

Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending September 30, 2018 and 2019

Nature of Suit	2018	2019					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
Total Cases	282,936	297,877	4,080	37,953	151,037	104,803	4
Contract Actions, Total	26,768	25,264	435	292	4,362	20,174	1
Franchise	308	281	0	0	37	244	0
Insurance	10,816	10,757	8	40	1,494	9,215	0
Marine	663	676	0	2	620	54	0
Miller Act	266	260	66	1	193	0	0
Negotiable Instruments	418	431	17	5	46	363	0
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	1,131	969	284	165	168	352	0
Defaulted Student Loans	483	260	219	8	33	0	0
Veterans' Overpayment	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	642	709	65	157	135	352	0
Other Contract Actions	13,166	11,890	60	79	1,804	9,946	1
Real Property Actions, Total	7,029	6,870	618	226	2,635	3,391	0
Condemnation of Land	595	352	67	8	272	5	0
Foreclosure	3,042	2,968	529	72	670	1,697	0
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	1,016	1,156	6	5	1,030	115	0
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	703	844	8	31	133	672	0
Other Real Property Actions	1,673	1,550	8	110	530	902	0
Tort Actions, Total	67,693	85,483	22	1,815	6,676	76,969	1
Personal Injury, Total	63,564	81,530	13	1,676	5,806	74,034	1
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	45,863	56,157	0	40	1,393	54,724	0
Airplane	22	188	0	0	91	97	0
Marine	15	19	0	2	7	10	0
Motor Vehicle	718	405	0	3	57	345	0
Asbestos	224	267	0	1	177	89	0
Health Care/Pharma	37,324	38,872	0	18	252	38,602	0
Other	7,560	16,406	0	16	809	15,581	0
Other Personal Injury, Total	17,701	25,373	13	1,636	4,413	19,310	1
Airplane	192	271	0	14	106	151	0

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Marine	1,465	1,400	4	15	916	464	1
Motor Vehicle	4,836	5,077	2	537	284	4,254	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	612	594	0	22	169	403	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	413	434	0	36	398	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,160	1,222	0	526	291	405	0
Other	9,023	16,375	7	486	2,249	13,633	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	4,129	3,953	9	139	870	2,935	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,459	2,370	8	33	583	1,746	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,670	1,583	1	106	287	1,189	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	181,446	180,260	3,005	35,620	137,364	4,269	2
Antitrust	557	521	31	2	488	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,144	2,487	1	11	2,475	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,846	2,233	1	7	2,225	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	298	254	0	4	250	0	0
Banks and Banking	144	161	7	4	150	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	41,741	43,155	198	1,317	39,031	2,609	0
Voting	93	117	0	4	112	1	0
Employment	12,579	12,456	106	456	9,787	2,107	0
Housing and Accommodations	848	970	20	8	936	6	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADA--Employment	2,624	2,561	36	87	2,355	83	0
ADA--Other	9,990	11,833	4	30	11,734	65	0
Education	745	758	0	5	747	6	0
Other Civil Rights	14,862	14,460	32	727	13,360	341	0
Environmental Matters	1,956	590	95	168	327	0	0
Deportation	23	10	0	5	5	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	54,134	55,018	0	11,463	43,555	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	5,342	5,877	0	5,877	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus--General	16,964	16,902	0	2,623	14,279	0	0

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Habeas Corpus--Death Penalty	161	154	0	3	151	0	0
Mandamus and Other	1,253	1,087	0	433	654	0	0
Civil Rights	18,842	19,350	0	916	18,434	0	0
Prison Condition	9,708	10,095	0	259	9,836	0	0
Habeas Corpus--Alien Detainees	1,674	1,346	0	1,346	0	0	0
Civil Detainee--Conditions of Confinement	190	207	0	6	201	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,215	1,123	1,057	66	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	660	626	611	15	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	555	497	446	51	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	17,629	16,641	205	52	15,612	772	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,600	7,196	124	10	7,062	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	660	537	14	7	516	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	46	60	0	0	60	0	0
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	6,705	6,096	45	4	6,047	0	0
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,250	1,316	2	10	1,304	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,368	1,436	20	21	623	772	0
Immigration, Total¹	1,761	2,161	20	2,141	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	350	391	0	391	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	1,411	1,770	20	1,750	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	12,690	12,582	2	5	12,575	0	0
Copyright	5,756	5,467	0	0	5,467	0	0
Patent	3,493	3,275	0	5	3,270	0	0
Patent--Abbreviated New Drug Application	337	314	0	0	314	0	0
Trademark	3,104	3,526	2	0	3,524	0	0

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,532	1,769	237	7	1,525	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	18,665	17,912	40	17,872	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	9,549	9,464	40	9,424	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,132	7,401	0	7,401	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	914	985	0	985	0	0	0
Other	70	62	0	62	0	0	0
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	2,244	1,810	1	0	1,492	317	0
State Reapportionment Suits	6	11	0	0	11	0	0
Tax Suits	925	728	425	301	0	0	2
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	10,764	10,870	4	10	10,625	231	0
Cable/Sat. TV	597	432	0	0	410	22	0
Freedom of Information Act	872	853	0	780	73	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	338	341	1	16	294	30	0
Other Statutory Actions	11,509	11,085	681	1,400	8,716	288	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 Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.