

Supreme Court

2001 Annual Caseload

Report

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Supreme Court Highlights

Filings

- The Supreme Court received 1,392 new case filings in 2001, including 699 (50.2%) petitions for review, 434 (31.2%) discretionary reviews, 142 (10.2%) personal restraint petitions, 71 (5.1%) notices of appeal, and 46 (3.3%) other reviews such as actions against state officers, expenditures of public funds, and cases certified from federal court.
- The 10.6% decline in filings relative to the prior year was caused by a decline in personal restraint petitions - the only case type to experience a notable change relative to 2000. Personal restraint petitions dropped a substantial 49.8%, from 283 to 142 cases. This decline, however, represents a turn toward more typical levels of filing following a bulge the two prior years. During that period, a large number of inmate suits were filed in response to the Department of Corrections' one-time, temporary transfer of inmates to the private Crowley County Correctional Facility in Colorado.
- The 71 new notices of appeal continued their historically stable split of 15- 20% criminal, and 80-85% civil. Similarly, petitions for review split comparably to prior years, with approximately 55% criminal and approximately 45% civil.
- In addition to the 1,392 new case filings displayed in the tables and described above, the Supreme Court received six new reviews of death penalty cases, 241 attorney admission and discipline matters, and 25 miscellaneous motions for review. With these, a grand total of 1,664 new matters were filed with Washington's Supreme Court in 2001.

Dispositions

- The Supreme Court disposed of 1,594 cases in 2001, up 12.5% over the prior year, despite the decline in filings during the same period.
- A dramatic swell of personal restraint petitions were disposed in 2001 (413, as contrasted with 53 the year prior). These were largely dismissals in the wake of the opinion in *In re Personal Restraint of Matteson*, 142 Wn.2d 298, 12 P.3d 585 (2000), which was filed 11/02/2000, with Certificate of Finality issued 1/24/2001. That opinion addressed prisoners' suits resulting from a one-time transfer to the private Crowley County Correctional Facility in Colorado.
- Over half (56.4%) of 2001 dispositions were reviews that were not accepted. Another fifth (21.3% - 340 cases) were dismissals - up dramatically from the prior year's more typical 50 cases, due to the personal restraint petitions discussed above. Opinions were written for 136 cases (8.5% of all dispositions). The remaining case dispositions were transfers to the Court of Appeals (7.2%) and other terminations (6.6%).
- Following 2000's atypical 19.8% decline in dispositions by opinion, 2001's 136 dispositions by opinion represent a return to a level comparable to that experienced the several years prior to 2000.

Pending

- As 2001 dispositions outpaced filings received the same year, a notable (23.5%) decline in pending caseload was experienced.
- The effect of the large number of dismissals in the wake of the opinion in *In re Personal Restraint of Matteson*, 142 Wn.2d 298, 12 P.3d 585 (2000), as discussed above, was correspondingly experienced in a reduced personal restraint petition pending caseload, diving to 29 cases from the prior year's 301.
- Pending caseload for all other types of reviews either increased or remained stable, with the most notable incline experienced in criminal petitions for review (up 20.9% from 158 to 191), which returned to levels comparable to those in the years preceding 2000's singular low.

Supreme Court Glossary

This glossary is included to assist in understanding the statistical tables.

Filings

Notice Of Appeal - A review of a trial court decision in these select circumstances: review is authorized statutorily; an issue of constitutionality is involved; conflicting appellate decisions are at issue; questions of public importance are raised; or, the death penalty was decreed. Notices of appeal directly following a judgment in a superior court as a matter of right must be filed within 30 days. Notices of appeal are categorized into criminal and civil appeals.

Cases opened on notice of appeal can reach the Supreme Court by these means: direct appeal from trial court; certification by the Court of Appeals; granting of a motion to transfer an appeal from the Court of Appeals; or an administrative transfer initiated by the Supreme Court to relieve pressure on the Court of Appeals or because a similar case is already being heard by the Supreme Court.

Petitions For Review - A review of any Court of Appeals' decision terminating review. The Supreme Court only accepts reviews of decisions that conflict with other Supreme Court or Court of Appeals' decisions, that involve a significant question of law under the federal or state constitution, or that concern "an issue of substantial public interest..." (Rules of Appellate Procedure (RAP) 13.4).

