

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Court Activity, All Divisions, Criminal Appeals - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	587	575	-2 %	885	53.9 %	908	2.6 %	800	-11.9 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	79	85	7.6 %	58	-31.8 %	63	8.6 %	62	-1.6 %
Opinions Unpublished	734	581	-20.8 %	389	-33 %	418	7.5 %	460	10 %
Opinions	813	666	-18.1 %	447	-32.9 %	481	7.6 %	522	8.5 %
Dismissed	0	4	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %	2	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	64	59	-7.8 %	14	0 %	42	0 %	85	102.4 %
Other Terminations	1	4	0 %	1	0 %	3	0 %	1	0 %
Orders	65	67	3.1 %	17	0 %	47	0 %	88	87.2 %
Decided on Merits	7	2	0 %	2	0 %	4	0 %	3	0 %
Dismissed	75	103	37.3 %	86	-16.5 %	123	43 %	105	-14.6 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	5	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	3	0	0 %	1	0 %	6	0 %	6	0 %
Other Terminations	6	7	0 %	8	0 %	11	0 %	10	0 %
Rulings	91	117	28.6 %	97	-17.1 %	144	48.5 %	124	-13.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	156	184	17.9 %	114	-38 %	191	67.5 %	212	11 %
Total Resolved	969	850	-12.3 %	561	-34 %	672	19.8 %	734	9.2 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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Cases Stayed	29	12	0 %	26	0 %	11	0 %	21	0 %
Brief Not Filed	455	414	-9 %	647	56.3 %	754	16.5 %	738	-2.1 %
Appellant Brief Filed	2	0	0 %	2	0 %	4	0 %	0	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	310	121	-61 %	96	-20.7 %	165	71.9 %	239	44.8 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	0	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	16	29	0 %	42	0 %	33	-21.4 %	22	0 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	133	74	-44.4 %	85	14.9 %	87	2.4 %	153	75.9 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	945	650	-31.2 %	898	38.2 %	1,055	17.5 %	1,173	11.2 %
Opinion/Order in Process	69	78	13 %	56	-28.2 %	65	16.1 %	73	12.3 %
Total Pending Decision	1,014	728	-28.2 %	954	31 %	1,120	17.4 %	1,246	11.3 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	784	787	0.4 %	531	-32.5 %	483	-9 %	517	7 %
Order Terminating Review	71	73	2.8 %	18	0 %	49	0 %	96	95.9 %
Ruling Terminating Review	106	117	10.4 %	109	-6.8 %	144	32.1 %	133	-7.6 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	3	3	0 %	4	0 %	21	0 %	2	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	180	193	7.2 %	131	-32.1 %	214	63.4 %	231	7.9 %
Total Mandated	964	980	1.7 %	662	-32.4 %	697	5.3 %	748	7.3 %

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