

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

History of Activity, All Reviews, Division I (10) - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (9)	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,553	1,273	-18 %	1,270	-0.2 %	1,287	1.3 %	1,222	-5.1 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	114	104	-8.8 %	108	3.8 %	103	-4.6 %	92	-10.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	588	634	7.8 %	542	-14.5 %	382	-29.5 %	446	16.8 %
Opinions	702	738	5.1 %	650	-11.9 %	485	-25.4 %	538	10.9 %
Dismissed	226	191	-15.5 %	191	0 %	189	-1 %	209	10.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	8	13	. %	20	. %	18	. %	10	. %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	1	. %
Other Terminations	47	40	-14.9 %	43	7.5 %	24	. %	30	. %
Orders	282	244	-13.5 %	254	4.1 %	233	-8.3 %	250	7.3 %
Decided on Merits	15	11	. %	8	. %	5	. %	8	. %
Dismissed	344	297	-13.7 %	288	-3 %	263	-8.7 %	289	9.9 %
Review Not Accepted	99	121	22.2 %	125	3.3 %	102	-18.4 %	92	-9.8 %
Other Terminations	9	8	. %	10	. %	21	. %	40	. %
Rulings	467	437	-6.4 %	431	-1.4 %	391	-9.3 %	429	9.7 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	749	681	-9.1 %	685	0.6 %	624	-8.9 %	679	8.8 %
Total Resolved	1,451	1,419	-2.2 %	1,335	-5.9 %	1,109	-16.9 %	1,217	9.7 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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(4) For years prior to 2005, it is not possible to distinguish the different types of resolution. Figures are broadly aggregated and shown as the sum of these resolution types.

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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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(9) Percentages are not reported when numbers are small (less than 30).

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Cases Stayed	35	32	-8.6 %	13	. %	19	. %	30	. %
Brief Not Filed	751	560	-25.4 %	541	-3.4 %	600	10.9 %	613	2.2 %
Appellant Brief Filed	5	2	. %	6	. %	5	. %	6	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	368	304	-17.4 %	181	-40.5 %	131	-27.6 %	103	-21.4 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	44	53	20.5 %	49	-7.5 %	48	-2 %	22	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	8	. %	11	. %	5	. %	10	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	105	118	12.4 %	106	-10.2 %	102	-3.8 %	123	20.6 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,316	1,077	-18.2 %	907	-15.8 %	910	0.3 %	909	-0.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	34	8	. %	29	. %	57	. %	48	-15.8 %
Total Pending Decision	1,350	1,085	-19.6 %	936	-13.7 %	967	3.3 %	957	-1 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	725	759	4.7 %	838	10.4 %	588	-29.8 %	539	-8.3 %
Order Terminating Review	253	243	-4 %	326	34.2 %	288	-11.7 %	270	-6.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	487	468	-3.9 %	504	7.7 %	425	-15.7 %	449	5.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	1	8	. %	2	. %	8	. %	4	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	741	719	-3 %	832	15.7 %	721	-13.3 %	723	0.3 %
Total Mandated	1,466	1,478	0.8 %	1,670	13 %	1,309	-21.6 %	1,262	-3.6 %

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