Other Reviews - The five following categories are grouped under the title "Other Reviews": personal restraint petitions, discretionary reviews, original actions against state officers, petitions for expenditures of public funds, and reviews certified from federal court.

Personal Restraint Petition - A petition to seek relief from limitations on a person's freedom due to current or imminent confinement. The Supreme Court normally exercises its jurisdiction over such petitions by transferring them to the Court of Appeals (RAP 16.5).

Discretionary Review - A review of interlocutory orders of the superior court. Reviews made prior to a final determination of the case, in which a party argues that the trial court has committed an error pursuant to RAP 2.3(b). Discretionary reviews are in the purview of the Supreme Court under most of the same conditions that apply for notices of appeal. The Supreme Court may be requested by motion for discretionary review, to review interlocutory Court of Appeals' decisions, and decisions on personal restraint petitions.

Actions Against State Officers - Both the Supreme Court and the superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction over a petition against a state officer in the nature of quo warranto, prohibition, and mandamus (RAP 16.2), generally preventing a continued exercise of authority unlawfully asserted.

Petitions For Expenditures Of Public Funds - Petitions for expenditure from the indigent defense fund (RAP 15.2).

Certified From Federal Court - Reviews certified to determine a question of state law which does not involve a question determined by reference to the United States Constitution (RAP 16.16).

Dispositions

Cases are considered officially disposed in the Supreme Court as soon as a decision terminating review is filed with the Supreme Court Clerk.

Opinions - Those cases which were reviewed by the Court and had an opinion written.

Motion On The Merits - Termination of a review due to the granting of a motion on the merits (RAP 18.14).

Dismissed - An order, issued by the Court, dismissing the review prior to a determination of the merits. The commissioner or clerk may dismiss a review for failure to comply with procedures. The Court, on motion of a party, may dismiss a review if the review is frivolous, moot, or solely for the purpose of delay. Also, the Court may dismiss reviews for want of prosecution or for failure to comply with procedures (RAP 18.9).

Transferred To Court Of Appeals - To promote the orderly administration of justice, the Supreme Court may, on its own initiative or on motion of a party, transfer a case to the Court of Appeals.

Review Not Accepted - Reviews disposed through this manner are not accepted because they fail to meet the requirements of review stated in Rule 2 and Rule 13 of the Rules of Appellate Procedure. These requirements are summarized in the above glossary definitions for each review type.

Terminated - An order issued by the Court terminating the review before an opinion is rendered. An order to terminate a review would result if, for example, a petitioner decided to withdraw the review.

Pending

Case Stayed - Those cases temporarily arrested or removed from judicial processing by order of the Court.

Ready For Setting - Those cases within the stages of perfection which have at minimum had the petitioner's/appellant's brief filed but have yet to be set on the Court calendar for review.

Not Ready For Setting - Those cases within the stages of perfection which are ready for consideration but have yet to file further pleadings.

Set For Motion On The Merits - Those cases which have been set on the motion on the merits calendar (RAP 18.14).

Set For Oral Argument - Those cases which have progressed to the point at which all briefs were filed and served and have been set for review.

Opinion/Order In Process - Those cases which have been reviewed by the Court but have yet to receive a decision.

Mandated

A decision is mandated by the Clerk of the Supreme Court with a written notification of the Court's decision to the originating court and the parties involved.

