

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity, All Divisions, Total Appeals - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	2,324	1,606	-30.9 %	1,684	4.9 %	1,987	18 %	2,002	0.8 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	205	204	-0.5 %	211	3.4 %	190	-10 %	174	-8.4 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,204	1,255	4.2 %	1,070	-14.7 %	871	-18.6 %	878	0.8 %
Opinions	1,409	1,459	3.5 %	1,281	-12.2 %	1,061	-17.2 %	1,052	-0.8 %
Dismissed	5	2	0 %	5	0 %	4	0 %	4	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	76	107	40.8 %	110	2.8 %	42	-61.8 %	70	66.7 %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	2	5	0 %	3	0 %	5	0 %	8	0 %
Orders	83	114	37.3 %	119	4.4 %	53	-55.5 %	82	54.7 %
Decided on Merits	50	39	-22 %	24	0 %	24	0 %	15	0 %
Dismissed	524	394	-24.8 %	429	8.9 %	419	-2.3 %	514	22.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	0	0 %	7	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	27	23	0 %	14	0 %	17	0 %	23	0 %
Other Terminations	24	16	0 %	21	0 %	23	0 %	45	0 %
Rulings	626	472	-24.6 %	495	4.9 %	483	-2.4 %	597	23.6 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	709	586	-17.3 %	614	4.8 %	536	-12.7 %	679	26.7 %
Total Resolved	2,118	2,045	-3.4 %	1,895	-7.3 %	1,597	-15.7 %	1,731	8.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	60	52	-13.3 %	37	-28.8 %	58	56.8 %	50	-13.8 %
Brief Not Filed	1,282	1,060	-17.3 %	1,011	-4.6 %	1,178	16.5 %	1,375	16.7 %
Appellant Brief Filed	9	5	0 %	1	0 %	5	0 %	7	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	744	599	-19.5 %	334	-44.2 %	237	-29 %	336	41.8 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	140	48	-65.7 %	67	39.6 %	98	46.3 %	69	-29.6 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	242	261	7.9 %	183	-29.9 %	186	1.6 %	192	3.2 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,477	2,026	-18.2 %	1,633	-19.4 %	1,762	7.9 %	2,030	15.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	210	133	-36.7 %	173	30.1 %	224	29.5 %	144	-35.7 %
Total Pending Decision	2,687	2,159	-19.7 %	1,806	-16.4 %	1,986	10 %	2,174	9.5 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,638	1,474	-10 %	1,542	4.6 %	1,219	-20.9 %	1,179	-3.3 %
Order Terminating Review	86	121	40.7 %	133	9.9 %	58	-56.4 %	78	34.5 %
Ruling Terminating Review	714	552	-22.7 %	544	-1.4 %	531	-2.4 %	615	15.8 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	24	17	0 %	20	0 %	30	0 %	32	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	824	690	-16.3 %	697	1 %	619	-11.2 %	725	17.1 %
Total Mandated	2,462	2,164	-12.1 %	2,239	3.5 %	1,838	-17.9 %	1,904	3.6 %

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