

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, All Divisions, Criminal Appeals - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,042	587	-43.7 %	575	-2 %	862	49.9 %	832	-3.5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	71	79	11.3 %	85	7.6 %	59	-30.6 %	63	6.8 %
Opinions Unpublished	696	734	5.5 %	581	-20.8 %	390	-32.9 %	420	7.7 %
Opinions	767	813	6 %	666	-18.1 %	449	-32.6 %	483	7.6 %
Dismissed	1	0	0 %	4	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	32	64	100 %	59	-7.8 %	14	0 %	27	0 %
Other Terminations	0	1	0 %	3	0 %	1	0 %	3	0 %
Orders	33	65	97 %	66	1.5 %	17	0 %	32	0 %
Decided on Merits	7	7	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %	4	0 %
Dismissed	121	72	-40.5 %	96	33.3 %	85	-11.5 %	125	47.1 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	0	0 %	5	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	11	3	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	6	0 %
Other Terminations	6	5	0 %	6	0 %	8	0 %	11	0 %
Rulings	146	87	-40.4 %	109	25.3 %	96	-11.9 %	146	52.1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	179	152	-15.1 %	175	15.1 %	113	-35.4 %	178	57.5 %
Total Resolved	946	965	2 %	841	-12.8 %	562	-33.2 %	661	17.6 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	14	29	0 %	12	0 %	26	0 %	11	0 %
Brief Not Filed	724	455	-37.2 %	414	-9 %	647	56.3 %	754	16.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	6	2	0 %	0	0 %	2	0 %	4	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	378	310	-18 %	121	-61 %	96	-20.7 %	165	71.9 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	15	16	0 %	29	0 %	42	0 %	33	-21.4 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	126	133	5.6 %	74	-44.4 %	85	14.9 %	87	2.4 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,263	945	-25.2 %	650	-31.2 %	898	38.2 %	1,055	17.5 %
Opinion/Order in Process	105	69	-34.3 %	78	13 %	56	-28.2 %	65	16.1 %
Total Pending Decision	1,368	1,014	-25.9 %	728	-28.2 %	954	31 %	1,120	17.4 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	827	784	-5.2 %	787	0.4 %	532	-32.4 %	481	-9.6 %
Order Terminating Review	33	68	106.1 %	71	4.4 %	18	0 %	34	0 %
Ruling Terminating Review	156	102	-34.6 %	109	6.9 %	107	-1.8 %	144	34.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	4	10	0 %	13	0 %	6	0 %	21	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	193	180	-6.7 %	193	7.2 %	131	-32.1 %	199	51.9 %
Total Mandated	1,020	964	-5.5 %	980	1.7 %	663	-32.3 %	680	2.6 %

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