

Table 5.69.2007

Cases filed, disposed of, and pending in the U.S. Supreme Court

By method of filing, at conclusion of the October term, 1976-2007

October term	Total	Method of filing			October term	Total	Method of filing		
		Original	Paid	In forma pauperis			Original	Paid	In forma pauperis
1976					1992				
Cases on docket	4,730	8	2,324	2,398	Cases on docket	7,245	12	2,441	4,792
Disposed of	3,918	2	1,852	2,064	Disposed of	6,402	1	2,140	4,261
Remaining on docket	812	6	472	334	Remaining on docket	843	11	301	531
1977					1993				
Cases on docket	4,704	14	2,341	2,349	Cases on docket	7,786	12	2,442	5,332
Disposed of	3,867	3	1,911	1,953	Disposed of	6,721	1	2,099	4,621
Remaining on docket	837	11	430	396	Remaining on docket	1,065	11	343	711
1978					1994				
Cases on docket	4,731	17	2,383	2,331	Cases on docket	8,100	11	2,515	5,574
Disposed of	4,017	0	2,021	1,996	Disposed of	7,170	2	2,185	4,983
Remaining on docket	714	17	362	335	Remaining on docket	930	9	330	591
1979					1995				
Cases on docket	4,781	23	2,509	2,249	Cases on docket	7,565	11	2,456	5,098
Disposed of	3,889	1	2,050	1,838	Disposed of	6,649	5	2,130	4,514
Remaining on docket	892	22	459	411	Remaining on docket	916	6	326	584
1980					1996				
Cases on docket	5,144	24	2,749	2,371	Cases on docket	7,602	7	2,430	5,165
Disposed of	4,196	7	2,222	1,950	Disposed of	6,739	2	2,124	4,613
Remaining on docket	948	17	527	421	Remaining on docket	863	5	306	552
1981					1997				
Cases on docket	5,311	22	2,935	2,354	Cases on docket	7,692	7	2,432	5,253
Disposed of	4,433	6	2,390	2,037	Disposed of	6,759	1	2,142	4,616
Remaining on docket	878	16	545	317	Remaining on docket	933	6	290	637
1982					1998				
Cases on docket	5,079	17	2,170	2,352	Cases on docket	8,083	7	2,387	5,689
Disposed of	4,201	3	2,190	2,008	Disposed of	7,045	2	2,092	4,951
Remaining on docket	878	14	520	344	Remaining on docket	1,038	5	295	738
1983					1999				
Cases on docket	5,100	18	2,688	2,394	Cases on docket	8,445	8	2,413	6,024
Disposed of	4,140	7	2,148	1,985	Disposed of	7,369	0	2,096	5,273
Remaining on docket	960	11	540	409	Remaining on docket	1,076	8	317	751
1984					2000				
Cases on docket	5,006	15	2,575	2,416	Cases on docket	8,965	9	2,305	6,651
Disposed of	4,261	8	2,175	2,078	Disposed of	7,762	2	2,024	5,736
Remaining on docket	745	7	400	338	Remaining on docket	1,203	7	281	915
1985					2001				
Cases on docket	5,158	10	2,571	2,577	Cases on docket	9,176	8	2,210	6,958
Disposed of	4,275	2	2,095	2,178	Disposed of	8,072	1	1,932	6,139
Remaining on docket	883	8	476	399	Remaining on docket	1,104	7	278	819
1986					2002				
Cases on docket	5,134	12	2,547	2,575	Cases on docket	9,406	7	2,190	7,209
Disposed of	4,360	1	2,105	2,254	Disposed of	8,388	1	1,899	6,488
Remaining on docket	774	11	442	321	Remaining on docket	1,018	6	291	721
1987					2003				
Cases on docket	5,268	16	2,577	2,675	Cases on docket	8,882	6	2,058	6,818
Disposed of	4,387	5	2,131	2,251	Disposed of	7,836	2	1,798	6,036
Remaining on docket	881	11	446	424	Remaining on docket	1,046	4	260	782
1988					2004				
Cases on docket	5,657	14	2,587	3,056	Cases on docket	8,588	4	2,041	6,543
Disposed of	4,911	2	2,271	2,638	Disposed of	7,542	0	1,727	5,815
Remaining on docket	746	12	316	418	Remaining on docket	1,046	4	314	728
1989					2005				
Cases on docket	5,746	14	2,416	3,316	Cases on docket	9,608	8	2,025	7,575
Disposed of	4,989	2	2,096	2,891	Disposed of	8,240	4	1,703	6,533
Remaining on docket	757	12	320	425	Remaining on docket	1,368	4	322	1,042
1990					2006				
Cases on docket	6,316	14	2,351	3,951	Cases on docket	10,256	6	2,069	8,181
Disposed of	5,481	3	2,042	3,436	Disposed of	8,923	1	1,736	7,186
Remaining on docket	835	11	309	515	Remaining on docket	1,333	5	333	995
1991					2007				
Cases on docket	6,770	12	2,451	4,307	Cases on docket	9,602	5	1,969	7,628
Disposed of	5,894	1	2,125	3,768	Disposed of	8,420	1	1,666	6,753
Remaining on docket	876	11	326	539	Remaining on docket	1,182	4	303	875

Note: "Original" refers to those cases that were on the Supreme Court docket previously and were disposed of, but that subsequently were reinstated. For all cases other than "original" ones, a docket filing fee must be "paid." If the petitioner is indigent, the docket filing fee is waived and the case is filed "in forma pauperis."

Source: Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Annual Report of the Director, 1981*, p. A-1; *1986*, p. 135 (Washington, DC: Administrative Office of the United States Courts); *Annual Report of the Director, 1991*, p. 161; *1996*, p. 82 (Washington, DC: USGPO); and Administrative Office of the United States Courts, *Judicial Business of the United States Courts: 2002 Annual Report of the Director*, p. 72; *2007 Annual Report of the Director*, p. 84; *2008 Annual Report of the Director*, p. 82 (Washington, DC: USGPO). Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.