The Supreme Court
Court Activity, 2001

	-----Appeals-----			-Petitions For Review-			-----Other Reviews-----						
	Criminal	Civil	Total	Criminal	Civil	Total	Personal Restraint ²	Discr. Review	OASO ³	Exp Pub Funds	Cert Fed Court	Total	All Reviews
FILINGS¹													
New Filings	8	48	56	373	326	699	141	429	5	39	2	616	1,371
Transfers	6	9	15	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	6	21
Total Filings	14	57	71	373	326	699	142	434	5	39	2	622	1,392
DISPOSITIONS													
Opinions	5	16	21	37	56	93	5	17	0	0	0	22	136
Motion on the Merits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed	4	9	13	7	10	17	293	13	3	0	1	310	340
Transferred	2	9	11	0	0	0	103	0	0	0	0	103	114
Review Not Accepted	3	4	7	281	232	513	0	379	0	0	0	379	899
Other Terminations	3	3	6	15	11	26	12	25	2	34	0	73	105
Total Disposed	17	41	58	340	309	649	413	434	5	34	1	887	1,594
PENDING AT YEAR END													
Cases Stayed	0	1	1	7	11	18	1	7	0	0	0	8	27
Case Ready	1	3	4	0	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	6	11
Case Not Ready ⁴	6	34	40	7	11	18	27	76	1	9	0	113	171
Set for Motion on Merits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Set for Oral Argument ⁴	0	4	4	154	137	291	0	3	0	0	1	4	299
Total Awaiting Hearing	7	42	49	168	160	328	29	91	1	9	1	131	508
Opinion/Order in Process	0	6	6	23	19	42	0	6	0	0	0	6	54
Total Pending Decision	7	48	55	191	179	370	29	97	1	9	1	137	562
MANDATED													
Opinions	9	18	27	32	49	81	7	15	0	0	0	22	130
Other	10	23	33	309	254	563	398	421	7	35	2	863	1,459
Total Mandated	19	41	60	341	303	644	405	436	7	35	2	885	1,589

1 In addition to counts shown above, the Supreme Court also handles reviews of death penalty cases (6 in 2001), attorney admission and discipline matters (241 in 2001), and miscellaneous motions for review (25 in 2001). Planned information technology improvements in the coming year should enable more thorough reporting in these matters in the future.

2 The overwhelming majority of personal restraint petitions that were filed in 2000 and stayed as of 12/31/2000, were awaiting the opinion in In re Personal Restraint of Matteson, 142 Wn.2d 298, 12 P.3d 585 (2000). That opinion was filed 11/02/2000, and Certificate of Finality was issued 1/24/2001. The stayed cases were dismissed in 2001.

3 Original Actions Against State Officers.

4 Programming improvements in 2000 more accurately categorize cases that were set for the motion calendar as "Set for Oral Argument." Previously, these cases were categorized as "Cases Not Ready."

The Supreme Court
History of Filings¹, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg2	1999	% Chg2	2000	% Chg2	2001	% Chg2
APPEALS									
Criminal	14	11	. %	10	. %	11	. %	14	. %
Civil	76	59	-22.4%	54	-8.5%	52	-3.7%	57	9.6%
Total Appeals	90	70	-22.2%	64	-8.6%	63	-1.6%	71	12.7%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	455	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%	412	-7.2%	373	-9.5%
Civil	358	319	-10.9%	339	6.3%	319	-5.9%	326	2.2%
Total Petitions for Review	813	736	-9.5%	783	6.4%	731	-6.6%	699	-4.4%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions ³	28	39	. %	125	220.5%	283	126.4%	142	-49.8%
Discretionary Review	363	316	-12.9%	388	22.8%	435	12.1%	434	-0.2%
Actions Against State Officers	11	10	. %	7	. %	12	. %	5	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	53	46	-13.2%	55	19.6%	33	-40.0%	39	18.2%
Certified Federal Court	5	4	. %	9	. %	0	. %	2	. %
Total Other Reviews	460	415	-9.8%	584	40.7%	763	30.7%	622	-18.5%
Total Filed	1,363	1,221	-10.4%	1,431	17.2%	1,557	8.8%	1,392	-10.6%

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The Supreme Court
History of Dispositions, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
APPEALS									
Criminal	19	8	. %	11	. %	17	. %	17	. %
Civil	80	92	15.0%	61	-33.7%	62	1.6%	41	-33.9%
Total Appeals	99	100	1.0%	72	-28.0%	79	9.7%	58	-26.6%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	405	440	8.6%	425	-3.4%	475	11.8%	340	-28.4%
Civil	322	349	8.4%	341	-2.3%	321	-5.9%	309	-3.7%
Total Petitions for Review	727	789	8.5%	766	-2.9%	796	3.9%	649	-18.5%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions ²	30	37	23.3%	65	75.7%	53	-18.5%	413	679.2%
Discretionary Review	374	336	-10.2%	370	10.1%	428	15.7%	434	1.4%
Actions Against State Officers	5	17	. %	6	. %	12	. %	5	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	45	57	26.7%	51	-10.5%	43	-15.7%	34	-20.9%
Certified Federal Court	1	7	. %	5	. %	6	. %	1	. %
Total Other Reviews	455	454	-0.2%	497	9.5%	542	9.1%	887	63.7%
Total Disposed	1,281	1,343	4.8%	1,335	-0.6%	1,417	6.1%	1,594	12.5%

