

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, 2013 and 2014

Nature of Suit	2013	2014					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	292,912	290,358	6,733	37,963	149,756	95,901	5
Contract Actions, Total	29,180	27,968	1,896	387	5,289	20,396	0
Franchise	468	438	0	0	48	390	0
Insurance	11,430	11,287	16	137	2,194	8,940	0
Marine	979	806	3	1	742	60	0
Miller Act	462	491	123	2	366	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	639	562	21	9	69	463	0
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	2,558	2,293	1,583	118	233	359	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,898	1,594	1,518	10	66	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	4	11	3	8	0	0	0
Other	656	688	62	100	167	359	0
Other Contract Actions	12,644	12,091	150	120	1,637	10,184	0
Real Property Actions, Total	9,984	7,866	712	287	2,740	4,127	0
Condemnation of Land	133	291	49	8	228	6	0
Foreclosure	5,619	3,918	616	92	1,126	2,084	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	539	778	16	7	624	131	0
Torts to Land, Including Product							
Liability	674	672	9	31	78	554	0
Other Real Property Actions	3,019	2,207	22	149	684	1,352	0
Tort Actions, Total	75,171	75,623	50	1,678	5,979	67,916	0
Personal Injury, Total	70,790	71,949	15	1,532	4,999	65,403	0
Personal Injury/Product							
Liability, Total	56,883	53,788	0	38	1,511	52,239	0
Airplane	40	38	0	1	14	23	0
Marine	29	11	0	1	5	5	0
Motor Vehicle	214	346	0	0	30	316	0
Asbestos	581	382	0	7	218	157	0
Health Care/Pharma.	10,353	14,067	0	13	616	13,438	0
Other	45,666	38,944	0	16	628	38,300	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Other Personal Injury, Total	13,907	18,161	15	1,494	3,488	13,164	0
Airplane	223	204	0	9	102	93	0
Marine	1,215	1,150	3	16	850	281	0
Motor Vehicle	3,552	3,820	5	426	221	3,168	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	584	546	0	38	152	356	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	355	302	0	29	273	0	0
Medical Malpractice	990	1,049	0	506	153	390	0
Other		6,988	11,090	7	470	1,737	8,876 0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,381	3,674	35	146	980	2,513	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,040	1,999	27	24	685	1,263	0
Other Personal Property Damage	2,341	1,675	8	122	295	1,250	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	178,577	178,901	4,075	35,611	135,748	3,462	5
Antitrust	843	699	14	3	682	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,590	2,735	14	8	2,713	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,017	2,141	6	6	2,129	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	573	594	8	2	584	0	0
Banks and Banking	308	272	24	11	237	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	34,575	36,428	268	1,263	32,632	2,265	0
Voting	114	173	58	6	107	2	0
Employment	12,665	12,169	107	460	9,799	1,803	0
Housing and Accommodations	695	766	17	13	731	5	0
Welfare	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,883	1,961	33	44	1,813	71	0
ADA—Other	3,217	4,920	13	29	4,850	28	0
Education	321	458	3	2	447	6	0
Other Civil Rights	15,675	15,981	37	709	14,885	350	0
Environmental Matters	1,452	573	91	157	325	0	0
Deportation	29	23	0	16	7	0	0

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Prisoner Petitions, Total	58,914	58,630	0	11,717	46,912	0	1
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,811	6,925	0	6,925	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,489	18,971	0	2,441	16,529	0	1
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	197	179	0	9	170	0	0
Mandamus and Other	921	926	0	360	566	0	0
Civil Rights	17,722	19,005	0	990	18,015	0	0
Prison Condition	11,776	11,618	0	281	11,337	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	777	698	0	698	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	221	308	0	13	295	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,099	1,980	1,907	73	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,127	954	929	25	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	964	1,025	977	48	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,424	18,752	339	71	17,736	606	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,934	8,074	163	8	7,903	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	871	782	28	9	745	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	61	60	0	0	60	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,452	7,318	104	11	7,203	0	0
FMLA ²	987	1,114	2	10	1,102	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,112	1,404	42	33	723	606	0
Immigration, Total³	1,105	1,152	17	1,135	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	271	276	0	276	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	834	876	17	859	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,473	13,199	2	14	13,183	0	0
Copyright	3,866	4,143	0	0	4,143	0	0
Patent	6,401	5,299	1	14	5,284	0	0
Trademark	3,206	3,757	1	0	3,756	0	0

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Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,061	984	204	5	775	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,816	19,414	29	19,385	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,414	8,714	29	8,685	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	10,503	9,866	0	9,866	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	753	707	0	707	0	0	0
Other	146	127	0	127	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	643	725	3	0	651	71	0
State Reapportionment Suits	13	5	0	0	5	0	0
Tax Suits	1,066	977	593	380	0	0	4
Customer Challenge	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	8,675	9,037	15	6	8,773	243	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,491	1,288	1	0	1,278	9	0
Freedom of Information Act	397	479	0	382	97	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	308	329	0	8	280	41	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,294	11,220	554	977	9,462	227	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 ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

² FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

³ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.