

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, 2015 and 2016

Nature of Suit	2015	2016					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	277,290	292,159	4,715	56,431	150,159	80,842	12
Contract Actions, Total	25,737	23,681	1,054	216	3,782	18,629	0
Franchise	363	323	0	0	42	281	0
Insurance	9,291	8,740	9	34	901	7,796	0
Marine	890	794	1	3	726	64	0
Miller Act	387	305	70	1	234	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	496	460	5	0	57	398	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,097	1,519	891	88	215	325	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,467	889	820	5	64	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	3	6	1	5	0	0	0
Other	627	624	70	78	151	325	0
Other Contract Actions	12,213	11,540	78	90	1,607	9,765	0
Real Property Actions, Total	9,299	9,048	652	220	3,363	4,813	0
Condemnation of Land	188	590	64	6	517	3	0
Foreclosure	4,534	4,580	557	73	1,039	2,911	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	757	1,027	2	6	948	71	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	1,489	761	9	23	149	580	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,331	2,090	20	112	710	1,248	0
Tort Actions, Total	67,410	61,310	47	1,671	5,730	53,862	0
Personal Injury, Total	58,232	56,637	21	1,540	4,396	50,680	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	40,567	40,887	0	29	800	40,058	0
Airplane	70	87	0	0	67	20	0
Marine	9	36	0	0	28	8	0
Motor Vehicle	420	392	0	1	46	345	0
Asbestos	1,609	306	0	8	217	81	0
Health Care/Pharma	16,652	22,301	0	10	224	22,067	0
Other	21,807	17,765	0	10	218	17,537	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	17,665	15,750	21	1,511	3,596	10,622	0
Airplane	192	178	0	8	80	90	0
Marine	1,117	1,509	7	23	1,179	300	0
Motor Vehicle	3,767	4,105	6	444	248	3,407	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	576	563	0	39	161	363	0
Federal Employers Liability Act 313	314	0	39	275	0	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,109	1,335	0	497	221	617	0
Other	10,591	7,746	8	461	1,432	5,845	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	9,178	4,673	26	131	1,334	3,182	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,926	2,912	12	25	892	1,983	0
Other Personal Property Damage	6,252	1,761	14	106	442	1,199	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	174,844	198,120	2,962	54,324	137,284	3,538	12
Antitrust	893	635	25	6	604	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,713	2,209	3	6	2,200	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,197	1,888	1	5	1,882	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	516	321	2	1	318	0	0
Banks and Banking	255	231	10	12	209	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	37,043	37,802	206	1,189	34,192	2,215	0
Voting	80	178	0	7	168	3	0
Employment	11,876	11,885	104	400	9,620	1,761	0
Housing and Accommodations	826	814	28	16	759	11	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	2,100	2,208	24	67	2,055	62	0
ADA—Other	5,335	7,219	12	27	7,154	26	0
Education	553	557	1	13	536	7	0
Other Civil Rights	16,273	14,941	37	659	13,900	345	0
Environmental Matters	899	1,840	110	168	1,562	0	0
Deportation	16	10	0	7	3	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Prisoner Petitions, Total	52,844	76,417	0	30,097	46,320	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,976	25,279	0	25,279	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	18,329	17,311	0	2,225	15,086	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	175	200	0	10	190	0	0
Mandamus and Other	820	888	0	348	540	0	0
Civil Rights	18,108	20,735	0	782	19,953	0	0
Prison Condition	8,336	10,448	0	238	10,210	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	791	1,209	0	1,209	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	309	347	0	6	341	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,225	1,034	978	56	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	641	498	482	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	584	536	496	40	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	19,498	18,387	227	76	17,399	685	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	9,041	8,375	111	12	8,252	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	667	671	20	10	641	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	46	65	0	0	65	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,098	6,651	65	13	6,573	0	0
FMLA ²	1,181	1,246	4	15	1,227	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,465	1,379	27	26	641	685	0
Immigration, Total ³	1,391	1,809	30	1,779	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	267	296	0	296	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	1,124	1,513	30	1,483	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	14,088	11,543	1	7	11,535	0	0
Copyright	5,045	3,722	0	0	3,722	0	0
Patent	5,996	4,682	1	7	4,674	0	0
Trademark	3,047	3,139	0	0	3,139	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,026	1,121	220	4	897	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	18,051	19,152	55	19,097	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,425	8,809	55	8,754	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,912	9,349	0	9,349	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	628	906	0	906	0	0	0
Other	86	88	0	88	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	729	726	1	0	629	96	0
State Reapportionment Suits	4	5	0	0	5	0	0
Tax Suits	979	947	580	355	0	0	12
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,834	9,720	8	6	9,500	206	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,033	605	0	0	597	8	0
Freedom of Information Act	505	485	0	412	73	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	397	369	0	11	325	33	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,421	13,073	508	1,036	11,234	295	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.