

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Civil Activity - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg (1)	2021	% Chg (1)	2022	% Chg (1)	2023	% Chg (1)
Filings									
Tort	6,600	6,301	-4.5 %	6,068	-3.7 %	6,049	-0.3 %	5,837	-3.5 %
Commercial	11,131	4,162	-62.6 %	4,881	17.3 %	4,240	-13.1 %	5,721	34.9 %
Meretricious Relationship (4)									
Property Rights	12,221	4,717	-61.4 %	4,596	-2.6 %	9,603	108.9 %	13,424	39.8 %
Civil Protection Orders (5)	3,043	2,698	-11.3 %	2,979	10.4 %	11,023	270 %	20,227	83.5 %
Domestic Violence (5)	12,574	11,045	-12.2 %	11,558	4.6 %	6,104	-47.2 %		. %
Administrative Law Review	487	398	-18.3 %	436	9.5 %	390	-10.6 %	384	-1.5 %
Other Petitions and Complaints	5,763	6,520	13.1 %	6,054	-7.1 %	5,962	-1.5 %	5,699	-4.4 %
Appeals from Lower Courts	178	155	-12.9 %	186	20 %	189	1.6 %	217	14.8 %
Other Matters Filed	27,055	8,655	-68 %	8,304	-4.1 %	15,213	83.2 %	16,783	10.3 %
Total Civil Filings	79,052	44,651	-43.5 %	45,062	0.9 %	58,773	30.4 %	68,292	16.2 %
Resolutions Before Trial									
Uncontested/Resolved When Filed (2)	35,512	16,127	-54.6 %	15,542	-3.6 %	22,688	46 %	25,994	14.6 %
Dismissed by Clerk	1,817	1,954	7.5 %	2,174	11.3 %	1,262	-42 %	1,899	50.5 %
Change of Venue	207	218	5.3 %	200	-8.3 %	150	-25 %	209	39.3 %
Decision on Appeal/Review	196	151	-23 %	165	9.3 %	143	-13.3 %	136	-4.9 %
Dismissed	10,375	8,597	-17.1 %	9,126	6.2 %	10,303	12.9 %	13,216	28.3 %
Settled/Agreed Judgment	4,921	3,447	-30 %	3,479	0.9 %	3,204	-7.9 %	3,230	0.8 %
Settled by Arbitration	471	398	-15.5 %	464	16.6 %	326	-29.7 %	257	-21.2 %
Default/Summary Judgment	11,505	3,576	-68.9 %	3,358	-6.1 %	4,723	40.6 %	5,998	27 %
Closed by Court After Hearing	9,072	8,622	-5 %	7,193	-16.6 %	8,477	17.9 %	9,947	17.3 %
Total Pre-Trial Resolutions	74,076	43,090	-41.8 %	41,701	-3.2 %	51,276	23 %	60,886	18.7 %
After Trial Commencement									
Dismissed/Settled	77	56	-27.3 %	77	37.5 %	38	-50.6 %	65	71.1 %
Court Decision	291	314	7.9 %	273	-13.1 %	529	93.8 %	1,076	103.4 %
Jury Verdict	81	22	. %	54	. %	64	18.5 %	65	1.6 %
Total Post-Trial Resolutions	449	392	-12.7 %	404	3.1 %	631	56.2 %	1,206	91.1 %
Total Resolutions	74,525	43,482	-41.7 %	42,105	-3.2 %	51,907	23.3 %	62,092	19.6 %
Proceedings (6)									
Non-Jury Trial	370	307	-17 %	299	-2.6 %	358	19.7 %	420	17.3 %

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Jury Trial	145	25	. %	62	. %	93	50 %	131	40.9 %
Trial Settlement Hearing	302	239	-20.9 %	191	-20.1 %	208	8.9 %	220	5.8 %
Pre-Resolution Motion/Conference	26,515	21,161	-20.2 %	23,880	12.8 %	30,652	28.4 %	39,401	28.5 %
VoirDire Only Hearing	2	0	. %	0		5		4	. %
RALJ Hearing	76	68	-10.5 %	65	-4.4 %	73	12.3 %	101	38.4 %
Uncontested Resolution Hearing	1,655	628	-62.1 %	434	-30.9 %	760	75.1 %	1,034	36.1 %
Post-Resolution Motion Hearing	5,858	5,483	-6.4 %	6,045	10.2 %	6,296	4.2 %	7,287	15.7 %
Total Other Matter Hearing (3)	203	150	-26.1 %	179	19.3 %	148	-17.3 %	110	-25.7 %
Total Proceedings	35,126	28,061	-20.1 %	31,155	11 %	38,593	23.9 %	48,708	26.2 %
Average Proceedings/Resolution	0.5	0.6		0.7		0.7		0.8	

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