

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, 2011 and 2012

Nature of Suit	2011	2012					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	289,630	286,232	9,707	37,569	144,387	94,568	1
Contract Actions, Total	32,366	29,771	3,769	293	4,667	21,042	0
Franchise	429	380	1	0	65	314	0
Insurance	9,843	8,620	10	61	968	7,581	0
Marine	1,102	1,065	3	8	975	79	0
Miller Act	367	558	119	1	438	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	888	826	31	3	133	659	0
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	4,623	4,041	3,427	93	129	392	0
Defaulted Student Loans	3,902	3,358	3,345	13	0	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	8	9	4	5	0	0	0
Other	713	674	78	75	129	392	0
Other Contract Actions	15,114	14,281	178	127	1,959	12,017	0
Real Property Actions, Total	10,078	12,609	847	449	3,862	7,451	0
Condemnation of Land	181	120	33	18	61	8	0
Foreclosure	6,569	8,194	754	185	2,317	4,938	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	302	581	8	7	434	132	0
Torts to Land, Including							
Product Liability	614	937	10	46	127	754	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,412	2,777	42	193	923	1,619	0
Tort Actions, Total	79,394	70,204	75	2,016	5,019	63,094	0
Personal Injury, Total	74,921	65,898	14	1,802	3,657	60,425	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	60,631	51,850	0	35	746	51,069	0
Airplane	106	80	0	0	8	72	0
Marine	16	20	0	0	12	8	0
Motor Vehicle	347	286	0	3	30	253	0
Asbestos ¹	38,449	28,769	0	3	270	28,496	0
Health Care/Pharma.	-	3,591	0	4	21	3,566	0
Other	21,713	19,104	0	25	405	18,674	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	14,290	14,048	14	1,767	2,911	9,356	0
Airplane	288	211	0	13	89	109	0
Marine	1,419	1,300	0	30	936	334	0
Motor Vehicle	3,522	3,545	4	462	191	2,888	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	560	595	0	41	186	368	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	424	430	0	62	368	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,089	1,061	0	535	0	526	0
Other	6,988	6,906	10	624	1,141	5,131	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,473	4,306	61	214	1,362	2,669	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,699	2,507	52	52	964	1,439	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,774	1,799	9	162	398	1,230	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	167,791	173,648	5,016	34,811	130,839	2,981	1
Antitrust	507	656	21	5	630	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,597	4,073	12	18	4,043	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C.158)	2,107	2,309	6	16	2,287	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C.157)	490	1,764	6	2	1,756	0	0
Banks and Banking	686	614	31	42	541	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	37,000	37,676	391	1,499	33,555	2,231	0
Voting	177	175	10	36	127	2	0
Employment	15,255	15,207	228	649	12,644	1,686	0
Housing and Accommodations	767	790	33	8	732	17	0
Welfare	50	38	0	3	34	1	0
ADA—Employment	1,715	1,952	52	46	1,782	72	0
ADA—Other	2,775	3,092	13	27	3,030	22	0
Education	-	70	0	0	68	2	0
Other Civil Rights	16,261	16,352	55	730	15,138	429	0
Environmental Matters	881	696	132	202	362	0	0
Deportation	61	18	0	7	11	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Prisoner Petitions, Total	53,692	53,606	0	12,973	40,632	1	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,287	7,596	0	7,596	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,765	19,050	0	3,014	16,036	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	205	165	0	2	163	0	0
Mandamus and Other	999	973	0	399	574	0	0
Civil Rights	17,158	16,815	0	868	15,947	0	0
Prison Condition	8,437	8,216	0	322	7,893	1	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	841	770	0	770	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	-	21	0	2	19	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,372	2,297	2,203	94	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	39	24	8	16	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	49	25	17	8	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,267	1,260	1,244	16	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	4	3	3	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	26	16	15	1	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	987	969	916	53	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,025	19,222	365	74	18,783	0	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,196	7,750	167	19	7,564	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	1,220	1,212	36	10	1,166	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	44	29	1	4	24	0	0
Railway Labor Act	73	52	0	0	52	0	0
ERISA ²	9,071	8,561	120	11	8,430	0	0
FMLA ³	0	154	0	1	153	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,421	1,464	41	29	1,394	0	0
Immigration, Total ⁴	1,097	1,032	4	1,028	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	313	288	0	288	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	784	744	4	740	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	9,944	10,985	7	19	10,959	0	0
Copyright	2,267	2,785	0	0	2,785	0	0
Patent	4,000	4,736	4	19	4,713	0	0
Trademark	3,677	3,464	3	0	3,461	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,394	1,422	316	5	1,101	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	15,697	17,043	23	17,020	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	6,851	7,180	23	7,157	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,080	9,025	0	9,025	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	702	712	0	712	0	0	0
Other	64	126	0	126	0	0	0
RICO ⁵	892	759	6	0	666	87	0
State Reapportionment Suits	11	17	0	0	17	0	0
Tax Suits	1,217	1,208	728	479	0	0	1
Customer Challenge	10	10	0	10	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,253	9,586	15	9	8,981	581	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,402	1,569	0	0	1,556	13	0
Freedom of Information Act	354	366	0	291	75	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	348	347	6	13	287	41	0
Other Statutory Actions	10,351	10,388	756	1,023	8,582	27	0
Other Actions, Total	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Data collection for the categories of health care/pharmaceutical, education, civil detainee—conditions of confinement, and Family and Medical Leave Act began on October 1, 2011.

¹ Includes case 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.