

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Days Between Events for Civil Appeals Pending or Disposed of by Opinion --75th Percentile(1) - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
Filing - Comp. of Record	105	111	5.7 %	109	-1.8 %	113	3.7 %	114	0.9 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	45	50	11.1 %	49	-2 %	47	-4.1 %	47	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	63	64	1.6 %	64	0 %	72	12.5 %	67	-6.9 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	98	101	3.1 %	99	-2 %	101	2 %	105	4 %
App. Brief - Ready	85	90	5.9 %	85	-5.6 %	90	5.9 %	86	-4.4 %
Ready - Opinion	322	301	-6.5 %	281	-6.6 %	216	-23.1 %	213	-1.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	570	564	-1.1 %	545	-3.4 %	478	-12.3 %	490	2.5 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	114	116	1.8 %	118	1.7 %	113	-4.2 %	119	5.3 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	62	56	-9.7 %	61	8.9 %	61	0 %	62	1.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	62	63	1.6 %	67	6.3 %	68	1.5 %	65	-4.4 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	110	108	-1.8 %	112	3.7 %	107	-4.5 %	107	0 %
App. Brief - Ready	74	65	-12.2 %	74	13.8 %	75	1.4 %	75	0 %
Ready - Opinion	397	412	3.8 %	407	-1.2 %	318	-21.9 %	239	-24.8 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	672	643	-4.3 %	654	1.7 %	585	-10.6 %	504	-13.8 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	126	133	5.6 %	224	68.4 %	197	-12.1 %	181	-8.1 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	52	55	5.8 %	54	-1.8 %	53	-1.9 %	52	-1.9 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	89	88	-1.1 %	91	3.4 %	93	2.2 %	89	-4.3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	92	108	17.4 %	107	-0.9 %	105	-1.9 %	107	1.9 %

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Ready - Opinion (3)	304	295	-3 %	272	-7.8 %	248	-8.8 %	266	7.3 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	574	576	0.3 %	650	12.8 %	526	-19.1 %	1,406	167.3 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	112	117	4.5 %	125	6.8 %	125	0 %	126	0.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	50	53	6 %	53	0 %	53	0 %	53	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	65	67	3.1 %	69	3 %	75	8.7 %	70	-6.7 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	102	106	3.9 %	105	-0.9 %	104	-1 %	105	1 %
App. Brief - Ready	82	85	3.7 %	82	-3.5 %	85	3.7 %	80	-5.9 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	342	345	0.9 %	328	-4.9 %	269	-18 %	256	-4.8 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	605	593	-2 %	601	1.3 %	523	-13 %	561	7.3 %

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