

Table 321. U.S. Supreme Court—Cases Filed and Disposition: 1980 to 2006

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

Action	1980	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Total cases on docket	5,144	6,316	7,565	8,965	9,406	8,882	8,588	9,608	10,256
Appellate cases on docket	2,749	2,351	2,456	2,305	2,190	2,058	2,041	2,025	2,069
From prior term	527	365	361	351	321	336	300	354	346
Docketed during present term	2,222	1,986	2,095	1,954	1,869	1,722	1,741	1,671	1,723
Cases acted upon	2,324	2,042	2,130	2,024	1,899	1,798	1,727	1,703	1,736
Granted review	167	114	92	85	83	74	69	63	62
Denied, dismissed, or withdrawn	1,999	1,802	1,945	1,842	1,727	1,641	1,529	1,554	1,611
Summarily decided	90	81	62	63	46	37	89	46	39
Cases not acted upon	425	309	326	281	291	260	314	322	333
Pauper cases on docket	2,371	3,951	5,098	6,651	7,209	6,818	6,543	7,575	8,181
Cases acted upon ¹	2,027	3,436	4,514	5,736	6,488	6,036	5,815	6,533	7,186
Granted review	17	27	13	14	8	13	11	15	15
Denied, dismissed, or withdrawn	1,968	3,369	4,439	5,658	6,459	6,005	5,061	6,459	6,925
Summarily decided	32	28	55	61	17	13	737	58	239
Cases not acted upon	344	515	584	915	721	782	728	1,042	995
Original cases on docket	24	14	11	9	7	6	4	8	6
Cases disposed of during term	7	3	5	2	1	2	–	4	1
Total cases available for argument	264	201	145	138	139	140	128	122	108
Cases disposed of	162	131	93	89	87	93	87	87	80
Cases argued	154	125	90	86	84	91	87	88	78
Cases dismissed or remanded without argument	8	6	3	3	3	2	–	1	2
Cases remaining	102	70	52	49	52	47	41	31	28
Cases decided by signed opinion	144	121	87	83	79	89	85	82	74
Cases decided by per curiam opinion.	8	4	3	4	5	2	2	5	4
Number of signed opinions.	123	112	75	77	71	73	74	69	67

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Source: Office of the Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States, unpublished data.