

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity, All Divisions, Personal Restraint Petitions - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	882	837	-5.1 %	766	-8.5 %	794	3.7 %	615	-22.5 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (10)									
Opinions Published	9	9	0 %	9	0 %	7	0 %	9	0 %
Opinions Unpublished	86	100	16.3 %	93	-7 %	66	-29 %	71	7.6 %
Opinions	95	109	14.7 %	102	-6.4 %	73	-28.4 %	80	9.6 %
Dismissed	530	451	-14.9 %	542	20.2 %	564	4.1 %	469	-16.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	23	35	0 %	37	5.7 %	31	-16.2 %	22	0 %
Review Not Accepted	2	8	0 %	1	0 %	7	0 %	5	0 %
Other Terminations	73	70	-4.1 %	26	0 %	58	0 %	38	-34.5 %
Orders	628	564	-10.2 %	606	7.4 %	660	8.9 %	534	-19.1 %
Decided on Merits	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Dismissed	107	85	-20.6 %	95	11.8 %	77	-18.9 %	25	0 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	3	0 %	2	0 %
Review Not Accepted	1	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Other Terminations	4	1	0 %	2	0 %	3	0 %	0	0 %
Rulings	113	86	-23.9 %	97	12.8 %	83	-14.4 %	27	0 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	741	650	-12.3 %	703	8.2 %	743	5.7 %	561	-24.5 %
Total Resolved	836	759	-9.2 %	805	6.1 %	816	1.4 %	641	-21.4 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	146	74	-49.3 %	37	-50 %	33	-10.8 %	31	-6.1 %
Brief Not Filed	260	256	-1.5 %	211	-17.6 %	190	-10 %	189	-0.5 %
Appellant Brief Filed	7	16	0 %	10	0 %	7	0 %	4	0 %
Respondent Brief Filed	112	133	18.8 %	112	-15.8 %	109	-2.7 %	99	-9.2 %
Remanded to Trial Court	1	1	0 %	1	0 %	2	0 %	1	0 %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	1	0	0 %	4	0 %	0	0 %	0	0 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	11	0 %	5	0 %	10	0 %	4	0 %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	9	23	0 %	19	0 %	20	0 %	13	0 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	544	514	-5.5 %	399	-22.4 %	371	-7 %	341	-8.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	16	15	0 %	6	0 %	11	0 %	12	0 %
Total Pending Decision	560	529	-5.5 %	405	-23.4 %	382	-5.7 %	353	-7.6 %
MANDATED (1) (8)									
Opinion Terminating Review	105	123	17.1 %	144	17.1 %	87	-39.6 %	101	16.1 %
Order Terminating Review	566	781	38 %	646	-17.3 %	708	9.6 %	599	-15.4 %
Ruling Terminating Review	104	99	-4.8 %	109	10.1 %	83	-23.9 %	29	0 %
Other Decision Terminating Review	15	15	0 %	12	0 %	8	0 %	5	0 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	685	895	30.7 %	767	-14.3 %	799	4.2 %	633	-20.8 %
Total Mandated	790	1,018	28.9 %	911	-10.5 %	886	-2.7 %	734	-17.2 %

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