

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

History of Activity, All Reviews, Division III - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	633	719	13.6 %	744	3.5 %	700	-5.9 %	703	0.4 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	52	58	11.5 %	51	-12.1 %	51	0 %	38	-25.5 %
Opinions Unpublished	303	249	-17.8 %	228	-8.4 %	223	-2.2 %	251	12.6 %
Opinions	355	307	-13.5 %	279	-9.1 %	274	-1.8 %	289	5.5 %
Dismissed	143	112	-21.7 %	119	6.3 %	128	7.6 %	122	-4.7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	8	7	. %	7	. %	3	. %	24	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	1	. %	2	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	3	2	. %	0	. %	3	. %	4	. %
Orders	154	122	-20.8 %	128	4.9 %	134	4.7 %	150	11.9 %
Decided on Merits	4	1	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Dismissed	120	118	-1.7 %	109	-7.6 %	143	31.2 %	109	-23.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	1	. %
Review Not Accepted	41	49	19.5 %	59	20.4 %	43	-27.1 %	61	41.9 %
Other Terminations	9	7	. %	6	. %	5	. %	9	. %
Rulings	174	175	0.6 %	174	-0.6 %	191	9.8 %	180	-5.8 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	328	297	-9.5 %	302	1.7 %	325	7.6 %	330	1.5 %
Total Resolved	683	604	-11.6 %	581	-3.8 %	599	3.1 %	619	3.3 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	34	31	-8.8 %	43	38.7 %	40	-7 %	40	0 %
Brief Not Filed	355	342	-3.7 %	343	0.3 %	314	-8.5 %	346	10.2 %
Appellant Brief Filed	5	7	. %	6	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	134	113	-15.7 %	75	-33.6 %	147	96 %	128	-12.9 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	53	84	58.5 %	107	27.4 %	74	-30.8 %	111	50 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	60	44	-26.7 %	47	6.8 %	40	-14.9 %	45	12.5 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	642	622	-3.1 %	622	0 %	622	0 %	676	8.7 %
Opinion/Order in Process	63	71	12.7 %	140	97.2 %	60	-57.1 %	46	-23.3 %
Total Pending Decision	705	693	-1.7 %	762	10 %	682	-10.5 %	722	5.9 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	387	351	-9.3 %	340	-3.1 %	379	11.5 %	297	-21.6 %
Order Terminating Review	149	198	32.9 %	138	-30.3 %	142	2.9 %	159	12 %
Ruling Terminating Review	199	179	-10.1 %	207	15.6 %	226	9.2 %	195	-13.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	20	22	. %	26	. %	47	. %	25	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	368	399	8.4 %	371	-7 %	415	11.9 %	379	-8.7 %
Total Mandated	755	750	-0.7 %	711	-5.2 %	794	11.7 %	676	-14.9 %

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