

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Days Between Events for Civil Appeals Pending or Disposed of by Opinion --75th Percentile(1) - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2024	% Chg
Filing - Comp. of Record	111	109	-1.8 %	113	3.7 %	114	0.9 %	117	2.6 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	50	49	-2 %	47	-4.1 %	47	0 %	51	8.5 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	64	64	0 %	72	12.5 %	67	-6.9 %	65	-3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	101	99	-2 %	101	2 %	105	4 %	106	1 %
App. Brief - Ready	90	85	-5.6 %	90	5.9 %	86	-4.4 %	89	3.5 %
Ready - Opinion	301	281	-6.6 %	216	-23.1 %	213	-1.4 %	212	-0.5 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	564	545	-3.4 %	478	-12.3 %	490	2.5 %	488	-0.4 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	116	118	1.7 %	113	-4.2 %	119	5.3 %	132	10.9 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	56	61	8.9 %	61	0 %	62	1.6 %	62	0 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	63	67	6.3 %	68	1.5 %	65	-4.4 %	67	3.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	108	112	3.7 %	107	-4.5 %	107	0 %	110	2.8 %
App. Brief - Ready	65	74	13.8 %	75	1.4 %	75	0 %	115	53.3 %
Ready - Opinion	412	407	-1.2 %	318	-21.9 %	239	-24.8 %	241	0.8 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	643	654	1.7 %	585	-10.6 %	504	-13.8 %	550	9.1 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	133	224	68.4 %	197	-12.1 %	181	-8.1 %	127	-29.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	55	54	-1.8 %	53	-1.9 %	52	-1.9 %	55	5.8 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	88	91	3.4 %	93	2.2 %	89	-4.3 %	87	-2.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	108	107	-0.9 %	105	-1.9 %	107	1.9 %	118	10.3 %

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Ready - Opinion (3)	295	272	-7.8 %	248	-8.8 %	266	7.3 %	278	4.5 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	576	650	12.8 %	526	-19.1 %	1,406	167.3 %	584	-58.5 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	117	125	6.8 %	125	0 %	126	0.8 %	122	-3.2 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	53	53	0 %	53	0 %	53	0 %	55	3.8 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	67	69	3 %	75	8.7 %	70	-6.7 %	70	0 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	106	105	-0.9 %	104	-1 %	105	1 %	109	3.8 %
App. Brief - Ready	85	82	-3.5 %	85	3.7 %	80	-5.9 %	93	16.3 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	345	328	-4.9 %	269	-18 %	256	-4.8 %	246	-3.9 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	593	601	1.3 %	523	-13 %	561	7.3 %	526	-6.2 %

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