

**Table C-2.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction**  
**and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 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>278,442</b>	<b>284,604</b>	<b>7,694</b>	<b>40,545</b>	<b>147,057</b>	<b>89,305</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>28,713</b>	<b>28,571</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>6,038</b>	<b>19,914</b>	<b>0</b>
Franchise	367	477	0	0	68	409	0
Insurance	8,679	10,569	8	132	2,636	7,793	0
Marine	1,032	987	5	2	912	68	0
Miller Act	574	473	111	1	361	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	819	654	33	6	76	539	0
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	3,279	2,520	1,889	83	136	412	0
Defaulted Student Loans	2,657	1,855	1,833	8	14	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	6	4	1	3	0	0	0
Other	616	661	55	72	122	412	0
Other Contract Actions	13,963	12,891	210	139	1,849	10,693	0
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>12,960</b>	<b>10,762</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>3,090</b>	<b>6,598</b>	<b>0</b>
Condemnation of Land	123	173	56	5	101	11	0
Foreclosure	8,130	6,264	644	125	1,612	3,883	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	662	516	18	6	355	137	0
Torts to Land, Including Product							
Liability	1,054	687	8	21	149	509	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,991	3,122	48	143	873	2,058	0
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>61,306</b>	<b>67,738</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>5,763</b>	<b>60,002</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>57,151</b>	<b>63,316</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>3,817</b>	<b>57,739</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product</b>							
<b>Liability, Total</b>	<b>43,083</b>	<b>49,526</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>48,546</b>	<b>0</b>
Airplane	66	28	0	1	4	23	0
Marine	24	30	0	1	13	16	0
Motor Vehicle	287	238	0	4	20	214	0
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	15,167	607	0	8	267	332	0
Health Care/Pharma.	6,791	9,004	0	8	216	8,780	0
Other	20,748	39,619	0	30	408	39,181	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>14,068</b>	<b>13,790</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>9,193</b>	<b>0</b>
Airplane	194	222	0	11	99	112	0
Marine	1,258	1,200	0	21	883	296	0
Motor Vehicle	3,501	3,524	3	451	207	2,863	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	579	636	0	73	178	385	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	412	352	0	41	311	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,044	1,025	0	538	29	458	0
Other	7,080	6,831	10	560	1,182	5,079	0
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>4,155</b>	<b>4,422</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>0</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,340	2,078	41	37	855	1,145	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,815	2,344	6	129	1,091	1,118	0
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>175,463</b>	<b>177,533</b>	<b>4,604</b>	<b>37,969</b>	<b>132,166</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>3,928</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,619</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,168	1,992	4	5	1,983	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	1,760	641	2	3	636	0	0
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>37,705</b>	<b>35,307</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>31,551</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>0</b>
Voting	204	129	5	13	110	1	0
Employment	15,018	13,322	120	483	10,973	1,746	0
Housing and Accommodations	741	667	27	10	619	11	0
Welfare	28	6	1	0	5	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,958	1,944	38	53	1,785	68	0
ADA—Other	3,133	3,039	10	34	2,967	28	0
Education	126	294	0	2	286	6	0
Other Civil Rights	16,497	15,906	41	648	14,806	411	0
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>54,300</b>	<b>56,955</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,354</b>	<b>43,601</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	8,499	7,924	0	7,924	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	18,851	19,356	0	2,627	16,729	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	189	193	0	3	190	0	0
Mandamus and Other	907	883	0	315	568	0	0
Civil Rights	16,970	17,514	0	1,222	16,292	0	0
Prison Condition	8,066	10,098	0	462	9,636	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	744	791	0	791	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	74	196	0	10	186	0	0
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>2,298</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Agricultural Acts	18	4	1	3	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	16	3	3	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,289	1,155	1,115	40	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	13	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	962	980	911	69	0	0	0
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>19,440</b>	<b>18,043</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>17,489</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,152	7,500	234	15	7,251	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,167	883	28	12	843	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	15	7	2	0	5	0	0
Railway Labor Act	44	64	0	3	61	0	0
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	8,404	7,599	125	10	7,464	0	0
FMLA <sup>3</sup>	291	877	2	4	871	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,367	1,113	40	43	994	36	0
<b>Immigration, Total <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Naturalization Applications	301	272	0	272	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	757	782	15	767	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>11,666</b>	<b>13,335</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>13,221</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Copyright	3,074	3,666	0	0	3,666	0	0
Patent	5,189	6,497	2	109	6,386	0	0
Trademark	3,403	3,172	3	0	3,169	0	0
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>17,645</b>	<b>19,977</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19,948</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Disability Insurance	7,487	8,407	29	8,378	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,248	10,634	0	10,634	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	772	784	0	784	0	0	0
Other	138	152	0	152	0	0	0
<b>RICO <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>772</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>9,320</b>	<b>8,974</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8,738</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cable/Satellite TV</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>10,340</b>	<b>10,948</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>9,054</b>	<b>124</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.