

Table 331. U.S. Supreme Court—Cases Filed and Disposition: 1980 to 2010

[Statutory term of court begins first Monday in October]

Action	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total cases on docket	5,144	6,316	7,565	8,965	9,608	9,602	8,966	9,302	9,066
Appellate cases on docket	2,749	2,351	2,456	2,305	2,025	1,969	1,941	1,908	1,895
From prior term	527	365	361	351	354	355	345	328	337
Docketed during present term	2,222	1,986	2,095	1,954	1,671	1,614	1,596	1,580	1,558
Cases acted upon	2,324	2,042	2,130	2,024	1,703	1,666	1,654	1,607	1,618
Granted review	167	114	92	85	63	85	78	69	76
Denied, dismissed, or withdrawn	1,999	1,802	1,945	1,842	1,554	1,529	1,505	1,452	1,461
Summarily decided	90	81	62	63	46	30	29	45	45
Cases not acted upon	425	309	326	281	322	303	287	301	277
Pauper cases on docket	2,371	3,951	5,098	6,651	7,575	7,628	7,021	7,388	7,167
Cases acted upon ¹	2,027	3,436	4,514	5,736	6,533	6,753	6,214	6,524	6,250
Granted review	17	27	13	14	15	10	9	8	14
Denied, dismissed, or withdrawn	1,968	3,369	4,439	5,658	6,459	6,562	6,136	6,465	6,195
Summarily decided	32	28	55	61	58	175	65	46	37
Cases not acted upon	344	515	584	915	1,042	875	807	864	917
Original cases on docket	24	14	11	9	8	5	4	6	4
Cases disposed of during term	7	3	5	2	4	1	1	2	2
Total cases available for argument	264	201	145	138	122	125	136	125	131
Cases disposed of	162	131	93	89	87	78	88	86	88
Cases argued	154	125	90	86	88	75	87	82	86
Cases dismissed or remanded without argument	8	6	3	3	1	3	1	4	2
Cases remaining	102	70	52	49	31	47	48	40	43
Cases decided by signed opinion	144	121	87	83	82	72	83	77	83
Cases decided by per curiam opinion	8	4	3	4	5	2	3	4	3
Number of signed opinions	123	112	75	77	69	67	74	73	75

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Source: Office of the Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States, unpublished data.

Table 332. Judicial Officers and Judicial Caseloads for the Federal Judiciary: 2000 to 2010

[For 12 month period ending June 30]

Judicial caseload	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
U.S. Courts of Appeals:							
Cases filed	54,642	67,999	68,313	58,809	59,406	59,399	56,097
Cases terminated	56,509	59,577	67,772	63,916	59,152	60,144	59,343
Cases pending	40,815	57,349	57,996	51,849	52,478	50,954	47,708
U.S. District Courts Civil:							
Cases filed	263,049	282,758	244,343	272,067	256,354	257,204	285,215
Cases terminated	260,277	280,455	264,734	249,960	230,930	255,361	295,909
Cases pending	247,973	266,938	245,667	260,769	295,414	298,493	287,799
Criminal (includes transfers):							
Cases filed	62,523	69,876	67,872	67,503	70,024	75,324	78,213
Defendants filed	84,147	92,356	89,956	88,006	91,782	96,718	100,031
Cases terminated	57,543	65,239	67,448	67,791	69,008	74,478	77,633
Cases pending	46,796	70,692	72,417	73,419	75,566	78,186	78,766
U.S. Bankruptcy Courts:							
Cases filed	1,276,922	1,637,254	1,484,570	751,056	967,831	1,306,315	1,572,597
Cases terminated	1,271,300	1,583,959	1,821,396	862,382	929,206	1,109,993	1,441,419
Cases pending	1,396,916	1,748,038	1,423,342	1,312,016	1,325,220	1,527,073	1,658,318
Post-conviction supervision:							
Persons under supervision	99,577	113,008	113,697	115,930	120,051	123,839	126,642
Pretrial services:							
Total cases activated	86,067	98,946	99,508	95,955	98,862	103,610	110,666
Pretrial services cases activated	84,107	97,045	97,800	94,384	97,315	102,434	109,711
Pretrial diversion cases activated	1,960	1,901	1,708	1,571	1,547	1,176	965
Total released on supervision	31,607	34,348	33,816	32,361	32,460	29,937	29,748
Pretrial supervision	31,927	32,438	32,112	30,865	31,089	28,754	28,440
Diversion supervision	2,166	1,910	1,704	1,496	1,371	1,183	1,308

¹ Data have been revised.Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Statistical Tables for the Federal Judiciary*, <<http://www.uscourts.gov/Statistics/StatisticalTablesForTheFederalJudiciary.aspx>>.