

**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, 2016 and 2017**

Nature of Suit	2016	2017					
		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>277,290</b>	<b>292,159</b>	<b>4,715</b>	<b>56,431</b>	<b>150,159</b>	<b>80,842</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Contract Actions, Total</b>	<b>25,737</b>	<b>23,681</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>3,782</b>	<b>18,629</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Real Property Actions, Total</b>	<b>9,299</b>	<b>9,048</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Tort Actions, Total</b>	<b>67,410</b>	<b>61,310</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>5,730</b>	<b>53,862</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>58,232</b>	<b>56,637</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>4,396</b>	<b>50,680</b>	<b>0</b>
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		
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<b>Other Personal Injury, Total</b>	<b>17,665</b>	<b>15,750</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>3,596</b>	<b>10,622</b>	<b>0</b>
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
Medical Malpractice	1,109	1,335	0	497	221	617	0
Other	10,591	7,746	8	461	1,432	5,845	0
<b>Personal Property Damage, Total</b>	<b>9,178</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>3,182</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Actions Under Statutes, Total</b>	<b>174,844</b>	<b>198,120</b>	<b>2,962</b>	<b>54,324</b>	<b>137,284</b>	<b>3,538</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Antitrust</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Bankruptcy, Total</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>2,209</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Banks and Banking</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Civil Rights, Total</b>	<b>37,043</b>	<b>37,802</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>34,192</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>0</b>
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
AD—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
<b>Environmental Matters</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deportation</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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		Total	U.S. Cases		Private Cases		
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<b>Prisoner Petitions, Total</b>	<b>52,844</b>	<b>76,417</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30,097</b>	<b>46,320</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Forfeiture and Penalty, Total</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,034</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Labor Laws, Total</b>	<b>19,498</b>	<b>18,387</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>17,399</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>0</b>
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 <sup>1</sup>	7,098	6,651	65	13	6,573	0	0
FMLA <sup>2</sup>	1,181	1,246	4	15	1,227	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,465	1,379	27	26	641	685	0
<b>Immigration, Total <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>1,809</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1,779</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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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<b>Intellectual Property Rights, Total</b>	<b>14,088</b>	<b>11,543</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11,535</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Social Security Laws, Total</b>	<b>18,051</b>	<b>19,152</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>19,097</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>RICO <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>729</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>State Reapportionment Suits</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Tax Suits</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Customer Challenge</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Consumer Credit</b>	<b>9,834</b>	<b>9,720</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cable/Sat. TV</b>	<b>1,033</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Freedom of Information Act</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Constitutionality of State Statutes</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Statutory Actions</b>	<b>11,421</b>	<b>13,073</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>11,234</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Actions, Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.

<sup>1</sup>ERISA = Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

<sup>2</sup>FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

<sup>3</sup>Data collection for these categories began in December 2007.

<sup>4</sup>RICO = Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.