

**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, 2012 and 2013**

Nature of Suit	2012	2013					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>286,232</b>	<b>283,087</b>	<b>7,863</b>	<b>39,778</b>	<b>146,086</b>	<b>89,359</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>29,771</b>	<b>28,591</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>6,036</b>	<b>19,936</b>	<b>0</b>
Franchise	380	454	0	0	73	381	0
Insurance	8,620	10,285	7	60	2,521	7,697	0
Marine	1,065	1,016	5	3	942	66	0
Miller Act	558	490	117	0	373	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	826	667	37	8	75	547	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	4,041	2,499	1,915	89	109	386	0
Defaulted Student Loans	3,358	1,875	1,859	10	6	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	9	1	0	1	0	0	0
Other	674	623	56	78	103	386	0
Other Contract Actions	14,281	13,180	236	142	1,943	10,859	0
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>12,609</b>	<b>11,530</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>7,134</b>	<b>0</b>
Condemnation of Land	120	194	54	5	118	17	0
Foreclosure	8,194	6,832	623	138	1,746	4,325	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	581	575	17	6	409	143	0
Torts to Land, Including							
Product Liability	937	790	9	20	136	625	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,777	3,139	46	173	896	2,024	0
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>70,204</b>	<b>67,172</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>5,755</b>	<b>59,420</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>65,898</b>	<b>62,715</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>57,128</b>	<b>0</b>
Personal Injury/							
Product Liability, Total	51,850	48,754	0	45	865	47,844	0
Airplane	80	26	0	0	5	21	0
Marine	20	38	0	1	21	16	0
Motor Vehicle	286	260	0	3	23	234	0
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	28,769	2,406	0	7	277	2,122	0
Health Care/Pharma.	3,591	9,313	0	8	118	9,187	0
Other	19,104	36,711	0	26	421	36,264	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>14,048</b>	<b>13,961</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>0</b>
Airplane	211	209	0	11	96	102	0
Marine	1,300	1,222	1	23	888	310	0
Motor Vehicle	3,545	3,490	2	444	196	2,848	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	595	612	0	45	191	376	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	430	389	0	41	348	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,061	1,034	0	554	16	464	0
Other	6,906	7,005	11	585	1,225	5,184	0
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>0</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,507	2,070	39	55	829	1,147	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,799	2,387	11	130	1,101	1,145	0
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>173,648</b>	<b>175,794</b>	<b>4,733</b>	<b>37,201</b>	<b>130,990</b>	<b>2,869</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>4,073</b>	<b>2,708</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,689</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,309	1,966	5	6	1,955	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,764	742	6	2	734	0	0
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>37,676</b>	<b>35,965</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>32,147</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>0</b>
Voting	175	168	5	20	143	0	0
Employment	15,207	13,832	121	482	11,452	1,777	0
Housing and Accommodations	790	643	24	14	593	12	0
Welfare	38	11	1	1	9	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,952	2,002	29	58	1,842	73	0
ADA—Other	3,092	2,898	10	36	2,822	30	0
Education	70	265	0	2	256	7	0
Other Civil Rights	16,352	16,146	47	654	15,030	415	0
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Nature of Suit	2012	2013					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>53,606</b>	<b>55,369</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,431</b>	<b>41,938</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,596	8,093	0	8,093	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,050	19,077	0	2,600	16,477	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	165	216	0	5	211	0	0
Mandamus and Other	973	831	0	294	537	0	0
Civil Rights	16,815	17,469	0	1,213	16,256	0	0
Prison Condition	8,216	8,764	0	415	8,349	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	770	802	0	802	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	21	117	0	9	108	0	0
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>2,297</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Agricultural Acts	24	8	2	6	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	25	2	2	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,260	1,229	1,193	36	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	16	5	3	2	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	969	993	937	56	0	0	0
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>19,222</b>	<b>17,977</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>17,439</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,750	7,493	242	17	7,234	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,212	859	30	13	816	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	29	7	3	0	4	0	0
Railway Labor Act	52	53	0	3	50	0	0
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	8,561	7,680	116	10	7,554	0	0
FMLA <sup>3</sup>	154	749	2	5	742	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,464	1,136	46	39	1,039	12	0
<b>Immigration, Total <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Naturalization Applications	288	288	0	288	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	744	756	16	740	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>10,985</b>	<b>13,232</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>13,114</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Copyright	2,785	3,675	0	0	3,675	0	0
Patent	4,736	6,321	2	112	6,207	0	0
Trademark	3,464	3,236	4	0	3,232	0	0
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,422</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>17,043</b>	<b>19,121</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19,088</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Disability Insurance	7,180	8,045	33	8,012	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,025	10,109	0	10,109	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	712	822	0	822	0	0	0
Other	126	145	0	145	0	0	0
<b>RICO <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>759</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>9,586</b>	<b>9,167</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8,856</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cable/Satellite TV</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,488</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>10,388</b>	<b>11,010</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>9,104</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Actions, Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.

<sup>1</sup> Includes cases 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.