	1	12	256	39	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,508	10,773	702	1,051	8,870	150	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 cases 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.