

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity, All Divisions, Civil Appeals - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,019	1,111	9 %	1,137	2.3 %	1,244	9.4 %	1,309	5.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	125	126	0.8 %	129	2.4 %	115	-10.9 %	88	-23.5 %
Opinions Unpublished	521	489	-6.1 %	480	-1.8 %	451	-6 %	512	13.5 %
Opinions	646	615	-4.8 %	609	-1 %	566	-7.1 %	600	6 %
Dismissed	2	1	0 %	2	0 %	1	0 %	1	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	43	51	18.6 %	28	0 %	48	0 %	88	83.3 %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	4	0	0 %	4	0 %	5	0 %	3	0 %
Orders	50	53	6 %	36	-32.1 %	54	50 %	92	70.4 %
Decided on Merits	32	22	0 %	24	0 %	11	0 %	12	0 %
Dismissed	322	334	3.7 %	337	0.9 %	383	13.6 %	410	7 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	2	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	20	14	0 %	16	0 %	16	0 %	27	0 %
Other Terminations	11	15	0 %	15	0 %	33	0 %	20	0 %
Rulings	385	387	0.5 %	392	1.3 %	443	13 %	469	5.9 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	435	440	1.1 %	428	-2.7 %	497	16.1 %	561	12.9 %
Total Resolved	1,081	1,055	-2.4 %	1,037	-1.7 %	1,063	2.5 %	1,161	9.2 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	23	25	0 %	32	0 %	39	21.9 %	38	-2.6 %
Brief Not Filed	605	597	-1.3 %	531	-11.1 %	621	16.9 %	717	15.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	3	1	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %	8	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	289	213	-26.3 %	141	-33.8 %	171	21.3 %	177	3.5 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	32	38	18.8 %	56	47.4 %	36	-35.7 %	62	72.2 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	128	109	-14.8 %	101	-7.3 %	105	4 %	162	54.3 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,081	983	-9.1 %	864	-12.1 %	975	12.8 %	1,164	19.4 %
Opinion/Order in Process	64	95	48.4 %	168	76.8 %	79	-53 %	52	-34.2 %
Total Pending Decision	1,145	1,078	-5.9 %	1,032	-4.3 %	1,054	2.1 %	1,216	15.4 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	690	755	9.4 %	687	-9 %	695	1.2 %	635	-8.6 %
Order Terminating Review	53	63	18.9 %	40	-36.5 %	51	27.5 %	95	86.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	452	437	-3.3 %	435	-0.5 %	474	9 %	483	1.9 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	5	4	0 %	13	0 %	11	0 %	16	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	510	504	-1.2 %	488	-3.2 %	536	9.8 %	594	10.8 %
Total Mandated	1,200	1,259	4.9 %	1,175	-6.7 %	1,231	4.8 %	1,229	-0.2 %

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