

**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, 2013 and 2014**

Nature of Suit	2013	2014					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>284,604</b>	<b>295,310</b>	<b>6,605</b>	<b>38,338</b>	<b>149,891</b>	<b>100,472</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>28,571</b>	<b>28,557</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>5,538</b>	<b>20,603</b>	<b>0</b>
Franchise	477	456	0	0	49	407	0
Insurance	10,569	11,728	12	207	2,503	9,006	0
Marine	987	810	3	3	743	61	0
Miller Act	473	502	119	2	381	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	654	562	13	12	69	468	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,520	2,352	1,655	117	219	361	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,855	1,654	1,598	9	47	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	4	8	2	6	0	0	0
Other	661	690	55	102	172	361	0
Other Contract Actions	12,891	12,147	143	130	1,574	10,300	0
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>10,762</b>	<b>7,802</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>2,603</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>0</b>
Condemnation of Land	173	149	36	14	90	9	0
Foreclosure	6,264	3,928	580	80	1,129	2,139	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	516	773	14	6	615	138	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	687	642	10	26	81	525	0
Other Real Property Actions	3,122	2,310	30	151	688	1,441	0
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>67,738</b>	<b>79,990</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>6,032</b>	<b>72,286</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>63,316</b>	<b>76,463</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,483</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>69,931</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total</b>	<b>49,526</b>	<b>60,078</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>58,496</b>	<b>0</b>
Airplane	28	53	0	1	25	27	0
Marine	30	11	0	1	5	5	0
Motor Vehicle	238	292	0	2	29	261	0
Asbestos <sup>1</sup>	607	448	0	9	250	189	0
Health Care/Pharma.	9,004	13,939	0	9	670	13,260	0
Other	39,619	45,335	0	22	559	44,754	0

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Nature of Suit	2013	2014					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>13,790</b>	<b>16,385</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>3,496</b>	<b>11,435</b>	<b>1</b>
Airplane	222	214	0	9	111	94	0
Marine	1,200	1,166	2	16	851	296	1
Motor Vehicle	3,524	3,741	5	436	218	3,082	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	636	495	0	33	131	331	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	352	330	0	35	295	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,025	986	0	461	117	408	0
Other	6,831	9,453	7	449	1,773	7,224	0
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>4,422</b>	<b>3,527</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>0</b>
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,078	2,005	26	24	717	1,238	0
Other Personal Property Damage	2,344	1,522	5	119	281	1,117	0
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>177,533</b>	<b>178,961</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>35,964</b>	<b>135,718</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,632</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Appeal (28 U.S.C.158)	1,992	2,055	6	7	2,042	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C.157)	641	596	5	1	590	0	0
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>35,307</b>	<b>35,274</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>31,499</b>	<b>2,248</b>	<b>0</b>
Voting	129	171	57	6	107	1	0
Employment	13,322	11,937	108	453	9,612	1,764	0
Housing and Accommodations	667	757	24	13	714	6	0
Welfare	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,944	1,894	35	45	1,747	67	0
ADA—Other	3,039	4,432	11	23	4,371	27	0
Education	294	455	3	1	447	4	0
Other Civil Rights	15,906	15,628	32	716	14,501	379	0
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</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>56,955</b>	<b>60,675</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,357</b>	<b>48,318</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,924	7,390	0	7,390	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,356	19,185	0	2,482	16,703	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	193	165	0	7	158	0	0
Mandamus and Other	883	950	0	364	586	0	0
Civil Rights	17,514	18,991	0	1,095	17,896	0	0
Prison Condition	10,098	13,045	0	269	12,776	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	791	736	0	736	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	196	213	0	14	199	0	0
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Agricultural Acts	4	2	1	1	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,155	1,018	990	28	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	980	881	822	59	0	0	0
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>18,043</b>	<b>18,673</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>17,738</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>0</b>
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,500	8,160	174	12	7,974	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	883	812	29	8	775	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	7	1	0	0	1	0	0
Railway Labor Act	64	57	0	0	57	0	0
ERISA <sup>2</sup>	7,599	7,191	103	6	7,082	0	0
FMLA <sup>3</sup>	877	1,108	1	6	1,101	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,113	1,344	37	38	748	521	0
<b>Immigration, Total <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Naturalization Applications	272	277	0	277	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	782	886	19	867	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>13,335</b>	<b>13,420</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13,402</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Copyright	3,666	4,041	0	0	4,041	0	0
Patent	6,497	5,686	4	14	5,668	0	0
Trademark	3,172	3,693	0	0	3,693	0	0
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>19,977</b>	<b>19,146</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19,120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Disability Insurance	8,407	8,513	26	8,487	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	10,634	9,813	0	9,813	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	784	692	0	692	0	0	0
Other	152	128	0	128	0	0	0
<b>RICO <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>645</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>8,974</b>	<b>8,547</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8,296</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cable/Satellite TV</b>	<b>1,489</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>11,417</b>	<b>11,013</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>214</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.