

# Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

## Days Between Events for Total Appeals Pending or Disposed of by Opinion --75th Percentile (1) - 2019 to 2023

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	2019	2020	% Chg	2021	% Chg	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg
Filing - Comp. of Record	130	132	1.5 %	130	-1.5 %	132	1.5 %	137	3.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	56	58	3.6 %	57	-1.7 %	57	0 %	59	3.5 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	78	82	5.1 %	77	-6.1 %	80	3.9 %	82	2.5 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	113	121	7.1 %	111	-8.3 %	106	-4.5 %	112	5.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	102	119	16.7 %	125	5 %	113	-9.6 %	112	-0.9 %
Ready - Opinion	305	279	-8.5 %	229	-17.9 %	208	-9.2 %	203	-2.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	600	593	-1.2 %	585	-1.3 %	508	-13.2 %	532	4.7 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	142	141	-0.7 %	143	1.4 %	147	2.8 %	160	8.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	66	64	-3 %	66	3.1 %	69	4.5 %	71	2.9 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	78	80	2.6 %	84	5 %	87	3.6 %	91	4.6 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	126	122	-3.2 %	120	-1.6 %	109	-9.2 %	109	0 %
App. Brief - Ready	94	90	-4.3 %	91	1.1 %	92	1.1 %	98	6.5 %
Ready - Opinion	376	386	2.7 %	390	1 %	322	-17.4 %	221	-31.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	679	666	-1.9 %	685	2.9 %	654	-4.5 %	547	-16.4 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	147	150	2 %	168	12 %	169	0.6 %	182	7.7 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	56	60	7.1 %	58	-3.3 %	61	5.2 %	65	6.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	93	94	1.1 %	95	1.1 %	98	3.2 %	104	6.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	106	112	5.7 %	118	5.4 %	106	-10.2 %	115	8.5 %

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Ready - Opinion	288	274	-4.9 %	265	-3.3 %	258	-2.6 %	266	3.1 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION III (2)	609	604	-0.8 %	648	7.3 %	574	-11.4 %	758	32.1 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	138	140	1.4 %	142	1.4 %	146	2.8 %	156	6.8 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	60	61	1.7 %	61	0 %	63	3.3 %	65	3.2 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	83	85	2.4 %	85	0 %	89	4.7 %	91	2.2 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	115	120	4.3 %	116	-3.3 %	107	-7.8 %	111	3.7 %
App. Brief - Ready	96	104	8.3 %	113	8.7 %	101	-10.6 %	103	2 %
Ready - Opinion	323	330	2.2 %	320	-3 %	270	-15.6 %	231	-14.4 %
Filing - Opinion, COURT OF APPEALS,	629	622	-1.1 %	638	2.6 %	570	-10.7 %	567	-0.5 %

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