

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

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

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	2020	2021	% Chg (9)	2022	% Chg (9)	2023	% Chg (9)	2024	% Chg (9)
FILINGS									
Total Filings	1,273	1,272	-0.1 %	1,322	3.9 %	1,335	1 %	1,306	-2.2 %
RESOLUTIONS (1) (11)									
Opinions Published	104	108	3.8 %	101	-6.5 %	91	-9.9 %	74	-18.7 %
Opinions Unpublished	634	542	-14.5 %	381	-29.7 %	441	15.7 %	485	10 %
Opinions	738	650	-11.9 %	482	-25.8 %	532	10.4 %	559	5.1 %
Dismissed	191	191	0 %	189	-1 %	209	10.6 %	132	-36.8 %
Transferred/Certified (2)	13	20	. %	18	. %	10	. %	6	. %
Review Not Accepted	0	0	. %	2	. %	1	. %	0	. %
Other Terminations	40	43	7.5 %	24	. %	30	. %	15	. %
Orders	244	254	4.1 %	233	-8.3 %	250	7.3 %	153	-38.8 %
Decided on Merits	11	8	. %	5	. %	8	. %	4	. %
Dismissed	297	288	-3 %	263	-8.7 %	288	9.5 %	292	1.4 %
Review Not Accepted	121	125	3.3 %	102	-18.4 %	91	-10.8 %	82	-9.9 %
Other Terminations	8	10	. %	21	. %	39	. %	4	. %
Rulings	437	431	-1.4 %	391	-9.3 %	426	9 %	382	-10.3 %
Other Decisions Term. Review (3)	0	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %	0	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	681	685	0.6 %	624	-8.9 %	676	8.3 %	535	-20.9 %
Total Resolved	1,419	1,335	-5.9 %	1,106	-17.2 %	1,208	9.2 %	1,094	-9.4 %
PENDING AT YEAR END (5)									

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(7) Set for Oral Argument counts are influenced by procedural differences among divisions in setting cases. Division III, due to hearings in multiple locations, often delays the setting of cases until there are sufficient numbers to warrant travel, but cases are usually set only six weeks out.

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Cases Stayed	32	13	. %	19	. %	30	. %	42	. %
Brief Not Filed	560	541	-3.4 %	600	10.9 %	613	2.2 %	784	27.9 %
Appellant Brief Filed	2	6	. %	5	. %	6	. %	5	. %
Respondent Brief Filed	304	181	-40.5 %	131	-27.6 %	103	-21.4 %	158	53.4 %
Remanded to Trial Court	0	0	. %	0	. %	2	. %	0	. %
Set for Commissioners' Calendar	53	49	-7.5 %	48	-2 %	22	. %	19	. %
Ruling Referred to Panel (6)	8	11	. %	5	. %	10	. %	4	. %
Set for Oral Argument (7)	118	106	-10.2 %	102	-3.8 %	123	20.6 %	171	39 %
Total Awaiting Hearing	1,077	907	-15.8 %	910	0.3 %	909	-0.1 %	1,183	30.1 %
Opinion/Order in Process	8	29	. %	57	. %	48	-15.8 %	48	0 %
Total Pending Decision	1,085	936	-13.7 %	967	3.3 %	957	-1 %	1,231	28.6 %
MANDATED (1)									
Opinion Terminating Review	759	837	10.3 %	588	-29.7 %	534	-9.2 %	604	13.1 %
Order Terminating Review	243	326	34.2 %	288	-11.7 %	269	-6.6 %	187	-30.5 %
Ruling Terminating Review	468	504	7.7 %	425	-15.7 %	450	5.9 %	411	-8.7 %
Other Decision Terminating Review (8)	8	2	. %	8	. %	4	. %	4	. %
Total Orders/Rulings/Other (4)	719	832	15.7 %	721	-13.3 %	723	0.3 %	602	-16.7 %
Total Mandated	1,478	1,669	12.9 %	1,309	-21.6 %	1,257	-4 %	1,206	-4.1 %

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