

Summary of Reported Activity For State Fiscal Years 1994 Through 2003

Supreme Court	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Justices	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
¹ Regular Causes:										
Added to docket	190	133	152	120	115	107	116	119	118	115
Disposed	187	160	142	121	108	118	111	118	112	101
Pending at end of year	67	41	52	57	63	49	61	63	62	79
² Petitions for Review:										
Filed	----	----	----	----	949	1,012	1,069	1,018	986	968
Disposed:										
Granted	----	----	----	----	52	108	97	96	116	98
Other dispositions	----	----	----	----	613	883	966	1,020	885	875
Pending at end of year	----	----	----	----	284	313	328	329	314	317
² Applications for Writs of Error:										
Filed	1,054	1,021	989	983	55	0	----	----	----	----
Disposed:										
Granted	125	132	150	104	75	5	----	----	----	----
Other dispositions	968	865	861	832	364	10	----	----	----	----
Pending at end of year	317	353	337	389	14	0	----	----	----	----
Other Writs and Motions:										
Filed	1,694	1,936	2,004	2,029	1,940	1,911	1,997	1,925	2,087	2,761
Disposed	2,017	1,917	2,028	1,980	1,992	1,940	2,011	1,877	2,117	2,775
Pending at end of year	173	227	196	244	129	170	139	199	187	121
Opinions Written	229	246	183	179	222	165	180	139	165	128
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Court of Criminal Appeals	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number of Judges	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Direct Appeals:										
Added to docket	202	245	318	422	298	363	387	256	278	308
Disposed	216	232	323	447	301	377	381	254	295	306
Pending at end of year	124	137	132	107	104	90	109	110	92	89
Petitions for Discretionary Review:										
Filed	1,477	1,439	1,847	1,677	1,983	2,060	2,271	2,146	1,951	1,742
Disposed:										
Granted	148	112	211	111	173	163	170	102	146	109
Refused or dismissed	1,523	1,340	1,568	1,533	1,566	1,970	2,222	2,026	1,871	1,599
Pending at end of year	407	395	466	500	744	673	552	685	490	524
³ Applications for Writs of Habeas Corpus:										
Filed	3,396	4,199	4,730	5,782	6,416	7,074	7,281	5,964	6,167	6,660
Disposed	3,412	4,550	4,232	5,709	6,187	7,573	7,383	6,123	5,968	6,611
Pending at end of year	692	597	1,019	1,151	1,274	869	931	694	900	948
³ Original Proceedings:										
Filed	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	602	732	758
Disposed	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	602	702	721
Pending at end of year	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	68	101	147
Motions Considered	1,447	1,423	2,578	1,731	2,229	2,400	1,103	1,911	1,644	1,392
Opinions Written	468	526	749	747	652	798	709	472	595	612
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¹ See definition in Supreme Court section.										
² As of September 1, 1997, Petitions for Review replaced Applications for Writs of Error.										
³ Prior to FY 2001, Original Proceedings were included in "Applications for Writs of Habeas Corpus, etc."										

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Courts of Appeals										
No. of Courts/Total No. of Justices	14/80	14/80	14/80	14/80	14/80	14/80	14/80	14/80	14/80	14/80
Civil Cases:										
Added to docket	4,380	4,462	4,748	4,805	5,358	5,211	5,176	5,139	5,219	5,239
Disposed	4,087	4,545	4,465	4,517	4,722	5,254	5,457	5,515	5,404	5,172
Pending at end of year	2,987	2,781	3,097	3,405	4,047	3,987	3,717	3,346	3,229	3,288
Criminal Cases:										
Added to docket	5,210	5,635	6,391	6,718	7,144	7,081	7,163	6,558	6,765	7,102
Disposed	5,456	5,104	5,699	6,732	7,014	7,894	7,972	7,614	6,995	7,248
Pending at end of year	6,140	6,657	7,373	7,404	7,528	6,739	5,973	4,948	4,748	4,588
Opinions Written	9,301	9,172	9,950	10,480	11,457	12,787	12,798	12,691	11,959	11,404
District Courts										
Number of Courts (Average)	386	386	396	396	396	405	414	418	418	418
Civil Cases:										
Added to docket	448,075	473,768	466,840	466,956	443,095	454,175	486,320	500,460	525,178	550,633
Disposed	438,727	442,008	470,210	477,217	450,583	434,335	470,529	491,328	492,061	513,142
Pending at end of year	523,836	554,928	559,646	547,966	539,273	545,712	571,066	579,536	600,621	636,498
Criminal Cases:										
Added to docket	208,718	201,471	204,227	213,667	215,958	210,494	222,882	214,132	229,405	250,791
Disposed:										
Convictions	81,332	79,112	77,589	81,513	83,101	84,567	89,457	87,454	92,838	106,130
Other dispositions	119,125	121,681	119,073	127,842	128,529	122,179	130,198	122,782	125,259	135,724
Pending at end of year	168,467	169,063	177,236	182,391	188,329	181,781	190,423	192,032	202,100	210,280
Juvenile Cases:										
Added to docket	23,517	24,473	33,103	36,554	37,261	35,909	36,813	38,662	37,452	39,016
Disposed	21,627	24,451	29,763	34,656	36,026	33,498	34,602	36,679	36,482	36,298
Pending at end of year	10,397	10,219	13,938	15,430	16,507	18,764	19,748	20,410	20,710	21,085
County-Level Courts										
Number of Courts:										
Constitutional	254	254	254	254	254	254	254	254	254	254
Statutory (average)	185	189	191	194	197	203	207	211	218	226
Civil Cases:										
Added to docket:										
Original cases	86,312	90,647	94,352	99,496	99,818	108,721	111,396	115,620	126,478	145,283
Appeals from lower courts	2,853	3,435	3,753	3,266	2,976	3,188	3,018	2,974	3,049	3,704
Disposed:	87,820	87,704	93,856	104,167	100,376	113,726	116,485	119,288	121,202	137,318
Pending at end of year	162,905	169,056	167,825	167,088	165,183	159,773	163,549	149,193	157,586	178,560
Criminal Cases:										
Added to docket:										
Original cases	458,973	498,068	506,687	508,519	536,107	543,134	541,780	561,088	539,908	531,748
Appeals from lower courts	60,635	70,246	44,419	30,770	35,891	27,851	23,839	23,704	21,357	18,662
Disposed:	217,404	229,172	235,434	245,786	254,403	266,211	263,481	272,488	257,893	269,599
Convictions	329,666	309,652	310,148	301,306	287,821	294,390	301,065	307,182	287,028	283,798
Other dispositions	547,070	566,680	571,914	562,994	590,479	601,544	612,209	603,446	616,410	615,615
Pending at end of year										
Juvenile Cases:										
Added to docket	5,103	5,500	6,111	7,336	7,901	8,094	8,226	7,908	8,251	8,459
Disposed	4,754	5,272	5,837	6,736	7,697	7,812	8,041	7,961	7,633	8,129
Pending at end of year	2,564	2,778	3,069	3,645	4,003	4,027	4,148	4,183	4,300	4,774
Probate Cases Filed	54,898	55,192	55,819	55,452	55,185	56,110	56,657	57,506	54,329	55,716
Probate Hearings Held	78,619	82,413	79,663	81,641	76,669	80,408	84,463	84,863	80,052	79,412
Mental Health Cases Filed	21,174	26,783	25,403	26,434	26,063	27,154	28,792	29,594	29,126	29,012
Mental Health Hearings Held	24,401	31,276	30,145	32,180	30,977	30,060	32,837	36,655	32,915	31,148