

Table 326. U.S. Supreme Court—Cases Filed and Disposition: 1980 to 2005

[Statutory term of court begins first Monday in **October**]

Action	1980	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total cases on docket	5,144	6,316	7,565	8,965	9,176	9,406	8,882	8,588	9,608
Appellate cases on docket	2,749	2,351	2,456	2,305	2,210	2,190	2,058	2,041	2,025
From prior term	527	365	361	351	324	321	336	300	354
Docketed during present term	2,222	1,986	2,095	1,954	1,886	1,869	1,722	1,741	1,671
Cases acted upon	2,324	2,042	2,130	2,024	1,932	1,899	1,798	1,727	1,703
Granted review	167	114	92	85	82	83	74	69	63
Denied, dismissed, or withdrawn	1,999	1,802	1,945	1,842	1,751	1,727	1,641	1,529	1,554
Summarily decided	90	81	62	63	57	46	37	89	46
Cases not acted upon	425	309	326	281	278	291	260	314	322
Pauper cases on docket	2,371	3,951	5,098	6,651	6,958	7,209	6,818	6,543	7,575
Cases acted upon ¹	2,027	3,436	4,514	5,736	6,139	6,488	6,036	5,815	6,533
Granted review	17	27	13	14	6	8	13	11	15
Denied, dismissed, or withdrawn	1,968	3,369	4,439	5,658	6,114	6,459	6,005	5,061	6,459
Summarily decided	32	28	55	61	13	17	13	737	58
Cases not acted upon	344	515	584	915	819	721	782	728	1,042
Original cases on docket	24	14	11	9	8	7	6	4	8
Cases disposed of during term	7	3	5	2	1	1	2	–	4
Total cases available for argument . . .	264	201	145	138	137	139	140	128	122
Cases disposed of	162	131	93	89	90	87	93	87	87
Cases argued	154	125	90	86	88	84	91	87	88
Cases dismissed or remanded without argument	8	6	3	3	2	3	2	–	1
Cases remaining	102	70	52	49	47	52	47	41	31
Cases decided by signed opinion	144	121	87	83	85	79	89	85	82
Cases decided by per curiam opinion.	8	4	3	4	3	5	2	2	5
Number of signed opinions.	123	112	75	77	76	71	73	74	69

– Represents zero. ¹ Includes cases granted review and carried over to next term, not shown separately.

Source: Office of the Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States, unpublished data.