

Table C-12.

U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Pending Three Years or More, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit, on September 30, 2015 and 2016

Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2015	2016	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	33,945	53,033	1,048	1,956	14,182	35,844	3
Contract Actions, Total	2,403	2,434	246	24	674	1,489	1
Franchise	11	15	-	-	3	12	-
Insurance	553	548	4	3	88	453	-
Marine	201	239	1	1	225	12	-
Miller Act	31	35	11	-	24	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	36	41	6	-	9	26	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	244	250	187	10	26	27	-
Defaulted Student Loans	75	74	72	1	1	-	-
Veterans' Overpayment	78	78	78	-	-	-	-
Other	91	98	37	9	25	27	-
Other Contract Actions	1,327	1,306	37	10	299	959	1
Real Property Actions, Total	427	474	29	60	125	259	1
Foreclosure	123	139	19	9	28	82	1
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	9	10	1	-	5	4	-
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	155	163	3	11	51	98	-
Other Real Property Actions	140	162	6	40	41	75	-
Tort Actions, Total	18,490	35,825	17	137	1,674	33,996	1
Personal Injury, Total	17,884	34,806	2	131	1,062	33,610	1
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Product Liability, Total	16,393	33,140	-	4	264	32,872	-
Airplane	5	4	-	-	2	2	-
Marine	14	12	-	-	11	1	-
Motor Vehicle	52	53	-	1	13	39	-
Asbestos ¹	988	784	-	-	44	740	-
Health Care/Pharma	2,657	4,136	-	-	23	4,113	-
Other	12,677	28,151	-	3	171	27,977	-
Other Personal Injury, Total	1,491	1,666	2	127	798	738	1
Airplane	21	22	-	4	13	5	-
Marine	119	157	1	1	150	5	-

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	2015	2016	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Personal Injury (Continued)							
Motor Vehicle	196	205	-	18	44	143	-
Assault, Libel, and Slander	45	39	-	2	17	20	-
Federal Employers Liability Act	66	75	-	1	74	-	-
Medical Malpractice	97	92	-	51	1	40	-
Other	947	1,076	1	50	499	525	1
Personal Property Damage, Total	606	1,019	15	6	612	386	-
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	269	280	14	-	93	173	-
Other Personal Property Damage	337	739	1	6	519	213	-
Actions Under Statutes, Total	12,625	14,300	756	1,735	11,709	100	-
Antitrust	758	766	5	-	761	-	-
Bankruptcy, Total	163	166	-	-	166	-	-
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	91	93	-	-	93	-	-
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	72	73	-	-	73	-	-
Banks and Banking	30	28	4	5	19	-	-
Civil Rights, Total	2,581	2,745	54	155	2,468	68	-
Voting	14	14	2	-	12	-	-
Employment	873	906	19	77	773	37	-
Housing and Accommodations	34	38	7	1	29	1	-
Welfare	1	0	-	-	-	-	-
ADA—Employment	65	77	5	3	66	3	-
ADA—Other	77	92	3	-	87	2	-
Education	4	8	1	-	7	-	-
Other Civil Rights	1,513	1,610	17	74	1,494	25	-
Environmental Matters	358	905	35	49	821	-	-
Deportation	2	2	-	2	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions, Total	4,059	4,371	-	776	3,595	-	-
Motions to Vacate Sentence	499	524	-	524	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus—General	1,163	1,238	-	108	1,130	-	-

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	2015	2016	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Prisoner Petitions (Continued)							
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	436	432	-	21	411	-	-
Mandamus and Other	41	40	-	23	17	-	-
Civil Rights	1,399	1,401	-	66	1,335	-	-
Prison Condition	444	646	-	20	626	-	-
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	10	11	-	11	-	-	-
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	67	79	-	3	76	-	-
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	170	202	199	3	-	-	-
Agricultural Acts	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Food and Drug Act	3	3	3	-	-	-	-
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	64	75	75	-	-	-	-
Air Traffic Regulations	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	101	122	119	3	-	-	-
Labor Laws, Total	956	1,039	37	6	994	2	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	348	398	7	2	389	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	122	144	6	-	138	-	-
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	1	0	-	-	-	-	-
Railway Labor Act	3	3	-	-	3	-	-
ERISA ²	358	361	12	1	348	-	-
FMLA ³	5	11	-	-	11	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	119	122	12	3	105	2	-
Immigration, Total⁴	9	17	1	16	-	-	-
Naturalization Applications	5	6	-	6	-	-	-
Other Immigration Actions	4	11	1	10	-	-	-
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	770	834	1	-	833	-	-
Copyright	95	91	-	-	91	-	-
Patent	506	568	1	-	567	-	-
Trademark	169	175	-	-	175	-	-
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	398	317	91	2	224	-	-

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Nature of Suit	Cases Pending Three Years or More		U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
	2015	2016	Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Social Security Laws, Total	490	544	3	541	-	-	-
Disability Insurance	293	311	3	308	-	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	161	197	-	197	-	-	-
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	16	15	-	15	-	-	-
Other	20	21	-	21	-	-	-
RICO ⁵	148	145	4	-	129	12	-
State Reapportionment Suits	2	2	-	-	2	-	-
Tax Suits	91	99	53	46	-	-	-
Consumer Credit	147	191	-	2	176	13	-
Cable/Satellite TV	11	13	-	-	13	-	-
Freedom of Information Act	42	50	-	48	2	-	-
Constitutionality of State Statutes	45	46	1	-	43	2	-
Other Statutory Actions	1,395	1,818	268	84	1,463	3	-

NOTE: Land condemnation cases are omitted.

¹ Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.

² ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

³ FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

⁴ Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

⁵ RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.