

**Table C-4.**  
**U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Terminated, by Nature of Suit and Action Taken,**  
**During the 12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2015**

Nature of Suit	Total	No Court Action	Court Action						
			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After Trial			Percent Reaching Trial
						Total	Nonjury	Jury	
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>272,886</b>	<b>56,952</b>	<b>215,934</b>	<b>182,213</b>	<b>30,809</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>United States Cases</b>	<b>43,955</b>	<b>8,319</b>	<b>35,636</b>	<b>33,740</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Contract Actions</b>									
Franchise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	29	6	23	18	5	-	-	-	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	1,686	755	931	908	22	1	-	1	0.1
Other Contracts	606	124	482	352	128	2	1	1	0.3
<b>Real Property</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Tort Actions</b>									
Marine Personal Injury	14	3	11	6	3	2	-	2	14.3
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	460	117	343	220	109	14	13	1	3.0
Health Care/Pharma	10	1	9	8	-	1	1	-	10.0
Other Personal Injury	1,159	222	937	669	217	51	47	4	4.4
Other Torts	227	56	171	150	18	3	2	1	1.3
<b>Actions Under Statutes</b>									
Consumer Credit	15	3	12	10	2	-	-	-	-
Cable/Satellite TV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antitrust	14	2	12	9	2	1	1	-	7.1
<b>Civil Rights</b>									
ADA—Employment	77	11	66	41	20	5	2	3	6.5
ADA—Other	49	10	39	39	-	-	-	-	-
Employment	607	102	505	353	128	24	3	21	4.0
Education	5	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Other Civil Rights	853	183	670	600	52	18	9	9	2.1
Deportation	18	3	15	13	1	1	1	-	5.6
<b>Prisoner Petitions</b>									
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,590	1,009	5,581	5,559	19	3	3	-	-
Habeas Corpus—General	2,335	439	1,896	1,885	7	4	3	1	0.2
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	13	1	12	11	-	1	1	-	7.7
Mandamus and Other	298	59	239	223	3	13	13	-	4.4
Civil Rights	794	164	630	613	11	6	6	-	0.8
Prison Condition	269	59	210	209	-	1	1	-	0.4
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainee	716	103	613	604	7	2	2	-	0.3
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	18	5	13	13	-	-	-	-	-

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			Total	Before Pretrial	During or After Pretrial	During or After Trial			Percent Reaching Trial
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<b>Actions Under Statutes (Continued)</b>									
Liquor Forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	1,775	566	1,209	1,074	123	12	8	4	0.7
Fair Labor Standards Act	137	32	105	87	15	3	1	2	2.2
FMLA <sup>1</sup>	15	3	12	9	3	-	-	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	211	52	159	143	13	3	2	1	1.4
Selective Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Security Laws									
Disability Insurance	8,685	1,227	7,458	7,296	160	2	1	1	-
Supplemental Security Income	9,970	1,369	8,601	8,459	132	10	4	6	0.1
Retirement and Services Benefits	737	102	635	628	6	1	-	1	0.1
Other	126	22	104	84	20	-	-	-	-
Tax Suits	938	199	739	589	141	9	8	1	1.0
Immigration									
Naturalization Applications	255	77	178	166	10	2	2	-	0.8
Other Immigration Actions	1,021	432	589	555	24	10	10	-	1.0
All Other U.S. Actions	2,417	631	1,786	1,550	216	20	11	9	0.8
<b>Federal Question</b>	<b>149,365</b>	<b>32,320</b>	<b>117,045</b>	<b>96,930</b>	<b>18,293</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>1.2</b>
<b>Contract Actions</b>									
Franchise	45	6	39	28	9	2	2	-	4.4
Marine	803	171	632	489	129	14	12	2	1.7
Miller Act	312	112	200	142	53	5	4	1	1.6
Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans	75	38	37	35	1	1	1	-	1.3
Other Contracts	4,370	635	3,735	2,330	1,370	35	18	17	0.8
<b>Real Property</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Tort Actions</b>									
Federal Employers Liability Act	265	29	236	114	105	17	-	17	6.4
Marine Personal Injury	837	129	708	426	253	29	22	7	3.5
Medical Malpractice	148	27	121	107	13	1	1	-	0.7
Health Care/Pharma	140	27	113	103	10	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury	3,108	563	2,545	1,611	893	41	5	36	1.3
Other Torts	3,908	2,297	1,611	1,374	232	5	4	1	0.1
<b>Actions Under Statutes</b>									
Consumer Credit	8,830	2,976	5,854	4,709	1,120	25	4	21	0.3
Cable/Satellite TV	1,241	354	887	762	123	2	2	-	0.2
Bankruptcy Suits	2,729	473	2,256	2,130	110	16	12	4	0.6
Antitrust	688	204	484	397	80	7	1	6	1.0

