

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, All Divisions, Personal Restraint Petitions - 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	846	882	4.3 %	834	-5.4 %	763	-8.5 %	776	1.7 %
<b>RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)</b>									
Opinions Published	4	9	0 %	9	0 %	9	0 %	8	0 %
Opinions Unpublished	77	86	11.7 %	100	16.3 %	93	-7 %	66	-29 %
Opinions	81	95	17.3 %	109	14.7 %	102	-6.4 %	74	-27.5 %
Dismissed	577	530	-8.1 %	451	-14.9 %	542	20.2 %	564	4.1 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	22	23	0 %	35	0 %	37	5.7 %	30	0 %
Review Not Accepted	8	2	0 %	8	0 %	1	0 %	7	0 %
Other Terminations	69	73	5.8 %	70	-4.1 %	26	0 %	58	0 %
Orders	676	628	-7.1 %	564	-10.2 %	606	7.4 %	659	8.7 %
Decided on Merits	0	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Dismissed	103	107	3.9 %	85	-20.6 %	95	11.8 %	77	-18.9 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	5	0 %
Review Not Accepted	2	1	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	2	4	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	3	0 %
Rulings	108	113	4.6 %	86	-23.9 %	97	12.8 %	85	-12.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	784	741	-5.5 %	650	-12.3 %	703	8.2 %	744	5.8 %
Total Resolved	865	836	-3.4 %	759	-9.2 %	805	6.1 %	818	1.6 %

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<b>PENDING AT YEAR END (5)</b>									
Cases Stayed	164	146	-11 %	74	-49.3 %	37	-50 %	33	-10.8 %
Brief Not Filed	235	260	10.6 %	256	-1.5 %	211	-17.6 %	190	-10 %
Appellant Brief Filed	14	7	0 %	16	0 %	10	0 %	7	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	134	112	-16.4 %	133	18.8 %	112	-15.8 %	109	-2.7 %
Remanded to Trial Court	2	1	0 %	1	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	2	1	0 %	0	0 %	4	0 %	0	0 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	8	0 %	11	0 %	5	0 %	10	0 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	12	9	0 %	23	0 %	19	0 %	20	0 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	571	544	-4.7 %	514	-5.5 %	399	-22.4 %	371	-7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	14	16	0 %	15	0 %	6	0 %	11	0 %
Total Pending Decision	585	560	-4.3 %	529	-5.5 %	405	-23.4 %	382	-5.7 %
<b>MANDATED (1) (8)</b>									
Opinion Terminating Review	75	105	40 %	124	18.1 %	144	16.1 %	88	-38.9 %
Order Terminating Review	749	566	-24.4 %	781	38 %	647	-17.2 %	704	8.8 %
Ruling Terminating Review	111	104	-6.3 %	99	-4.8 %	109	10.1 %	83	-23.9 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	18	15	0 %	15	0 %	12	0 %	8	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	878	685	-22 %	895	30.7 %	768	-14.2 %	795	3.5 %
Total Mandated	953	790	-17.1 %	1,019	29 %	912	-10.5 %	883	-3.2 %

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