

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction
and Nature of Suit, During the 12-Month Periods Ending March 31, 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	303,820	281,608	6,325	37,349	150,157	87,772	5
Contract Actions, Total	29,763	27,172	1,809	339	4,889	20,135	0
Franchise	464	386	0	0	44	342	0
Insurance	12,380	10,547	16	103	1,700	8,728	0
Marine	917	885	3	1	811	70	0
Miller Act	463	472	119	2	351	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	623	544	21	12	68	443	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	2,551	2,193	1,516	113	222	342	0
Defaulted Student Loans	1,857	1,527	1,442	12	73	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	5	10	3	7	0	0	0
Other	689	656	71	94	149	342	0
Other Contract Actions	12,365	12,145	134	108	1,693	10,210	0
Real Property Actions, Total	9,170	8,686	609	278	2,806	4,993	0
Condemnation of Land	146	344	58	9	269	8	0
Foreclosure	4,961	3,865	510	83	1,111	2,161	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	564	754	11	7	611	125	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	734	1,513	9	27	97	1,380	0
Other Real Property Actions	2,765	2,210	21	152	718	1,319	0
Tort Actions, Total	84,691	69,018	44	1,732	8,073	59,169	0
Personal Injury, Total	80,366	63,200	10	1,568	5,816	55,806	0
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	66,406	43,187	0	40	2,450	40,697	0
Airplane	56	25	0	1	4	20	0
Marine	25	10	0	1	4	5	0
Motor Vehicle	205	408	0	2	41	365	0
Asbestos	594	1,520	0	8	1,375	137	0
Health Care/Pharma.	12,767	13,812	0	13	403	13,396	0
Other	52,759	27,412	0	15	623	26,774	0

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Other Personal Injury, Total	13,960	20,013	10	1,528	3,366	15,109	0
Airplane	216	195	0	11	87	97	0
Marine	1,252	1,125	3	19	814	289	0
Motor Vehicle	3,601	3,743	3	425	217	3,098	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	547	587	0	47	179	361	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	329	292	0	34	258	0	0
Medical Malpractice	966	1,084	0	527	161	396	0
Other	7,049	12,987	4	465	1,650	10,868	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,325	5,818	34	164	2,257	3,363	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	1,973	2,055	26	25	697	1,307	0
Other Personal Property Damage	2,352	3,763	8	139	1,560	2,056	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	180,196	176,732	3,863	35,000	134,389	3,475	5
Antitrust	848	619	14	3	602	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,583	2,799	14	10	2,775	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	2,072	2,187	7	5	2,175	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	511	612	7	5	600	0	0
Banks and Banking	318	249	20	10	219	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	34,667	36,841	286	1,243	33,073	2,239	0
Voting	105	169	59	6	102	2	0
Employment	12,330	12,326	117	441	10,002	1,766	0
Housing and Accommodations	715	749	17	13	715	4	0
Welfare	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA—Employment	1,857	2,012	37	41	1,867	67	0
ADA—Other	3,554	4,962	10	29	4,897	26	0
Education	380	482	2	2	471	7	0
Other Civil Rights	15,724	16,141	44	711	15,019	367	0
Environmental Matters	1,468	554	90	148	316	0	0
Deportation	26	25	0	19	6	0	0

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Prisoner Petitions, Total	61,081	55,615	0	11,157	44,457	0	1
Motions to Vacate Sentence	7,549	6,504	0	6,504	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus—General	19,548	18,742	0	2,427	16,314	0	1
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	170	201	0	10	191	0	0
Mandamus and Other	888	917	0	341	576	0	0
Civil Rights	18,306	18,474	0	916	17,558	0	0
Prison Condition	13,643	9,762	0	280	9,482	0	0
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainees	745	671	0	671	0	0	0
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	232	344	0	8	336	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	2,042	1,818	1,748	70	0	0	0
Agricultural Acts	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Food and Drug Act	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug-Related Seizure of Property	1,070	872	854	18	0	0	0
Air Traffic Regulations	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Occupational Safety and Health Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	967	945	893	52	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	18,530	18,638	329	79	17,602	628	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,126	8,070	158	10	7,902	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	869	725	25	9	691	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	64	51	0	0	51	0	0
ERISA ¹	7,222	7,256	102	13	7,141	0	0
FMLA ³	1,078	1,112	3	15	1,094	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,165	1,424	41	32	723	628	0
Immigration, Total ²	1,124	1,156	16	1,140	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	261	270	0	270	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	863	886	16	870	0	0	0

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Intellectual Property Rights, Total	13,182	13,840	2	13	13,825	0	0
Copyright	3,796	4,680	0	0	4,680	0	0
Patent	6,185	5,452	1	13	5,438	0	0
Trademark	3,201	3,708	1	0	3,707	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,049	972	195	6	771	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	19,636	19,337	28	19,309	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,477	8,701	28	8,673	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	10,308	9,853	0	9,853	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	710	670	0	670	0	0	0
Other	141	113	0	113	0	0	0
RICO ⁴	682	692	3	0	616	73	0
State Reapportionment Suits	15	3	0	0	3	0	0
Tax Suits	1,028	1,004	582	418	0	0	4
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	8,480	9,168	13	7	8,900	248	0
Cable/Satellite TV	1,407	1,297	1	0	1,289	7	0
Freedom of Information Act	430	476	0	391	85	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	328	314	0	7	272	35	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.