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The Supreme Court
History of Pending Cases, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
APPEALS									
Criminal	14	19	. %	16	. %	12	. %	7	. %
Civil	83	52	-37.3%	43	-17.3%	32	-25.6%	48	50.0%
Total Appeals	97	71	-26.8%	59	-16.9%	44	-25.4%	55	25.0%
PETITIONS FOR REVIEW									
Criminal	225	202	-10.2%	184	-8.9%	158	-14.1%	191	20.9%
Civil	196	167	-14.8%	147	-12.0%	163	10.9%	179	9.8%
Total Petitions for Review	421	369	-12.4%	331	-10.3%	321	-3.0%	370	15.3%
OTHER REVIEWS									
Personal Restraint Petitions ²	9	11	. %	88	. %	301	242.0%	29	. %
Discretionary Review	95	74	-22.1%	78	5.4%	64	-17.9%	97	51.6%
Actions Against State Officers	8	1	. %	4	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Expenditures of Public Funds	21	10	. %	6	. %	4	. %	9	. %
Certified Federal Court	5	2	. %	6	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Total Other Reviews	138	98	-29.0%	182	85.7%	370	103.3%	137	-63.0%
Total Pending Decision	656	538	-18.0%	572	6.3%	735	28.5%	562	-23.5%

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The Supreme Court
Court Activity, All Reviews, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	1,337	1,209	-9.6%	1,414	17.0%	1,532	8.3%	1,371	-10.5%
Transfers	26	12	. %	17	. %	25	. %	21	. %
Total Filings	1,363	1,221	-10.4%	1,431	17.2%	1,557	8.8%	1,392	-10.6%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	137	148	8.0%	131	-11.5%	105	-19.8%	136	29.5%
Motion on the Merits	1	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	64	63	-1.6%	50	-20.6%	50	0.0%	340	580.0%
Transferred	51	82	60.8%	89	8.5%	74	-16.9%	114	54.1%
Review Not Accepted	963	969	0.6%	968	-0.1%	1,052	8.7%	899	-14.5%
Other Terminations	65	80	23.1%	96	20.0%	136	41.7%	105	-22.8%
Total Disposed	1,281	1,343	4.8%	1,335	-0.6%	1,417	6.1%	1,594	12.5%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed ²	13	5	. %	79	. %	287	263.3%	27	. %
Case Ready	13	8	. %	18	. %	13	. %	11	. %
Case Not Ready ³	532	436	-18.0%	394	-9.6%	117	-70.3%	171	46.2%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument ³	41	33	-19.5%	42	27.3%	258	514.3%	299	15.9%
Total Awaiting Hearing	599	482	-19.5%	533	10.6%	675	26.6%	508	-24.7%
Opinion/Order in Process	57	56	-1.8%	39	-30.4%	60	53.8%	54	-10.0%
Total Pending Decision	656	538	-18.0%	572	6.3%	735	28.5%	562	-23.5%
MANDATED									
Opinions	122	158	29.5%	132	-16.5%	103	-22.0%	130	26.2%
Other	1,123	1,201	6.9%	1,200	-0.1%	1,289	7.4%	1,459	13.2%
Total Mandated	1,245	1,359	9.2%	1,332	-2.0%	1,392	4.5%	1,589	14.2%

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The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Criminal Appeals, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	10	10	. %	8	. %	4	. %	8	. %
Transfers	4	1	. %	2	. %	7	. %	6	. %
Total Filings	14	11	. %	10	. %	11	. %	14	. %
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	9	3	. %	8	. %	8	. %	5	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	1	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %	4	. %
Transferred	4	4	. %	1	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	5	0	. %	1	. %	4	. %	3	. %
Other Terminations	0	0	. %	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %
Total Disposed	19	8	. %	11	. %	17	. %	17	. %
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Case Ready	0	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Case Not Ready	10	14	. %	10	. %	8	. %	6	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	0	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	10	17	. %	11	. %	9	. %	7	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	4	2	. %	5	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Total Pending Decision	14	19	. %	16	. %	12	. %	7	. %
MANDATED									
Opinions	7	5	. %	7	. %	5	. %	9	. %
Other	9	6	. %	3	. %	9	. %	10	. %
Total Mandated	16	11	. %	10	. %	14	. %	19	. %

