

**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, 2016**

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>78,415</b>	<b>52,247</b>	<b>226,168</b>	<b>195,220</b>	<b>28,220</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>United States Cases</b>	<b>47,850</b>	<b>8,377</b>	<b>39,473</b>	<b>37,832</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Contract Actions									
Franchise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	12	1	11	10	-	1	-	1	8.3
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	1,059	474	585	570	12	3	1	2	0.3
Other Contracts	385	95	290	223	60	7	5	2	1.8
<b>Real Property</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Tort Actions</b>									
Marine Personal Injury	18	2	16	9	5	2	2	-	11.1
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	439	123	316	216	80	20	20	-	4.6
Health Care/Pharma	9	2	7	5	2	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury	1,097	197	900	655	208	37	35	2	3.4
Other Torts	182	40	142	129	12	1	-	1	0.5
<b>Actions Under Statutes</b>									
Consumer Credit	14	3	11	8	3	-	-	-	-
Cable/Satellite TV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antitrust	24	4	20	18	1	1	1	-	4.2
Civil Rights									
ADA—Employment	80	8	72	44	26	2	-	2	2.5
ADA—Other	27	5	22	21	1	-	-	-	-
Employment	591	99	492	367	108	17	2	15	2.9
Education	8	3	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Other Civil Rights	742	178	564	511	45	8	4	4	1.1
Deportation	8	3	5	2	2	1	1	-	12.5
Prisoner Petitions									
Motions to Vacate Sentence	12,575	2,048	10,527	10,502	21	4	2	2	-
Habeas Corpus—General	2,441	413	2,028	2,020	5	3	-	3	0.1
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	6	1	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Mandamus and Other	313	52	261	230	5	26	26	-	8.3
Civil Rights	822	169	653	631	18	4	3	1	0.5
Prison Condition	253	44	209	206	2	1	1	-	0.4
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainee	989	137	852	840	11	1	1	-	0.1
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	12	2	10	9	1	-	-	-	-

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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	1,180	242	938	866	66	6	2	4	0.5
Fair Labor Standards Act	126	20	106	77	24	5	2	3	4.0
FMLA <sup>1</sup>	10	2	8	4	3	1	1	-	10.0
Other Labor Litigation	179	41	138	118	16	4	4	-	2.2
Selective Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Security Laws									
Disability Insurance	8,687	1,114	7,573	7,456	116	1	1	-	-
Supplemental Security Income	9,111	1,242	7,869	7,705	157	7	3	4	0.1
Retirement and Services Benefits	699	102	597	586	10	1	-	1	0.1
Other	80	15	65	59	6	-	-	-	-
Tax Suits	958	224	734	590	129	15	10	5	1.6
Immigration									
Naturalization Applications	308	121	187	169	17	1	1	-	0.3
Other Immigration Actions	1,306	418	888	848	34	6	6	-	0.5
All Other U.S. Actions	2,311	590	1,721	1,515	181	25	17	8	1.1
<b>Federal Question</b>	<b>148,420</b>	<b>30,253</b>	<b>118,167</b>	<b>98,739</b>	<b>17,742</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>Contract Actions</b>									
Franchise	33	7	26	20	6	-	-	-	-
Marine	777	162	615	459	146	10	9	1	1.3
Miller Act	263	91	172	134	36	2	1	1	0.8
Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans	70	37	33	31	2	-	-	-	-
Other Contracts	2,977	647	2,330	1,758	538	34	16	18	1.1
<b>Real Property</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>2,201</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Tort Actions</b>									
Federal Employers Liability Act	260	30	230	99	115	16	-	16	6.2
Marine Personal Injury	996	134	862	567	264	31	16	15	3.1
Medical Malpractice	157	36	121	107	14	-	-	-	-
Health Care/Pharma	283	29	254	235	19	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury	3,463	475	2,988	2,607	357	24	2	22	0.7
Other Torts	1,508	279	1,229	962	262	5	2	3	0.3
<b>Actions Under Statutes</b>									
Consumer Credit	9,225	2,813	6,412	4,993	1,393	26	7	19	0.3
Cable/Satellite TV	886	260	626	534	92	-	-	-	-
Bankruptcy Suits	2,284	467	1,817	1,737	70	10	6	4	0.4
Antitrust	545	132	413	303	104	6	-	6	1.1

