

**Table C-2.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction**  
**and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 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>285,260</b>	<b>271,950</b>	<b>8,009</b>	<b>39,717</b>	<b>143,019</b>	<b>81,203</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>30,603</b>	<b>27,445</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>4,435</b>	<b>20,307</b>	<b>0</b>
Franchise	396	424	0	0	72	352	0
Insurance	8,420	8,892	5	55	1,033	7,799	0
Marine	1,141	945	3	5	865	72	0
Miller Act	518	531	133	0	398	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	873	693	36	7	104	546	0
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	4,639	2,565	2,010	73	110	372	0
Defaulted Student Loans	3,939	1,969	1,954	9	6	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	9	3	1	2	0	0	0
Other	691	593	55	62	104	372	0
Other Contract Actions	14,616	13,395	252	124	1,853	11,166	0
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>11,793</b>	<b>12,363</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>7,696</b>	<b>0</b>
Condemnation of Land	111	187	38	3	130	16	0
Foreclosure	7,860	7,371	616	146	1,921	4,688	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	479	645	13	6	488	138	0
Torts to Land, Including							
Product Liability	661	1,018	8	30	113	867	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,682	3,142	40	190	925	1,987	0
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>71,841</b>	<b>57,170</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2,016</b>	<b>4,772</b>	<b>50,313</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>67,581</b>	<b>53,279</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>47,881</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Personal Injury/</b>							
<b>Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>53,592</b>	<b>39,427</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>38,583</b>	<b>0</b>
Airplane	60	54	0	0	4	50	0
Marine	20	23	0	1	16	6	0
Motor Vehicle	289	275	0	5	23	247	0
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	32,533	2,489	0	6	277	2,206	0
Health Care/Pharma.	2,144	7,841	0	8	97	7,736	0
Other	18,546	28,745	0	25	382	28,338	0

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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>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>13,989</b>	<b>13,852</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>2,789</b>	<b>9,298</b>	<b>0</b>
Airplane	229	201	0	7	93	101	0
Marine	1,341	1,162	1	24	826	311	0
Motor Vehicle	3,552	3,503	2	453	204	2,844	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	599	599	0	49	193	357	0
Federal Employers' Liability Act	447	403	0	51	352	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,063	1,059	0	563	4	492	0
Other	6,758	6,925	13	602	1,117	5,193	0
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>4,260</b>	<b>3,891</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>2,432</b>	<b>0</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,506	2,239	42	67	895	1,235	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,754	1,652	11	155	289	1,197	0
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>171,023</b>	<b>174,972</b>	<b>4,786</b>	<b>37,062</b>	<b>130,235</b>	<b>2,887</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>3,604</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3,238</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,261	2,064	5	8	2,051	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,343	1,195	6	2	1,187	0	0
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>37,574</b>	<b>36,563</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>32,767</b>	<b>2,281</b>	<b>0</b>
Voting	178	187	11	18	158	0	0
Employment	15,275	14,078	113	503	11,718	1,744	0
Housing and Accommodations	792	657	24	12	605	16	0
Welfare	54	11	1	1	9	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,861	2,020	26	45	1,871	78	0
ADA—Other	2,990	2,986	11	33	2,911	31	0
Education	32	219	0	2	212	5	0
Other Civil Rights	16,392	16,405	50	665	15,283	407	0
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</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>53,540</b>	<b>54,676</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,811</b>	<b>40,865</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,838	8,625	0	8,625	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,235	18,815	0	2,674	16,141	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	151	208	0	4	204	0	0
Mandamus and Other	994	861	0	329	532	0	0
Civil Rights	17,057	17,099	0	1,037	16,062	0	0
Prison Condition	8,458	8,235	0	383	7,852	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	792	753	0	753	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	15	80	0	6	74	0	0
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>2,284</b>	<b>2,277</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Agricultural Acts	28	10	2	8	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	38	6	5	1	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,191	1,295	1,262	33	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	22	5	3	2	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	999	961	910	51	0	0	0
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>18,670</b>	<b>18,492</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>18,033</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,064	7,764	199	11	7,554	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,274	943	30	14	899	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	33	8	2	1	5	0	0
Railway Labor Act	62	51	0	1	50	0	0
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	8,697	7,946	110	11	7,825	0	0
FMLA <sup>3</sup>	69	558	0	6	552	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,471	1,222	37	35	1,148	2	0
<b>Immigration, Total <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Naturalization Applications	307	283	0	283	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	730	773	13	760	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>10,361</b>	<b>12,795</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>12,686</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Copyright	2,399	3,553	0	0	3,553	0	0
Patent	4,446	5,945	2	104	5,839	0	0
Trademark	3,516	3,297	3	0	3,294	0	0
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,371</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>16,166</b>	<b>18,659</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18,629</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Disability Insurance	6,800	7,926	30	7,896	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,592	9,741	0	9,741	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	670	848	0	848	0	0	0
Other	104	144	0	144	0	0	0
<b>RICO <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>739</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>1,218</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>9,902</b>	<b>9,374</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8,987</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cable/Satellite TV</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>10,275</b>	<b>10,515</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>8,637</b>	<b>96</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 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.