

**Case Participations<sup>1</sup> in the U.S. Courts of Appeals  
On Cases Submitted On Briefs Or Orally Argued  
During The 12-Month Periods Ending December 31, 2015 Through 2020**

Circuit and Year	Total Case Participations	Resident Circuit Judges		Resident Senior Circuit Judges		Visiting Judges		Cases Disposed of by Consolidations <sup>2</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
<b>Nation</b>									
Dec 2015	89,788	69,625	77.5	16,964	18.9	3,199	3.6	7,629	
2016	107,315	83,316	77.6	20,204	18.8	3,795	3.5	7,851	
2017	96,748	69,534	71.9	23,218	24.0	3,996	4.1	7,349	
2018	86,331	61,037	70.7	21,653	25.1	3,641	4.2	6,823	
2019	85,651	61,898	72.3	21,054	24.6	2,699	3.2	9,307	
2020	85,710	64,394	75.1	18,510	21.6	2,806	3.3	6,465	
<b>District Of Columbia</b>									
Dec 2015	1,649	1,282	77.7	367	22.3	-	0.0	963	
2016	1,633	1,300	79.6	333	20.4	-	0.0	599	
2017	1,507	1,193	79.2	314	20.8	-	0.0	534	
2018	1,655	1,340	81.0	315	19.0	-	0.0	540	
2019	1,392	1,124	80.7	265	19.0	3	0.2	1,191	
2020	1,435	1,221	85.1	214	14.9	-	0.0	420	
<b>First Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	2,706	2,013	74.4	265	9.8	428	15.8	246	
2016	2,796	2,058	73.6	279	10.0	459	16.4	162	
2017	2,682	2,002	74.6	236	8.8	444	16.6	168	
2018	2,103	1,533	72.9	198	9.4	372	17.7	162	
2019	2,879	2,256	78.4	208	7.2	415	14.4	168	
2020	2,633	1,945	73.9	207	7.9	481	18.3	152	

<b>Second Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	7,495	5,421	72.3	1,761	23.5	313	4.2	676	
2016	7,558	5,164	68.3	1,983	26.2	411	5.4	1,000	
2017	6,891	4,256	61.8	2,139	31.0	496	7.2	890	
2018	6,708	4,129	61.6	1,969	29.4	610	9.1	542	
2019	6,842	3,946	57.7	2,452	35.8	444	6.5	867	
2020	7,060	4,339	61.5	2,503	35.5	218	3.1	640	
<b>Third Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	6,617	4,948	74.8	1,655	25.0	14	0.2	201	
2016	6,654	4,687	70.4	1,940	29.2	27	0.4	267	
2017	7,815	5,454	69.8	2,265	29.0	96	1.2	186	
2018	5,374	3,735	69.5	1,543	28.7	96	1.8	219	
2019	6,422	5,018	78.1	1,350	21.0	54	0.8	1,923	
2020	5,580	4,667	83.6	897	16.1	16	0.3	333	
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	9,652	8,487	87.9	1,145	11.9	20	0.2	681	
2016	14,792	13,493	91.2	1,231	8.3	68	0.5	725	
2017	9,925	9,193	92.6	700	7.1	32	0.3	513	
2018	8,873	7,491	84.4	1,320	14.9	62	0.7	648	
2019	8,522	7,161	84.0	1,336	15.7	25	0.3	615	
2020	8,295	7,376	88.9	869	10.5	50	0.6	466	
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	11,287	9,254	82.0	1,963	17.4	70	0.6	1,822	
2016	13,259	11,141	84.0	2,064	15.6	54	0.4	1,578	
2017	11,474	8,938	77.9	2,496	21.8	40	0.3	1,900	
2018	11,127	8,333	74.9	2,780	25.0	14	0.1	1,631	
2019	10,649	8,355	78.5	2,282	21.4	12	0.1	1,489	
2020	9,944	7,954	80.0	1,978	19.9	12	0.1	1,584	

<b>Sixth Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	7,884	5,422	68.8	1,671	21.2	791	10.0	463	
2016	9,672	6,683	69.1	2,287	23.6	702	7.3	574	
2017	9,177	6,407	69.8	2,453	26.7	317	3.5	441	
2018	7,514	4,989	66.4	2,214	29.5	311	4.1	361	
2019	6,981	4,524	64.8	2,390	34.2	67	1.0	561	
2020	8,410	5,597	66.6	2,769	32.9	44	0.5	531	
<b>Seventh Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	4,601	3,431	74.6	1,097	23.8	73	1.6	382	
2016	6,186	4,815	77.8	1,248	20.2	123	2.0	360	
2017	4,376	3,415	78.0	883	20.2	78	1.8	368	
2018	4,213	3,427	81.3	705	16.7	81	1.9	326	
2019	4,093	3,508	85.7	572	14.0	13	0.3	311	
2020	3,941	3,483	88.4	458	11.6	-	0.0	396	
<b>Eighth Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	6,505	5,272	81.0	1,178	18.1	55	0.8	324	
2016	7,383	5,648	76.5	1,668	22.6	67	0.9	414	
2017	7,600	5,570	73.3	1,928	25.4	102	1.3	393	
2018	6,488	5,493	84.7	951	14.7	44	0.7	338	
2019	6,500	5,500	84.6	986	15.2	14	0.2	365	
2020	7,041	6,215	88.3	803	11.4	23	0.3	337	
<b>Ninth Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	18,704	13,408	71.7	4,221	22.6	1,075	5.7	1,146	
2016	19,787	12,447	62.9	5,793	29.3	1,547	7.8	1,053	
2017	22,274	11,894	53.4	8,320	37.4	2,060	9.2	1,422	
2018	19,912	10,910	54.8	7,252	36.4	1,750	8.8	1,524	
2019	19,244	10,796	56.1	7,030	36.5	1,418	7.4	1,280	
2020	19,457	12,071	62.0	5,680	29.2	1,706	8.8	1,114	

<b>Tenth Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	3,772	3,075	81.5	695	18.4	2	0.1	105	
2016	4,758	4,091	86.0	666	14.0	1	0.0	69	
2017	3,765	3,067	81.5	695	18.5	3	0.1	84	
2018	3,578	2,788	77.9	790	22.1	-	0.0	48	
2019	3,560	2,839	79.7	721	20.3	-	0.0	60	
2020	3,460	2,873	83.0	587	17.0	-	0.0	63	
<b>Eleventh Circuit</b>									
Dec 2015	8,916	7,612	85.4	946	10.6	358	4.0	620	
2016	12,837	11,789	91.8	712	5.5	336	2.6	1,050	
2017	9,262	8,145	87.9	789	8.5	328	3.5	450	
2018	8,786	6,869	78.2	1,616	18.4	301	3.4	484	
2019	8,567	6,871	80.2	1,462	17.1	234	2.7	477	
2020	8,454	6,653	78.7	1,545	18.3	256	3.0	429	

<sup>1</sup> A case participation by an individual judge is defined as an appeal in which the judge hears oral arguments or the appeal is submitted on briefs. Thus, when a single appeal is heard before a panel of three judges, the number of case participations is three. This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

<sup>2</sup> Beginning in December 2011, cases disposed of by consolidation and cross appeals are counted under procedural and merit terminations and shown as subset of merit terminations here.