

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## History of Activity, All Reviews, All Divisions (10) - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
<b>FILINGS</b>									
Total Filings	3,656	2,960	-19 %	3,036	2.6 %	3,200	5.4 %	3,239	1.2 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)</b>									
Opinions Published	233	226	-3 %	243	7.5 %	212	-12.8 %	202	-4.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,310	1,369	4.5 %	1,195	-12.7 %	988	-17.3 %	978	-1 %
Opinions	1,543	1,595	3.4 %	1,438	-9.8 %	1,200	-16.6 %	1,180	-1.7 %
Dismissed	582	533	-8.4 %	456	-14.4 %	547	20 %	570	4.2 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	101	136	34.7 %	153	12.5 %	83	-45.8 %	101	21.7 %
Review Not Accepted	10	2	. %	10	. %	5	. %	8	. %
Other Terminations	71	81	14.1 %	75	-7.4 %	34	-54.7 %	69	102.9 %
Orders	764	752	-1.6 %	694	-7.7 %	669	-3.6 %	748	11.8 %
Decided on Merits	74	58	-21.6 %	51	-12.1 %	53	3.9 %	37	-30.2 %
Dismissed	753	624	-17.1 %	620	-0.6 %	604	-2.6 %	713	18 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	2	0	. %	7	. %	0	. %	5	. %
Review Not Accepted	242	227	-6.2 %	235	3.5 %	232	-1.3 %	218	-6 %
Other Terminations	33	34	3 %	38	11.8 %	38	0 %	81	113.2 %
Rulings	1,104	943	-14.6 %	951	0.8 %	927	-2.5 %	1,054	13.7 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,868	1,695	-9.3 %	1,645	-2.9 %	1,596	-3 %	1,802	12.9 %
Total Resolved	3,411	3,290	-3.5 %	3,083	-6.3 %	2,796	-9.3 %	2,982	6.7 %

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(7) Set for Oral Argument counts are influenced by procedural differences among divisions in setting cases. Division III, due to hearings in multiple locations, often delays the setting of cases until there are sufficient numbers to warrant travel, but cases are usually set only six weeks out.

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<b>PENDING AT YEAR END (5)</b>									
Cases Stayed	236	208	-11.9 %	116	-44.2 %	105	-9.5 %	96	-8.6 %
Brief Not Filed	1,618	1,422	-12.1 %	1,386	-2.5 %	1,493	7.7 %	1,672	12 %
Appellant Brief Filed	23	12	. %	17	. %	15	. %	15	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	901	744	-17.4 %	478	-35.8 %	364	-23.8 %	457	25.5 %
Remanded to Trial Court	2	2	. %	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	220	126	-42.7 %	174	38.1 %	192	10.3 %	121	-37 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	8	. %	11	. %	5	. %	10	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	266	287	7.9 %	216	-24.7 %	220	1.9 %	218	-0.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	3,274	2,809	-14.2 %	2,399	-14.6 %	2,395	-0.2 %	2,592	8.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	232	155	-33.2 %	193	24.5 %	247	28 %	166	-32.8 %
Total Pending Decision	3,506	2,964	-15.5 %	2,592	-12.6 %	2,642	1.9 %	2,758	4.4 %
<b>MANDATED (1)</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,770	1,647	-6.9 %	1,728	4.9 %	1,420	-17.8 %	1,344	-5.4 %
Order Terminating Review	843	702	-16.7 %	934	33 %	719	-23 %	794	10.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	1,195	1,003	-16.1 %	1,064	6.1 %	1,041	-2.2 %	1,107	6.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	57	44	-22.8 %	42	-4.5 %	51	21.4 %	62	21.6 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	2,095	1,749	-16.5 %	2,040	16.6 %	1,811	-11.2 %	1,963	8.4 %
Total Mandated	3,865	3,396	-12.1 %	3,768	11 %	3,231	-14.3 %	3,307	2.4 %

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