

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 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	298,713	280,037	6,182	35,651	151,330	86,865	9
Contract Actions, Total	28,631	26,506	1,933	312	4,528	19,733	0
Franchise	451	377	0	0	36	341	0
Insurance	11,728	9,923	15	79	1,412	8,417	0
Marine	838	903	1	1	828	73	0
Miller Act	492	420	118	1	301	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	615	495	21	8	69	397	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,357	2,307	1,652	111	207	337	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,659	1,658	1,565	8	85	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	7	9	2	7	0	0	0
Other	691	640	85	96	122	337	0
Other Contract Actions	12,150	12,081	126	112	1,675	10,168	0
Real Property Actions, Total	8,454	8,963	543	312	2,869	5,239	0
Condemnation of Land	148	317	41	8	257	11	0
Foreclosure	4,401	4,043	461	107	1,171	2,304	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	671	702	10	6	567	119	0
Torts to Land, Including Liability	682	1,546	8	31	88	1,419	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,552	2,355	23	160	786	1,386	0
Tort Actions, Total	81,024	69,875	63	1,739	9,639	58,434	0
Personal Injury, Total	77,443	62,318	11	1,582	5,755	54,970	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	63,245	41,607	0	37	2,803	38,767	0
Airplane	52	28	0	2	7	19	0
Marine	11	10	0	0	5	5	0
Motor Vehicle	254	395	0	3	42	350	0
Asbestos	525	2,030	0	6	1,897	127	0
Health Care/Pharma.	14,060	14,196	0	13	327	13,856	0
Other	48,343	24,948	0	13	525	24,410	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	14,198	20,711	11	1,545	2,952	16,203	0
Airplane	225	194	0	10	93	91	0
Marine	1,150	1,129	3	18	821	287	0
Motor Vehicle	3,666	3,763	4	405	227	3,127	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	517	565	0	41	180	344	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	302	302	0	43	259	0	0
Medical Malpractice	976	1,097	0	548	178	371	0
Other	7,362	13,661	4	480	1,194	11,983	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,581	7,557	52	157	3,884	3,464	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,024	2,195	40	18	719	1,418	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,557	5,362	12	139	3,165	2,046	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	180,604	174,693	3,643	33,288	134,294	3,459	9
Antitrust	854	618	14	0	604	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,708	2,688	13	9	2,666	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,120	2,162	5	3	2,154	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	588	526	8	6	512	0	0
Banks and Banking	298	231	17	18	196	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	34,829	37,015	254	1,280	33,272	2,209	0
Voting	163	100	4	4	90	2	0
Employment	12,035	12,258	124	433	9,967	1,734	0
Housing and Accommodations	734	777	25	9	734	9	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,846	2,002	36	38	1,861	67	0
ADA—Other	3,995	4,942	9	36	4,870	27	0
Education	416	513	1	5	502	5	0
Other Civil Rights	15,640	16,423	55	755	15,248	365	0
Environmental Matters	749	578	101	172	305	0	0
Deportation	21	24	0	17	7	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Prisoner Petitions, Total	62,402	52,844	0	9,539	43,304	0	1
Motions to Vacate Sentence	8,237	5,238	0	5,238	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,524	18,352	0	2,267	16,084	0	1
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	145	214	0	7	207	0	0
Mandamus and Other	967	835	0	296	539	0	0
Civil Rights	18,719	17,958	0	785	17,173	0	0
Prison Condition	13,836	9,266	0	279	8,987	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	731	655	0	655	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	243	326	0	12	314	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,959	1,620	1,559	61	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,035	792	776	16	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	921	827	782	45	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,702	19,047	309	87	17,990	661	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,204	8,452	143	11	8,298	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	853	723	31	12	680	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	60	48	0	0	48	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,232	7,234	95	11	7,128	0	0
FMLA ²	1,095	1,116	3	13	1,100	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,256	1,474	37	40	736	661	0
Immigration, Total³	1,134	1,244	19	1,225	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	267	257	0	257	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	867	987	19	968	0	0	0

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Nature of Suit	2014	2015					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,195	14,145	5	9	14,131	0	0
Copyright	3,906	4,895	0	0	4,895	0	0
Patent	6,047	5,634	4	9	5,621	0	0
Trademark	3,242	3,616	1	0	3,615	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,000	1,012	204	8	800	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,530	19,102	24	19,078	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,577	8,666	24	8,642	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	10,099	9,672	0	9,672	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	715	658	0	658	0	0	0
Other	139	106	0	106	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	729	689	2	0	613	74	0
State Reapportionment Suits	14	3	0	0	3	0	0
Tax Suits	969	1,005	592	405	0	0	8
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	8,495	9,474	15	4	9,217	238	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,350	1,319	1	0	1,313	5	0
Freedom of Information Act	432	481	0	394	87	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	326	300	0	12	257	31	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,908	11,254	514	970	9,529	241	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.