

U.S. Court of Appeals Summary -- 12 -Month Period Ending December 31, 2025

			DC	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	10TH	11TH		
Overall Caseload Statistics	A p p e a l s	F i l e d	Total		1,131	1,137	3,416	2,680	3,480	5,735	3,463	2,437	2,579	9,779	1,773	5,054
			Prisoner		65	131	426	551	833	922	721	767	589	1,758	357	1,308
			Other		678	640	1,821	1,383	1,451	2,375	1,690	1,120	967	3,643	833	2,389
			Criminal		101	253	596	419	983	2,018	890	472	918	956	463	1,146
			Administrative		287	113	573	327	213	420	162	78	105	3,422	120	211
			Percent Change in Total Filings Current Year	Over Last Year	2.1	-5.1	-1.7	8.7	2.9	6.8	-0.4	0.1	-3.8	20.6	0.4	11.0
				Over 2020												
	A p p e a l s	T e r m i n a t e d	Total		1,122	1,025	3,853	2,378	3,523	5,630	3,713	2,201	2,500	8,238	1,657	4,926
			Consolidations & Cross Appeals ²		107	48	212	83	145	460	166	89	95	194	16	185
			Procedural		447	398	1,240	822	943	2,002	1,228	979	521	2,698	604	2,355
			On The Merits	Total	568	579	2,401	1,473	2,435	3,168	2,319	1,133	1,884	5,346	1,037	2,386
				Prisoner	15	84	252	346	471	387	406	302	447	1,237	185	461
				Other	313	279	1,353	703	987	1,087	1,009	562	700	2,109	415	1,036
				Criminal	161	166	471	301	874	1,508	773	233	685	594	379	787
				Administrative	79	50	325	123	103	186	131	36	52	1,406	58	102
			Percent by Active Judges		92.8	74.0	68.9	78.8	85.0	84.7	68.5	87.1	98.5	63.2	84.7	84.2
Pending Appeals			1,539	1,669	3,386	2,146	2,631	3,430	2,504	2,189	1,785	8,603	1,259	3,534		
Actions per Active Judge ¹	Termination on the Merits		169	229	409	259	442	526	296	280	535	355	221	508		
	Procedural Terminations		32	37	36	38	37	85	43	59	63	47	34	26		
	Written Decisions	Total	48	76	167	86	138	145	97	89	169	108	75	155		
		Signed	11	22	165	59	36	21	51	26	35	8	60	15		
		Unsigned	37	52	1	22	102	123	46	63	43	100	16	135		
		Without Comment	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	91	-	-	5		

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

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Actions per Panel ¹	A p p e a l s	F i l e d	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	5	6	14	10	4	8	16	4	5	22	11	10	
			Number of Vacant Judgeship Months ²	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
			Total	308	569	788	574	696	1,012	649	665	703	1,012	443	1,264	
	A p p e a l s	T e r m i n a t e d	Prisoner	18	66	98	118	167	163	135	209	161	182	89	327	
			All Other Civil	185	320	420	296	290	419	317	305	264	377	208	597	
			Criminal	28	127	138	90	197	356	167	129	250	99	116	287	
			Administrative	78	57	132	70	43	74	30	21	29	354	30	53	
			Total	306	513	889	510	705	994	696	600	682	852	414	1,232	
			Consolidations & Cross Appeals ³	29	24	49	18	29	81	31	24	26	20	4	46	
			Procedural	122	199	286	176	189	353	230	267	142	279	151	589	
			On The Merits	Total	155	290	554	316	487	559	435	309	514	553	259	597
				Prisoner	4	42	58	74	94	68	76	82	122	128	46	115
				Other	85	140	312	151	197	192	189	153	191	218	104	259
				Criminal	44	83	109	65	175	266	145	64	187	61	95	197
				Administrative	22	25	75	26	21	33	25	10	14	145	15	26
Pending Appeals			420	835	781	460	526	605	470	597	487	890	315	884		
Median Time	Median Time From Filing Notice of Appeal to Disposition		10.6	14.7	15.4	8.6	9.0	8.3	8.7	10.3	4.8	11.5	10.4	9.8		
Other Caseload per Judgeship	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals		-	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	1	3	1	2		
	Petitions for Rehearing		23	23	41	60	58	41	49	21	79	38	26	60		

¹ See "Explanation of the Judicial Caseload Profiles."

² See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

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