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<b>Actions Under Statutes (Continued)</b>									
Civil Rights									
ADA—Employment	1,920	316	1,604	1,034	543	27	2	25	1.4
ADA—Other	6,622	2,018	4,604	4,059	523	22	8	14	0.3
Employment	9,638	1,470	8,168	5,455	2,485	228	28	200	2.4
Education	475	80	395	298	94	3	2	1	0.6
Other Civil Rights	14,977	2,376	12,601	9,612	2,555	434	52	382	2.9
Prisoner Petitions									
Habeas Corpus—General	15,510	2,726	12,784	12,736	41	7	5	2	-
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	198	18	180	168	10	2	1	1	1.0
Mandamus and Other	547	77	470	469	1	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights	18,923	2,860	16,063	15,364	520	179	17	162	0.9
Prison Condition	8,604	1,166	7,438	7,087	240	111	24	87	1.3
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	328	106	222	218	3	1	-	1	0.3
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,161	1,336	6,825	4,933	1,785	107	37	70	1.3
FMLA <sup>1</sup>	1,142	202	940	583	340	17	-	17	1.5
Labor Management Relations Act	645	184	461	357	100	4	2	2	0.6
Other Labor Litigation	7,514	1,734	5,780	4,438	1,299	43	29	14	0.6
Copyright	3,980	1,405	2,575	2,065	485	25	8	17	0.6
Patent	5,542	1,834	3,708	2,918	624	166	102	64	3.0
Trademark	3,637	894	2,743	1,764	940	39	16	23	1.1
Constitutionality of State Statutes	931	147	784	714	65	5	5	-	0.5
<b>All Other Federal Question</b>	<b>12,616</b>	<b>3,123</b>	<b>9,493</b>	<b>7,829</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Diversity of Citizenship</b>	<b>82,135</b>	<b>13,608</b>	<b>68,527</b>	<b>58,649</b>	<b>9,056</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>Contract Actions</b>									
Franchise	321	46	275	205	67	3	2	1	0.9
Insurance	8,112	1,769	6,343	4,446	1,751	146	37	109	1.8
Negotiable Instruments	367	79	288	236	48	4	1	3	1.1
Other Contracts	10,415	2,250	8,165	5,869	2,028	268	115	153	2.6
<b>Real Property</b>	<b>4,371</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>3,118</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Tort Actions</b>									
Marine Personal Injury	251	42	209	173	30	6	1	5	2.4
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	3,368	636	2,732	1,649	1,007	76	3	73	2.3
Health Care/Pharma	10,103	2,602	7,501	6,931	568	2	-	2	-
Other Personal Injury	38,564	3,299	35,265	33,142	1,930	193	16	177	0.5
Other Torts	2,811	764	2,047	1,489	501	57	23	34	2.0

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<b>Diversity of Citizenship (Continued)</b>									
Consumer Credit	177	44	133	107	26	-	-	-	-
Cable/Satellite TV	9	5	4	4	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights									
ADA—Employment	62	13	49	35	13	1	-	1	1.6
ADA—Other	30	7	23	18	3	2	2	-	6.7
Employment	1,743	448	1,295	870	408	17	2	15	1.0
Education	9	1	8	8	-	-	-	-	-
Other Civil Rights	391	83	308	259	46	3	1	2	0.8
Prison Condition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Diversity	1,031	267	764	599	156	9	1	8	0.9
<b>Local Jurisdiction</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Contract Actions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Real Property</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Tort Actions</b>									
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Torts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Prisoner Petitions</b>									
Habeas Corpus—General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mandamus and Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison Condition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>All Other Local</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</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.