

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, 2013 and 2014

Nature of Suit	2013	2014					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	283,087	298,713	6,833	39,926	149,380	102,568	6
Contract Actions, Total	28,591	28,631	1,918	511	5,599	20,603	0
Franchise	454	451	0	0	43	408	0
Insurance	10,285	11,728	10	278	2,512	8,928	0
Marine	1,016	838	4	2	777	55	0
Miller Act	490	492	102	2	388	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	667	615	18	11	85	501	0
Recovery of Overpayments and							
Enforcement of Judgments	2,499	2,357	1,670	88	227	372	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,875	1,659	1,613	8	38	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	1	7	2	5	0	0	0
Other	623	691	55	75	189	372	0
Other Contract Actions	13,180	12,150	114	130	1,567	10,339	0
Real Property Actions, Total	11,530	8,454	755	274	2,704	4,721	0
Condemnation of Land	194	148	38	12	89	9	0
Foreclosure	6,832	4,401	661	99	1,248	2,393	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	575	671	13	5	526	127	0
Torts to Land, Including							
Product Liability	790	682	7	21	107	547	0
Other Real Property Actions	3,139	2,552	36	137	734	1,645	0
Tort Actions, Total	67,172	81,024	43	1,739	5,161	74,080	1
Personal Injury, Total	62,715	77,443	12	1,579	4,111	71,740	1
Personal Injury Product							
Liability, Total	48,754	63,245	0	54	1,258	61,933	0
Airplane	26	52	0	1	24	27	0
Marine	38	11	0	1	3	7	0
Motor Vehicle	260	254	0	3	23	228	0
Asbestos ¹	2,406	525	0	10	253	262	0
Health Care/Pharma.	9,313	14,060	0	10	620	13,430	0
Other	36,711	48,343	0	29	335	47,979	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Other Personal Injury, Total	13,961	14,198	12	1,525	2,853	9,807	1
Airplane	209	225	0	11	112	102	0
Marine	1,222	1,150	0	10	830	309	1
Motor Vehicle	3,490	3,666	6	462	209	2,989	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	612	517	0	67	130	320	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	389	302	0	35	267	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,034	976	0	457	95	424	0
Other	7,005	7,362	6	483	1,210	5,663	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,457	3,581	31	160	1,050	2,340	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,070	2,024	27	29	777	1,191	0
Other Personal Property Damage	2,387	1,557	4	131	273	1,149	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	175,794	180,604	4,117	37,402	135,916	3,164	5
Antitrust	761	854	10	4	840	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,708	2,708	12	7	2,689	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,966	2,120	6	6	2,108	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	742	588	6	1	581	0	0
Banks and Banking	398	298	26	24	248	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	35,965	34,829	287	1,265	31,022	2,255	0
Voting	168	163	59	4	99	1	0
Employment	13,832	12,035	107	470	9,684	1,774	0
Housing and Accommodations	643	734	28	11	685	10	0
Welfare	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	2,002	1,846	42	45	1,691	68	0
ADA—Other	2,898	3,995	13	17	3,934	31	0
Education	265	416	2	1	410	3	0
Other Civil Rights	16,146	15,640	36	717	14,519	368	0
Environmental Matters	1,253	749	109	151	489	0	0
Deportation	24	21	0	16	5	0	0

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Prisoner Petitions, Total	55,369	62,402	0	13,387	49,015	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	8,093	8,237	0	8,237	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,077	19,524	0	2,610	16,914	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	216	145	0	4	141	0	0
Mandamus and Other	831	967	0	366	601	0	0
Civil Rights	17,469	18,719	0	1,098	17,621	0	0
Prison Condition	8,764	13,836	0	327	13,509	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	802	731	0	731	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	117	243	0	14	229	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,238	1,959	1,859	100	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	8	2	0	2	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,229	1,035	1,004	31	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	993	921	854	67	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	17,977	18,702	364	66	17,896	376	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,493	8,204	191	13	8,000	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	859	853	25	7	821	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	7	2	1	0	1	0	0
Railway Labor Act	53	60	0	0	60	0	0
ERISA ²	7,680	7,232	114	5	7,113	0	0
FMLA ³	749	1,095	1	6	1,088	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,136	1,256	32	35	813	376	0
Immigration, Total ⁴	1,044	1,134	15	1,119	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	288	267	0	267	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	756	867	15	852	0	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,232	13,195	4	16	13,175	0	0
Copyright	3,675	3,906	0	0	3,906	0	0
Patent	6,321	6,047	4	16	6,027	0	0
Trademark	3,236	3,242	0	0	3,242	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,187	1,000	221	4	775	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,121	19,530	26	19,504	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,045	8,577	26	8,551	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	10,109	10,099	0	10,099	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	822	715	0	715	0	0	0
Other	145	139	0	139	0	0	0
RICO ⁵	670	729	1	0	657	71	0
State Reapportionment Suits	6	14	0	0	14	0	0
Tax Suits	1,103	969	569	395	0	0	5
Customer Challenge	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	9,167	8,495	15	5	8,259	216	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,488	1,350	0	0	1,333	17	0
Freedom of Information Act	367	432	0	342	90	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	327	326	0	10	269	47	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,385	10,908	599	987	9,140	182	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 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.