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The Supreme Court
Court Activity, Civil Appeals, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	60	50	-16.7%	44	-12.0%	39	-11.4%	48	23.1%
Transfers	16	9	. %	10	. %	13	. %	9	. %
Total Filings	76	59	-22.4%	54	-8.5%	52	-3.7%	57	9.6%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	35	38	8.6%	18	. %	16	. %	16	. %
Motion on the Merits	1	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	20	4	. %	7	. %	8	. %	9	. %
Transferred	20	44	. %	26	. %	29	. %	9	. %
Review Not Accepted	3	3	. %	6	. %	7	. %	4	. %
Other Terminations	1	2	. %	3	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Total Disposed	80	92	15.0%	61	-33.7%	62	1.6%	41	-33.9%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	1	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Case Ready	6	2	. %	1	. %	2	. %	3	. %
Case Not Ready	52	33	-36.5%	28	. %	19	. %	34	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	10	5	. %	6	. %	4	. %	4	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	69	41	-40.6%	36	-12.2%	25	. %	42	. %
Opinion/Order in Process	14	11	. %	7	. %	7	. %	6	. %
Total Pending Decision	83	52	-37.3%	43	-17.3%	32	-25.6%	48	50.0%
MANDATED									
Opinions	31	38	22.6%	19	. %	17	. %	18	. %
Other	47	54	14.9%	46	-14.8%	46	0.0%	23	. %
Total Mandated	78	92	17.9%	65	-29.3%	63	-3.1%	41	-34.9%

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The Supreme Court
Court Activity, Total Appeals, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	70	60	-14.3%	52	-13.3%	43	-17.3%	56	30.2%
Transfers	20	10	. %	12	. %	20	. %	15	. %
Total Filings	90	70	-22.2%	64	-8.6%	63	-1.6%	71	12.7%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	44	41	-6.8%	26	. %	24	. %	21	. %
Motion on the Merits	1	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	21	5	. %	7	. %	9	. %	13	. %
Transferred	24	48	. %	27	. %	32	. %	11	. %
Review Not Accepted	8	3	. %	7	. %	11	. %	7	. %
Other Terminations	1	2	. %	4	. %	3	. %	6	. %
Total Disposed	99	100	1.0%	72	-28.0%	79	9.7%	58	-26.6%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	1	1	. %	1	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Case Ready	6	4	. %	1	. %	2	. %	4	. %
Case Not Ready	62	47	-24.2%	38	-19.1%	27	. %	40	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	10	6	. %	7	. %	5	. %	4	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	79	58	-26.6%	47	-19.0%	34	-27.7%	49	44.1%
Opinion/Order in Process	18	13	. %	12	. %	10	. %	6	. %
Total Pending Decision	97	71	-26.8%	59	-16.9%	44	-25.4%	55	25.0%
MANDATED									
Opinions	38	43	13.2%	26	. %	22	. %	27	. %
Other	56	60	7.1%	49	-18.3%	55	12.2%	33	-40.0%
Total Mandated	94	103	9.6%	75	-27.2%	77	2.7%	60	-22.1%

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The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Criminal Petitions for Review, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	455	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%	412	-7.2%	373	-9.5%
Transfers	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Filings	455	417	-8.4%	444	6.5%	412	-7.2%	373	-9.5%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	32	31	-3.1%	44	41.9%	23	. %	37	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	8	11	. %	11	. %	11	. %	7	. %
Transferred	0	0	. %	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	359	386	7.5%	360	-6.7%	421	16.9%	281	-33.3%
Other Terminations	6	12	. %	9	. %	20	. %	15	. %
Total Disposed	405	440	8.6%	425	-3.4%	475	11.8%	340	-28.4%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	6	1	. %	2	. %	4	. %	7	. %
Case Ready	0	0	. %	4	. %	3	. %	0	. %
Case Not Ready2	204	172	-15.7%	163	-5.2%	10	. %	7	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument2	7	10	. %	10	. %	130	. %	154	18.5%
Total Awaiting Hearing	217	183	-15.7%	179	-2.2%	147	-17.9%	168	14.3%
Opinion/Order in Process	8	19	. %	5	. %	11	. %	23	. %
Total Pending Decision	225	202	-10.2%	184	-8.9%	158	-14.1%	191	20.9%
MANDATED									
Opinions	27	34	. %	46	35.3%	24	. %	32	. %
Other	374	407	8.8%	383	-5.9%	446	16.4%	309	-30.7%
Total Mandated	401	441	10.0%	429	-2.7%	470	9.6%	341	-27.4%

