

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, 2014 and 2015

Nature of Suit	2014	2015					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	290,358	277,290	5,525	35,762	150,514	85,480	9
Contract Actions, Total	27,968	25,737	1,724	294	4,117	19,602	0
Franchise	438	363	0	0	31	332	0
Insurance	11,287	9,291	9	61	1,145	8,076	0
Marine	806	890	1	2	816	71	0
Miller Act	491	387	109	1	277	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	562	496	18	5	71	402	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,293	2,097	1,460	98	203	336	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,594	1,467	1,377	9	81	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	11	3	1	2	0	0	0
Other	688	627	82	87	122	336	0
Other Contract Actions	12,091	12,213	127	127	1,574	10,385	0
Real Property Actions, Total	7,866	9,299	544	309	2,825	5,621	0
Condemnation of Land	291	188	40	9	129	10	0
Foreclosure	3,918	4,534	469	110	1,116	2,839	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	778	757	5	8	646	98	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	672	1,489	9	36	87	1,357	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,207	2,331	21	146	847	1,317	0
Tort Actions, Total	75,623	67,410	67	1,785	8,898	56,660	0
Personal Injury, Total	71,949	58,232	14	1,611	4,893	51,714	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	53,788	40,567	0	28	1,997	38,542	0
Airplane	38	70	0	2	34	34	0
Marine	11	9	0	1	3	5	0
Motor Vehicle	346	420	0	7	51	362	0
Asbestos	382	1,609	0	3	1,515	91	0
Health Care/Pharma	14,067	16,652	0	7	181	16,464	0
Other	38,944	21,807	0	8	213	21,586	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	18,161	17,665	14	1,583	2,896	13,172	0
Airplane	204	192	0	15	93	84	0
Marine	1,150	1,117	0	13	838	266	0
Motor Vehicle	3,820	3,767	9	439	217	3,102	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	546	576	0	42	196	338	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	302	313	0	53	260	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,049	1,109	0	545	174	390	0
Other	11,090	10,591	5	476	1,118	8,992	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,674	9,178	53	174	4,005	4,946	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,999	2,926	42	23	845	2,016	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,675	6,252	11	151	3,160	2,930	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	178,901	174,844	3,190	33,374	134,674	3,597	9
Antitrust	699	893	13	0	880	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,735	2,713	14	6	2,693	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,141	2,197	6	0	2,191	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	594	516	8	6	502	0	0
Banks and Banking	272	255	16	23	216	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	36,428	37,043	266	1,249	33,305	2,223	0
Voting	173	80	4	2	74	0	0
Employment	12,169	11,876	139	430	9,597	1,710	0
Housing and Accommodations	766	826	29	11	770	16	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,961	2,100	37	43	1,956	64	0
ADA—Other	4,920	5,335	7	34	5,258	36	0
Education	458	553	2	5	535	11	0
Other Civil Rights	15,981	16,273	48	724	15,115	386	0
Environmental Matters	573	899	99	160	640	0	0
Deportation	23	16	0	12	4	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Prisoner Petitions, Total	58,630	52,844	0	10,562	42,282	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,925	5,976	0	5,976	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	18,971	18,329	0	2,447	15,882	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	179	175	0	5	170	0	0
Mandamus and Other	926	820	0	267	553	0	0
Civil Rights	19,005	18,108	0	786	17,322	0	0
Prison Condition	11,618	8,336	0	272	8,064	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	698	791	0	791	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	308	309	0	18	291	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,980	1,225	1,171	54	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	954	641	631	10	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	1,025	584	540	44	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,752	19,498	289	81	18,416	712	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,074	9,041	144	16	8,881	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	782	667	30	10	627	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	60	46	0	0	46	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,318	7,098	81	7	7,010	0	0
FMLA ²	1,114	1,181	3	11	1,167	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,404	1,465	31	37	685	712	0
Immigration, Total³	1,152	1,391	21	1,370	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	276	267	0	267	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	876	1,124	21	1,103	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,199	14,088	6	9	14,073	0	0
Copyright	4,143	5,045	0	0	5,045	0	0
Patent	5,299	5,996	5	9	5,982	0	0
Trademark	3,757	3,047	1	0	3,046	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	984	1,026	218	6	802	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,414	18,051	37	18,014	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,714	8,425	37	8,388	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	9,866	8,912	0	8,912	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	707	628	0	628	0	0	0
Other	127	86	0	86	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	725	729	1	0	637	91	0
State Reapportionment Suits	5	4	0	0	4	0	0
Tax Suits	977	979	570	400	0	0	9
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,037	9,834	8	2	9,595	229	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,288	1,033	0	0	1,027	6	0
Freedom of Information Act	479	505	0	417	88	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	329	397	1	15	280	101	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,220	11,421	460	994	9,732	235	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.

¹ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

²FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

³Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁴RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.