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<b>Actions Under Statutes (Continued)</b>									
Civil Rights									
ADA—Employment	1,846	327	1,519	914	567	38	9	29	2.1
ADA—Other	4,953	1,201	3,752	3,311	415	26	14	12	0.5
Employment	10,064	1,517	8,547	5,621	2,674	252	17	235	2.5
Education	434	85	349	264	81	4	3	1	0.9
Other Civil Rights	15,786	2,376	13,410	10,237	2,711	462	59	403	2.9
Prisoner Petitions									
Habeas Corpus—General	15,904	2,907	12,997	12,933	56	8	2	6	0.1
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	221	23	198	194	4	-	-	-	-
Mandamus and Other	548	83	465	462	2	1	1	-	0.2
Civil Rights	16,921	2,613	14,308	13,605	461	242	25	217	1.4
Prison Condition	8,408	1,134	7,274	6,957	220	97	28	69	1.2
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	281	82	199	193	3	3	-	3	1.1
Fair Labor Standards Act	7,915	1,407	6,508	4,713	1,687	108	39	69	1.4
FMLA <sup>1</sup>	1,099	212	887	505	366	16	1	15	1.5
Labor Management Relations Act	647	182	465	364	94	7	4	3	1.1
Other Labor Litigation	7,966	1,975	5,991	4,661	1,283	47	35	12	0.6
Copyright	4,943	1,851	3,092	2,689	369	34	10	24	0.7
Patent	6,054	1,960	4,094	3,149	841	104	41	63	1.7
Trademark	3,115	833	2,282	1,783	449	50	21	29	1.6
Constitutionality of State Statutes	932	119	813	748	61	4	3	1	0.4
<b>All Other Federal Question</b>	<b>11,191</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>8,256</b>	<b>6,820</b>	<b>1,323</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Diversity of Citizenship</b>	<b>79,558</b>	<b>16,307</b>	<b>63,251</b>	<b>51,543</b>	<b>10,848</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Contract Actions</b>									
Franchise	385	68	317	235	77	5	3	2	1.3
Insurance	8,732	1,829	6,903	4,814	1,961	128	35	93	1.5
Negotiable Instruments	453	117	336	272	54	10	5	5	2.2
Other Contracts	10,845	2,407	8,438	6,094	2,078	266	129	137	2.5
<b>Real Property</b>	<b>4,254</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Tort Actions</b>									
Marine Personal Injury	315	54	261	223	32	6	3	3	1.9
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	3,515	669	2,846	1,738	1,025	83	2	81	2.4
Health Care/Pharma	8,876	3,145	5,731	4,356	1,368	7	2	5	0.1
Other Personal Injury	34,948	4,673	30,275	27,296	2,738	241	29	212	0.7
Other Torts	3,910	1,653	2,257	1,747	465	45	7	38	1.2

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<b>Diversity of Citizenship (Continued)</b>									
Consumer Credit	226	55	171	133	34	4	3	1	1.8
Cable/Satellite TV	6	4	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights									
ADA—Employment	65	11	54	36	18	-	-	-	-
ADA—Other	23	6	17	16	1	-	-	-	-
Employment	1,738	367	1,371	945	404	22	2	20	1.3
Education	5	1	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Other Civil Rights	401	102	299	243	49	7	-	7	1.7
Prison Condition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Diversity	861	201	660	543	115	2	1	1	0.2
<b>Local Jurisdiction</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Contract Actions</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Real Property</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Tort Actions</b>									
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	100.0
Other Torts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Prisoner Petitions</b>									
Habeas Corpus—General	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mandamus and Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison Condition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>All Other Local</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

NOTE: Land condemnation cases omitted.

<sup>1</sup> FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.