

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

History of Activity, All Reviews, All Divisions (10) - 2020 to 2024

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	2,960	3,041	2.7 %	3,237	6.4 %	3,429	5.9 %	3,200	-6.7 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	226	243	7.5 %	209	-14 %	205	-1.9 %	171	-16.6 %
Opinions Unpublished	1,369	1,195	-12.7 %	985	-17.6 %	969	-1.6 %	1,074	10.8 %
Opinions	1,595	1,438	-9.8 %	1,194	-17 %	1,174	-1.7 %	1,245	6 %
Dismissed	533	456	-14.4 %	547	20 %	569	4 %	472	-17 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	136	153	12.5 %	83	-45.8 %	122	47 %	197	61.5 %
Review Not Accepted	3	10	. %	5	. %	8	. %	5	. %
Other Terminations	81	76	-6.2 %	34	-55.3 %	69	102.9 %	43	-37.7 %
Orders	753	695	-7.7 %	669	-3.7 %	768	14.8 %	717	-6.6 %
Decided on Merits	58	51	-12.1 %	55	7.8 %	37	-32.7 %	56	51.4 %
Dismissed	627	628	0.2 %	608	-3.2 %	706	16.1 %	653	-7.5 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	0	7	. %	0	. %	3	. %	2	. %
Review Not Accepted	227	235	3.5 %	232	-1.3 %	216	-6.9 %	224	3.7 %
Other Terminations	35	39	11.4 %	38	-2.6 %	79	107.9 %	60	-24.1 %
Rulings	947	960	1.4 %	933	-2.8 %	1,041	11.6 %	995	-4.4 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,700	1,655	-2.6 %	1,602	-3.2 %	1,809	12.9 %	1,712	-5.4 %
Total Resolved	3,295	3,093	-6.1 %	2,796	-9.6 %	2,983	6.7 %	2,957	-0.9 %

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PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									
Cases Stayed	208	116	-44.2 %	105	-9.5 %	96	-8.6 %	102	6.3 %
Brief Not Filed	1,422	1,386	-2.5 %	1,493	7.7 %	1,672	12 %	1,757	5.1 %
Appellant Brief Filed	12	17	. %	15	. %	15	. %	12	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	744	478	-35.8 %	364	-23.8 %	457	25.5 %	527	15.3 %
Remanded to Trial Court	2	1	. %	1	. %	3	. %	1	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	126	174	38.1 %	192	10.3 %	121	-37 %	162	33.9 %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	11	. %	5	. %	10	. %	4	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	287	216	-24.7 %	220	1.9 %	218	-0.9 %	336	54.1 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	2,809	2,399	-14.6 %	2,395	-0.2 %	2,592	8.2 %	2,901	11.9 %
Opinion/Order in Process	155	193	24.5 %	247	28 %	166	-32.8 %	140	-15.7 %
Total Pending Decision	2,964	2,592	-12.6 %	2,642	1.9 %	2,758	4.4 %	3,041	10.3 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	1,647	1,727	4.9 %	1,419	-17.8 %	1,341	-5.5 %	1,302	-2.9 %
Order Terminating Review	705	937	32.9 %	718	-23.4 %	820	14.2 %	801	-2.3 %
Ruling Terminating Review	1,009	1,074	6.4 %	1,054	-1.9 %	1,110	5.3 %	1,046	-5.8 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	35	29	. %	38	. %	62	63.2 %	33	-46.8 %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	1,749	2,040	16.6 %	1,810	-11.3 %	1,992	10.1 %	1,880	-5.6 %
Total Mandated	3,396	3,767	10.9 %	3,229	-14.3 %	3,333	3.2 %	3,182	-4.5 %

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