

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

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

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,606	1,686	5 %	2,022	19.9 %	2,152	6.4 %	2,109	-2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	204	211	3.4 %	187	-11.4 %	178	-4.8 %	150	-15.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,255	1,070	-14.7 %	869	-18.8 %	869	0 %	972	11.9 %
Opinions	1,459	1,281	-12.2 %	1,056	-17.6 %	1,047	-0.9 %	1,122	7.2 %
Dismissed	2	5	0 %	4	0 %	3	0 %	3	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	107	110	2.8 %	42	-61.8 %	90	114.3 %	173	92.2 %
Review Not Accepted	1	1	0 %	2	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	5	4	0 %	5	0 %	8	0 %	4	0 %
Orders	115	120	4.3 %	53	-55.8 %	101	90.6 %	180	78.2 %
Decided on Merits	39	24	0 %	26	0 %	15	0 %	15	0 %
Dismissed	397	437	10.1 %	423	-3.2 %	506	19.6 %	515	1.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	7	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Review Not Accepted	23	14	0 %	17	0 %	22	0 %	33	0 %
Other Terminations	17	22	0 %	23	0 %	44	0 %	30	0 %
Rulings	476	504	5.9 %	489	-3 %	587	20 %	593	1 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	591	624	5.6 %	542	-13.1 %	688	26.9 %	773	12.4 %
Total Resolved	2,050	1,905	-7.1 %	1,598	-16.1 %	1,735	8.6 %	1,895	9.2 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	52	37	-28.8 %	58	56.8 %	50	-13.8 %	59	18 %
Brief Not Filed	1,060	1,011	-4.6 %	1,178	16.5 %	1,375	16.7 %	1,455	5.8 %
Appellant Brief Filed	5	1	0 %	5	0 %	7	0 %	8	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	599	334	-44.2 %	237	-29 %	336	41.8 %	416	23.8 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	1	0 %	0	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	48	67	39.6 %	98	46.3 %	69	-29.6 %	84	21.7 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	261	183	-29.9 %	186	1.6 %	192	3.2 %	315	64.1 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,026	1,633	-19.4 %	1,762	7.9 %	2,030	15.2 %	2,337	15.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	133	173	30.1 %	224	29.5 %	144	-35.7 %	125	-13.2 %
Total Pending Decision	2,159	1,806	-16.4 %	1,986	10 %	2,174	9.5 %	2,462	13.2 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,474	1,542	4.6 %	1,218	-21 %	1,178	-3.3 %	1,152	-2.2 %
Order Terminating Review	124	136	9.7 %	58	-57.4 %	100	72.4 %	191	91 %
Ruling Terminating Review	558	554	-0.7 %	544	-1.8 %	618	13.6 %	616	-0.3 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	8	7	0 %	17	0 %	32	0 %	18	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	690	697	1 %	619	-11.2 %	750	21.2 %	825	10 %
Total Mandated	2,164	2,239	3.5 %	1,837	-18 %	1,928	5 %	1,977	2.5 %

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