

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Days Between Events for Total 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	132	130	-1.5 %	132	1.5 %	137	3.8 %	135	-1.5 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	58	57	-1.7 %	57	0 %	59	3.5 %	60	1.7 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	82	77	-6.1 %	80	3.9 %	82	2.5 %	80	-2.4 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	121	111	-8.3 %	106	-4.5 %	112	5.7 %	126	12.5 %
App. Brief - Ready	119	125	5 %	113	-9.6 %	112	-0.9 %	119	6.3 %
Ready - Opinion	279	229	-17.9 %	208	-9.2 %	203	-2.4 %	215	5.9 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION I (2)	593	585	-1.3 %	508	-13.2 %	532	4.7 %	551	3.6 %
DIVISION II									
Filing - Comp. of Record	141	143	1.4 %	147	2.8 %	160	8.8 %	165	3.1 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	64	66	3.1 %	69	4.5 %	71	2.9 %	75	5.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	80	84	5 %	87	3.6 %	91	4.6 %	94	3.3 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	122	120	-1.6 %	109	-9.2 %	109	0 %	121	11 %
App. Brief - Ready	90	91	1.1 %	92	1.1 %	98	6.5 %	133	35.7 %
Ready - Opinion	386	390	1 %	322	-17.4 %	221	-31.4 %	224	1.4 %
Filing - Opinion, DIVISION II (2)	666	685	2.9 %	654	-4.5 %	547	-16.4 %	580	6 %
DIVISION III									
Filing - Comp. of Record	150	168	12 %	169	0.6 %	182	7.7 %	169	-7.1 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	60	58	-3.3 %	61	5.2 %	65	6.6 %	73	12.3 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	94	95	1.1 %	98	3.2 %	104	6.1 %	106	1.9 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	112	118	5.4 %	106	-10.2 %	115	8.5 %	133	15.7 %

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Ready - Opinion (3)	274	265	-3.3 %	258	-2.6 %	266	3.1 %	276	3.8 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	604	648	7.3 %	574	-11.4 %	758	32.1 %	641	-15.4 %
COURT OF APPEALS, TOTAL									
Filing - Comp. of Record	140	142	1.4 %	146	2.8 %	156	6.8 %	154	-1.3 %
Filing - Stmt. Of Arrgmts.	61	61	0 %	63	3.3 %	65	3.2 %	68	4.6 %
Stmt. Of Arrgmts. - Comp. of Record	85	85	0 %	89	4.7 %	91	2.2 %	92	1.1 %
Comp. of Record - App. Brief	120	116	-3.3 %	107	-7.8 %	111	3.7 %	125	12.6 %
App. Brief - Ready	104	113	8.7 %	101	-10.6 %	103	2 %	120	16.5 %
Ready - Opinion (3)	330	320	-3 %	270	-15.6 %	231	-14.4 %	245	6.1 %
Filing - Opinion Div III (2) (3)	622	638	2.6 %	570	-10.7 %	567	-0.5 %	587	3.5 %

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