Table C-2.
U.S. District Courts—Civil Cases Commenced, by Basis of Jurisdiction and Nature of Suit,
During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 2017 and 2018

		2018							
Nature of Suit	2017	Total	U.S. C	ases	Private Cases				
			Plaintiff	Defendant	Federal Question	Diversity of Citizenship	Local Jurisdiction		
Total Cases	271,721	281,202	4,705	38,235	149,243	89,018	1		
Contract Actions, Total	23,678	26,100	605	428	4,834	20,233	0		
Franchise	262	315	2	0	54	259	0		
Insurance	8,774	10,374	0	227	1,825	8,322	0		
Marine	691	623	4	0	546	73	0		
Miller Act	292	271	60	0	211	0	0		
Negotiable Instruments	475	435	6	5	60	364	0		
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	1,515	1,114	482	108	225	299	0		
Defaulted Student Loans	846	502	433	6	63	0	0		
Veterans' Overpayment	23	7	4	3	0	0	0		
Other	646	605	45	99	162	299	0		
Other Contract Actions	11,669	12,968	51	88	1,913	10,916	0		
Real Property Actions, Total	8,202	7,018	776	190	2,886	3,166	0		
Condemnation of Land	273	507	47	2	455	3	0		
Foreclosure	4,070	3,176	708	64	839	1,565	0		
Rent, Lease, and Ejectment	1,100	987	3	4	862	118	0		
Torts to Land, Including Product Liability	691	660	7	18	91	544	0		
Other Real Property Actions	2,068	1,688	11	102	639	936	0		
Tort Actions, Total	57,007	68,776	26	1,797	5,220	61,733	0		
Personal Injury, Total	53,030	64,545	12	1,634	4,279	58,620	0		
Personal Injury/Product Liability, Total	35,340	47,335	0	33	788	46,514	0		
Airplane	27	28	0	0	2	26	0		
Marine	17	15	0	0	6	9	0		
Motor Vehicle	388	677	0	0	201	476	0		
Asbestos	312	236	0	2	110	124	0		
Health Care/Pharma	18,610	38,348	0	20	283	38,045	0		
Other	15,986	8,031	0	11	186	7,834	0		
Other Personal Injury, Total	17,690	17,210	12	1,601	3,491	12,106	0		

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Airplane	200	178	0	9	91	78	0
Marine	1,505	1,488	1	15	1,109	363	0
Motor Vehicle	4,404	4,646	2	464	235	3,945	0
Assault, Libel, and Slander	553	584	0	40	147	397	0
Federal Employers Liability Act	367	409	0	40	369	0	0
Medical Malpractice	1,243	1,169	0	536	224	409	0
Other	9,418	8,736	9	497	1,316	6,914	0
Personal Property Damage, Total	3,977	4,231	14	163	941	3,113	0
Fraud, Including Truth in Lending	2,434	2,561	11	35	653	1,862	0
Other Personal Property Damage	1,543	1,670	3	128	288	1,251	0
Actions Under Statutes, Total	182,834	179,308	3,298	35,820	136,303	3,886	1
Antitrust	657	526	14	5	507	0	0
Bankruptcy, Total	2,141	2,132	6	3	2,123	0	0
Appeal (28 U.S.C. 158)	1,853	1,860	4	1	1,855	0	0
Withdrawal (28 U.S.C. 157)	288	272	2	2	268	0	0
Banks and Banking	223	142	7	7	128	0	0
Civil Rights, Total	39,056	40,617	248	1,314	36,661	2,394	0
Voting	141	86	2	5	78	1	0
Employment	12,198	12,387	140	440	9,933	1,874	0
Housing and Accommodations	834	858	15	7	823	13	0
Welfare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADAEmployment	2,326	2,561	50	60	2,376	75	0
ADAOther	7,904	9,200	4	32	9,098	66	0
Education	591	712	1	9	692	10	0
Other Civil Rights	15,062	14,813	36	761	13,661	355	0
Environmental Matters	1,160	1,965	89	163	1,713	0	0
Deportation	13	19	0	8	11	0	0
Prisoner Petitions, Total	61,031	53,626	0	11,195	42,431	0	0
Motions to Vacate Sentence	9,677	5,255	0	5,255	0	0	0
Habeas CorpusGeneral	17,287	17,055	0	2,489	14,566	0	0
Habeas CorpusDeath Penalty	214	168	0	3	165	0	0
Mandamus and Other	962	1,154	0	556	598	0	0
Civil Rights	19,768	18,537	0	825	17,712	0	0
Prison Condition	11,361	9,608	0	431	9,177	0	0
Habeas CorpusAlien Detainees	1,481	1,621	0	1,621	0	0	0
Civil DetaineeConditions of Confinement	281	228	0	15	213	0	0
Forfeiture and Penalty, Total	1,110	1,205	1,144	61	0	0	0

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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	540	623	611	12	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	570	582	533	49	0	0	0
Labor Laws, Total	17,887	17,816	276	54	16,744	742	0
Fair Labor Standards Act	8,033	7,711	150	10	7,551	0	0
Labor Management Relations Act	611	668	23	7	638	0	0
Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Railway Labor Act	62	53	0	2	51	0	0
Employee Retirement Income Security Act	6,579	6,743	68	6	6,669	0	0
Family and Medical Leave Act	1,277	1,313	7	4	1,302	0	0
Other Labor Litigation	1,325	1,328	28	25	533	742	0
Immigration, Total ¹	1,907	1,696	47	1,649	0	0	0
Naturalization Applications	281	311	0	311	0	0	0
Other Immigration Actions	1,626	1,385	47	1,338	0	0	0
Intellectual Property Rights, Total	11,060	11,845	5	4	11,836	0	0
Copyright	3,581	4,919	0	0	4,919	0	0
Patent	4,420	3,560	1	4	3,555	0	0
PatentAbbreviated New Drug Application	55	350	1	0	349	0	0
Trademark	3,004	3,016	3	0	3,013	0	0
Securities, Commodities, and Exchanges	1,353	1,527	231	6	1,290	0	0
Social Security Laws, Total	18,953	19,115	47	19,068	0	0	0
Disability Insurance	8,974	9,604	47	9,557	0	0	0
Supplemental Security Income	8,927	8,505	0	8,505	0	0	0
Retirement and Survivors Benefits	966	925	0	925	0	0	0
Other	86	81	0	81	0	0	0
Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act	669	1,906	4	0	1,698	204	0
State Reapportionment Suits	5	7	0	0	7	0	0
Tax Suits	993	948	584	363	0	0	1
Customer Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consumer Credit	10,287	10,732	8	8	10,496	220	0
Cable/Sat. TV	707	598	1	0	582	15	0
Freedom of Information Act	602	859	0	789	70	0	0
Constitutionality of State Statutes	456	384	2	11	338	33	0
Other Statutory Actions	12,564	11,643	585	1,112	9,668	278	0

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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.

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