

Overall Caseload Statistics

		Explanation of the Judicial Caseload Profiles for United States Courts of Appeals			
A p p e l e d s	Total	Appeals on the General Docket	Total appeals filed, including reopened and reinstated appeals		
	Prisoner		Civil filings comprising state and federal prisoner petitions only		
	Other		All other civil filings, original proceedings, and bankruptcy reviews		
	Criminal		All criminal appeals		
	Administrative		All petitions to review administrative agency decisions and applications for enforcement		
	Percent Change in Total Filings Current Year Over Earlier Year		Percent change in total filings for current year over previous year		
		Percent change in total filings for current year over prior two, three, four, and five years			
T e r m i n a t e d	Total	Appeals on the General Docket	Total cases disposed of		
	Consolidations & Cross Appeals		Includes cross appeals and appeals terminated through consolidation with a lead case (the lead case will be included below as applicable)		
	Procedural		Includes all dispositions (with and without judicial action) not based on the merits of the case		
	On the Merits		Total	Appeals based on the merits of the case	Total cases disposed of
			Prisoner		Prisoner petition dispositions
			Other		All other civil, original proceeding, and bankruptcy dispositions
			Criminal		Criminal dispositions
			Administrative		Administrative agency dispositions
			Percent by Active Judges		Percent of cases terminated by active judges of the court
	Pending Appeals		Pending cases at the end of the year		
A c t i o n s p e r A c t i v e J u d g e	Termination on the Merits	Data in this section are divided by the number of judges active during the entire 12-month period.	Dispositions based on the merits		
	Procedural Terminations		Dispositions after judicial action not based on the merits of the case, including jurisdictional defects, voluntary dismissals, settlements, and defaults		
	Written Decisions		Total	Written opinions or orders in cases disposed of on the merits	
			Signed	Includes any opinion written in support of a specific decision that was authored and signed by a judge writing the majority opinion	
			Unsigned	Includes any unsigned opinion of the court that states the legal and factual elements and judgment rationale	
			Without Comment	Includes any unsigned opinion or order that does not state the legal and factual elements and judgment rationale	

**Explanation of the Judicial Caseload Profiles
for United States Courts of Appeals (continued)**

	Number of Judgeships/ Number of Panels	Authorized judgeships (not including senior judges)/ Authorized three-judge panels			
	Number of Sitting Senior Judges	Number of court's own senior judges participating in case dispositions			
	Number of Vacant Judgeship Months	Number of months during the year an authorized judgeship position was not filled			
Actions per Panel*	A p p e l s	Total		Total appeals filed, including reopened and reinstated appeals	
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			Criminal		Criminal dispositions
			Administrative		Administrative agency dispositions
		Pending Appeals		Pending cases at the end of the year	
		Median Time	Median Time From Filing Notice of Appeal to Final Disposition	Time elapsed (in months) from the date of filing notice of appeal to the date of final disposition for the middle (median) case of all cases terminated on the merits	
Other Caseload per Judgeship	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals	Dispositions of applications for interlocutory appeals			
	Petitions for Rehearing	Petitions for rehearing by panel or en banc			

***Actions per Panel**

The caseload statistics for the courts of appeals are presented as "actions per panel" rather than "actions per judgeship" as used for the district courts. Actions per panel provide a more accurate indication of the caseload of an individual judge, as appeals cases are generally handled by panels of three judges rather than by single judges.

Circuit's Numerical Standings	The 12 regional courts of appeals have been arranged in a ranked order with respect to the statistical indices of caseload or performance found on the profile. These values indicate where the caseload of an individual court of appeals stands in relation to the caseloads of all other circuit courts of appeals. Statistics are ranked in descending order (highest value/largest caseload receives a rank of 1).
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