

U.S. Court of Appeals Summary -- 12 -Month Period Ending December 31, 2021

		DC	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH	
A	Total	850	1,062	3,976	2,550	4,198	6,386	3,832	2,493	3,079	9,141	1,588	4,733	
	Prisoner	77	133	610	652	1,083	1,554	942	718	819	1,893	431	1,323	
	Other	424	495	1,947	1,123	1,377	1,944	1,455	989	1,050	3,534	714	2,034	
	Criminal	84	336	664	465	1,465	2,249	1,146	678	1,095	972	323	1,106	
	Administrative	265	98	755	310	273	639	289	108	115	2,742	120	270	
	F	Percent Change in Total Filings Current Year												
	Over Last Year	-25.8	-14.2	-9.8	-6.5	-4.8	1.7	-8.0	-4.7	11.1	-12.6	-6.6	-8.3	
	Over 2016	-26.6	-32.5	-12.0	-28.0	-32.6	-24.6	-26.2	-25.8	-15.6	-19.9	-30.4	-41.1	
Overall Caseload Statistics	Total	970	1,202	4,621	2,691	4,339	7,089	3,820	2,539	3,105	11,177	1,697	4,754	
	Consolidations & Cross Appeals ²	126	90	184	102	222	537	217	107	160	280	19	149	
	Procedural	377	264	2,170	922	1,265	2,760	1,098	1,053	644	4,627	557	1,885	
	On The Merits	Total	467	848	2,267	1,667	2,852	3,792	2,505	1,379	2,301	6,270	1,121	2,720
		Prisoner	28	125	285	459	671	858	521	435	593	1,466	245	677
		Other	280	380	1,237	615	906	1,046	947	532	716	2,413	464	1,074
		Criminal	61	276	416	362	1,082	1,506	803	358	903	697	294	783
		Administrative	98	67	329	231	193	382	234	54	89	1,694	118	186
		Percent by Active Judges	83.5	67.2	58.9	82.2	87.5	81.6	68.9	90.2	92.4	67.8	76.8	85.0
		Pending Appeals	1,172	1,293	3,592	2,046	3,167	4,434	2,652	1,787	1,554	9,332	1,096	3,247
	Termination on the Merits	145	367	381	309	541	572	329	377	618	445	218	558	
	Procedural Terminations	25	5	137	46	41	79	34	57	56	58	23	95	
Actions per Active Judge ¹	Written Decisions	Total	42	105	149	100	167	180	110	124	193	147	72	182
		Signed	15	33	147	69	42	21	48	36	41	12	57	20
		Unsigned	28	65	2	22	125	158	62	88	44	136	15	155
		Without Comment	-	7	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	108	-	-

¹ Includes only judges active during the entire 12-month period.

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Number of Judgeships/ Number of Panels		11 / 3.7	6 / 2.0	13 / 4.3	14 / 4.7	15 / 5.0	17 / 5.7	16 / 5.3	11 / 3.7	11 / 3.7	29 / 9.7	12 / 4.0	12 / 4.0		
Number of Sitting Senior Judges		6	2	15	9	3	7	12	4	3	20	8	11		
Number of Vacant Judgeship Months ²		6.6	12.0	19.2	0.9	2.0	0.0	0.0	24.0	0.0	0.0	17.1	3.0		
Actions per Panel ¹	A p p e a l s	Total	232	531	918	546	840	1,127	719	680	840	946	397	1,183	
		Prisoner	21	67	141	140	217	274	177	196	223	196	108	331	
		All Other Civil	116	248	449	241	275	343	273	270	286	366	179	509	
		Criminal	23	168	153	100	293	397	215	185	299	101	81	277	
		Administrative	72	49	174	66	55	113	54	29	31	284	30	68	
		Total	265	601	1,066	577	868	1,251	716	692	847	1,156	424	1,189	
		T e r m i n a t e d	Consolidations & Cross Appeals ³	34	45	42	22	44	95	41	29	44	29	5	37
			Procedural	103	132	501	198	253	487	206	287	176	479	139	471
		O n T h e M e r i t s	Total	127	424	523	357	570	669	470	376	628	649	280	680
			Prisoner	8	63	66	98	134	151	98	119	162	152	61	169
	Other		76	190	285	132	181	185	178	145	195	250	116	269	
	Criminal		17	138	96	78	216	266	151	98	246	72	74	196	
		Administrative	27	34	76	50	39	67	44	15	24	175	30	47	
		Pending Appeals	320	647	829	438	633	782	497	487	424	965	274	812	
Median Time		Median Time From Filing Notice of Appeal to Disposition	11.5	14.2	14.4	8.7	7.8	10.1	8.0	9.4	4.3	13.0	10.1	8.6	
Other Caseload per Judgeship		Applications for Interlocutory Appeals	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	2	1	3	-	3	
		Petitions for Rehearing	19	37	34	60	60	32	45	21	100	55	27	62	

¹ See "Explanation of the Judicial Caseload Profiles."

² See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

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