

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, 2011

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	
Total Cases	305,713	54,731	250,982	221,299	26,460	3,223	946	2,277	1.1
United States Cases	44,307	9,883	34,424	32,680	1,496	248	170	78	0.6
Contract Actions									
Franchise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Negotiable Instruments	44	14	30	22	8	-	-	-	-
Recovery of Overpayments and Enforcement of Judgments	4,088	2,248	1,840	1,790	49	1	1	-	-
Other Contracts	466	123	343	283	52	8	5	3	1.7
Real Property	1,254	256	998	935	57	6	6	-	0.5
Tort Actions									
Marine Personal Injury	30	11	19	10	8	1	1	-	3.3
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	396	102	294	192	90	12	12	-	3.0
Health Care/Pharma.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury	1,448	277	1,171	923	195	53	51	2	3.7
Other Torts	253	73	180	158	21	1	1	-	0.4
Actions Under Statutes									
Consumer Credit	19	5	14	11	3	-	-	-	-
Cable/Satellite TV	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Antitrust	27	4	23	21	2	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights									
ADA—Employment	78	13	65	48	16	1	-	1	1.3
ADA—Other	37	1	36	32	2	2	1	1	5.4
Employment	923	166	757	559	161	37	4	33	4.0
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Civil Rights	827	180	647	593	49	5	2	3	0.6
Deportation	29	8	21	19	1	1	1	-	3.4
Prisoner Petitions									
Motions to Vacate Sentence	6,063	816	5,247	5,222	21	4	4	-	0.1
Habeas Corpus—General	3,146	697	2,449	2,442	6	1	1	-	-
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Mandamus and Other	411	67	344	331	4	9	9	-	2.2
Civil Rights	811	132	679	663	12	4	2	2	0.5
Prison Condition	287	44	243	239	3	1	1	-	0.3

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Actions Under Statutes (Continued)									
Habeas Corpus—Alien Detainee	870	201	669	659	10	-	-	-	-
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liquor Forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forfeiture and Penalty Suits	2,331	544	1,787	1,595	170	22	13	9	0.9
Fair Labor Standards Act	177	54	123	115	7	1	-	1	0.6
FMLA ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Labor Litigation	294	70	224	198	26	-	-	-	-
Selective Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Security Laws									
Disability Insurance	6,400	989	5,411	5,352	54	5	1	4	0.1
Supplemental Security Income	7,424	1,246	6,178	6,106	66	6	2	4	0.1
Retirement and Services Benefits	696	123	573	569	4	-	-	-	-
Other	71	5	66	60	6	-	-	-	-
Tax Suits	1,269	322	947	782	139	26	21	5	2.0
Immigration									
Naturalization Applications	297	92	205	192	9	4	4	-	1.3
Other Immigration Actions	747	280	467	446	20	1	1	-	0.1
All Other U.S. Actions	3,091	720	2,371	2,110	225	36	26	10	1.2
Federal Question	151,426	31,260	120,166	102,569	15,585	2,012	513	1,499	1.3
Contract Actions									
Franchise	72	13	59	50	7	2	-	2	2.8
Marine	1,072	232	840	683	139	18	16	2	1.7
Miller Act	239	82	157	127	27	3	2	1	1.3
Other Contracts	3,581	798	2,783	2,283	456	44	19	25	1.2
Real Property	3,737	784	2,953	2,699	245	9	5	4	0.2
Tort Actions									
Federal Employers Liability Act	437	74	363	169	159	35	2	33	8.0
Marine Personal Injury	1,034	153	881	534	300	47	30	17	4.5
Health Care/Pharma.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury	12,815	727	12,088	11,455	596	37	6	31	0.3
Other Torts	1,696	438	1,258	1,023	216	19	7	12	1.1
Actions Under Statutes									
Consumer Credit	9,180	3,644	5,536	4,677	838	21	9	12	0.2
Cable/Satellite TV	1,218	366	852	716	133	3	2	1	0.2
Bankruptcy Suits	2,611	508	2,103	2,029	67	7	5	2	0.3
Antitrust	572	101	471	404	61	6	1	5	1.0

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Actions Under Statutes (Continued)									
Civil Rights									
ADA—Employment	1,365	239	1,126	772	328	26	4	22	1.9
ADA—Other	2,502	775	1,727	1,463	247	17	9	8	0.7
Employment	12,235	2,009	10,226	6,921	3,004	301	36	265	2.5
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Civil Rights	15,799	2,631	13,168	9,591	2,969	608	51	557	3.8
Prisoner Petitions									
Habeas Corpus—General	17,793	3,592	14,201	14,100	93	8	3	5	-
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	194	19	175	163	11	1	1	-	0.5
Mandamus and Other	602	108	494	493	1	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights	15,637	2,787	12,850	12,185	442	223	37	186	1.4
Prison Condition	7,851	1,114	6,737	6,448	195	94	36	58	1.2
Civil Detainee—Conditions of Confinement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fair Labor Standards Act	6,356	1,106	5,250	4,210	954	86	35	51	1.4
FMLA ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Labor Management Relations Act	1,136	267	869	734	128	7	6	1	0.6
Other Labor Litigation	10,216	2,752	7,464	6,065	1,332	67	48	19	0.7
Copyright	2,177	687	1,490	1,198	258	34	8	26	1.6
Patent	3,747	977	2,770	2,102	554	114	54	60	3.0
Trademark	3,692	1,088	2,604	2,108	443	53	22	31	1.4
Constitutionality of State Statutes	293	58	235	205	27	3	2	1	1.0
All Other Federal Question	11,567	3,131	8,436	6,962	1,355	119	57	62	1.0
Diversity of Citizenship	109,973	13,586	96,387	86,049	9,375	963	263	700	0.9
Contract Actions									
Franchise	361	78	283	222	54	7	6	1	1.9
Insurance	8,405	1,802	6,603	5,087	1,377	139	36	103	1.7
Negotiable Instruments	703	167	536	453	79	4	2	2	0.6
Other Contracts	13,180	2,861	10,319	7,735	2,257	327	156	171	2.5
Real Property	4,500	1,075	3,425	3,040	350	35	16	19	0.8
Tort Actions									
Marine Personal Injury	346	48	298	262	33	3	1	2	0.9
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	3,372	650	2,722	1,778	835	109	9	100	3.2
Health Care/Pharma.	19	11	8	8	-	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury ²	73,821	5,617	68,204	64,435	3,505	264	21	243	0.4
Other Torts	2,519	583	1,936	1,473	410	53	12	41	2.1

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Diversity of Citizenship (Continued)									
Actions Under Statutes									
Consumer Credit	446	126	320	251	69	-	-	-	-
Cable/Satellite TV	9	5	4	2	2	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights									
ADA—Employment	72	13	59	48	11	-	-	-	-
ADA—Other	26	7	19	17	2	-	-	-	-
Employment	1,608	431	1,177	846	314	17	3	14	1.1
Education	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Civil Rights	476	95	381	313	65	3	-	3	0.6
Prison Condition	3	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Diversity	107	16	91	77	12	2	1	1	1.9
Local Jurisdiction	7	2	5	1	4	-	-	-	-
Contract Actions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Real Property	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tort Actions									
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Personal Injury	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other Torts	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prisoner Petitions									
Habeas Corpus—General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Habeas Corpus—Death Penalty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mandamus and Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison Condition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Civil Rights	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Local	3	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-

NOTE: Land condemnation cases omitted.

¹FMLA = Family and Medical Leave Act.

²Includes cases filed in previous years as consolidated cases that thereafter were severed into individual cases.