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The Supreme Court
 Court Activity, Civil Petitions for Review, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	358	319	-10.9%	339	6.3%	319	-5.9%	326	2.2%
Transfers	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Filings	358	319	-10.9%	339	6.3%	319	-5.9%	326	2.2%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	47	51	8.5%	45	-11.8%	37	-17.8%	56	51.4%
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	10	14	. %	13	. %	9	. %	10	. %
Transferred	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Review Not Accepted	260	279	7.3%	275	-1.4%	269	-2.2%	232	-13.8%
Other Terminations	5	5	. %	8	. %	6	. %	11	. %
Total Disposed	322	349	8.4%	341	-2.3%	321	-5.9%	309	-3.7%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed	3	1	. %	0	. %	5	. %	11	. %
Case Ready	6	4	. %	6	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Case Not Ready2	152	129	-15.1%	107	-17.1%	6	. %	11	. %
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument2	16	15	. %	14	. %	121	. %	137	13.2%
Total Awaiting Hearing	177	149	-15.8%	127	-14.8%	135	6.3%	160	18.5%
Opinion/Order in Process	19	18	. %	20	. %	28	. %	19	. %
Total Pending Decision	196	167	-14.8%	147	-12.0%	163	10.9%	179	9.8%
MANDATED									
Opinions	43	54	25.6%	45	-16.7%	38	-15.6%	49	28.9%
Other	274	300	9.5%	295	-1.7%	284	-3.7%	254	-10.6%
Total Mandated	317	354	11.7%	340	-4.0%	322	-5.3%	303	-5.9%

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The Supreme Court
Court Activity, Other Reviews, 1997-2001

	1997	1998	% Chg1	1999	% Chg1	2000	% Chg1	2001	% Chg1
FILINGS									
New Filings	454	413	-9.0%	579	40.2%	758	30.9%	616	-18.7%
Transfers	6	2	. %	5	. %	5	. %	6	. %
Total Filings	460	415	-9.8%	584	40.7%	763	30.7%	622	-18.5%
DISPOSITIONS									
Opinions	14	25	. %	16	. %	21	. %	22	. %
Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	25	33	. %	19	. %	21	. %	310	. %
Transferred	27	34	. %	61	79.4%	42	-31.1%	103	145.2%
Review Not Accepted	336	301	-10.4%	326	8.3%	351	7.7%	379	8.0%
Other Terminations	53	61	15.1%	75	23.0%	107	42.7%	73	-31.8%
Total Disposed	455	454	-0.2%	497	9.5%	542	9.1%	887	63.7%
PENDING AT YEAR END									
Case Stayed ²	3	2	. %	76	. %	278	265.8%	8	. %
Case Ready	1	0	. %	7	. %	5	. %	6	. %
Case Not Ready	114	88	-22.8%	86	-2.3%	74	-14.0%	113	52.7%
Set for Motion on the Merits	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Set for Oral Argument	8	2	. %	11	. %	2	. %	4	. %
Total Awaiting Hearing	126	92	-27.0%	180	95.7%	359	99.4%	131	-63.5%
Opinion/Order in Process	12	6	. %	2	. %	11	. %	6	. %
Total Pending Decision	138	98	-29.0%	182	85.7%	370	103.3%	137	-63.0%
MANDATED									
Opinions	14	27	. %	15	. %	19	. %	22	. %
Other	419	434	3.6%	473	9.0%	504	6.6%	863	71.2%
Total Mandated	433	461	6.5%	488	5.9%	523	7.2%	885	69.2%

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2 The overwhelming majority of personal restraint petitions that were filed in 2000 and stayed as of 12/31/2000, were awaiting the opinion in In re Personal Restraint of Matteson, 142 Wn.2d 298, 12 P.3d 585 (2000). That opinion was filed 11/02/2000, and Certificate of Finality was issued 1/24/2001. The stayed cases were dismissed in 2001.