

Table 322. U.S. Supreme Court—Cases Filed and Disposition: 1980 to 2007

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

Action	1980	1990	1995	2000	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total cases on docket	5,144	6,316	7,565	8,965	8,882	8,588	9,608	10,256	9,602
Appellate cases on docket	2,749	2,351	2,456	2,305	2,058	2,041	2,025	2,069	1,969
From prior term	527	365	361	351	336	300	354	346	355
Docketed during present term	2,222	1,986	2,095	1,954	1,722	1,741	1,671	1,723	1,614
Cases acted upon	2,324	2,042	2,130	2,024	1,798	1,727	1,703	1,736	1,666
Granted review	167	114	92	85	74	69	63	62	85
Denied, dismissed, or withdrawn	1,999	1,802	1,945	1,842	1,641	1,529	1,554	1,611	1,529
Summarily decided	90	81	62	63	37	89	46	39	30
Cases not acted upon	425	309	326	281	260	314	322	333	303
Pauper cases on docket	2,371	3,951	5,098	6,651	6,818	6,543	7,575	8,181	7,628
Cases acted upon ¹	2,027	3,436	4,514	5,736	6,036	5,815	6,533	7,186	6,753
Granted review	17	27	13	14	13	11	15	15	10
Denied, dismissed, or withdrawn	1,968	3,369	4,439	5,658	6,005	5,061	6,459	6,925	6,562
Summarily decided	32	28	55	61	13	737	58	239	175
Cases not acted upon	344	515	584	915	782	728	1,042	995	875
Original cases on docket	24	14	11	9	6	4	8	6	5
Cases disposed of during term	7	3	5	2	2	–	4	1	1
Total cases available for argument	264	201	145	138	140	128	122	108	125
Cases disposed of	162	131	93	89	93	87	87	80	78
Cases argued	154	125	90	86	91	87	88	78	75
Cases dismissed or remanded without argument	8	6	3	3	2	–	1	2	3
Cases remaining	102	70	52	49	47	41	31	28	47
Cases decided by signed opinion	144	121	87	83	89	85	82	74	72
Cases decided by per curiam opinion	8	4	3	4	2	2	5	4	2
Number of signed opinions	123	112	75	77	73	74	69	67	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Source: Office of the Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States, unpublished data.