

**Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online**

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**Petitions for review on writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court filed, terminated, and pending**

By circuit and nature of proceeding, fiscal year 2004

Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2004	Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2004
	Oct. 1, 2003	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed			Oct. 1, 2003	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed	
<b>Total</b>	3,267	6,391	104	6,193	37	3,324	<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	211	555	9	537	8	212
Criminal	876	2,505	16	2,331	3	1,031	Criminal	51	151	0	139	1	62
U.S. civil	565	1,070	28	1,094	12	501	U.S. civil	26	125	1	123	3	24
Private civil	1,737	2,703	54	2,682	22	1,682	Private civil	131	268	7	269	4	119
Administrative appeals	89	113	6	86	0	110	Administrative appeals	3	11	1	6	0	7
<b>District of Columbia</b>	46	83	6	80	2	41	<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	142	339	3	381	3	94
Criminal	9	16	0	15	0	10	Criminal	45	102	1	109	0	37
U.S. civil	20	42	4	35	2	21	U.S. civil	49	106	2	131	2	20
Private civil	7	11	2	11	0	5	Private civil	47	129	0	140	1	35
Administrative appeals	10	14	0	19	0	5	Administrative appeals	1	2	0	1	0	2
<b>First Circuit</b>	82	90	3	68	0	101	<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	124	347	10	329	0	132
Criminal	25	33	2	23	0	33	Criminal	34	104	5	88	0	45
U.S. civil	15	18	0	18	0	15	U.S. civil	21	88	5	86	0	18
Private civil	41	38	1	27	0	51	Private civil	62	153	0	153	0	62
Administrative appeals	1	1	0	0	0	2	Administrative appeals	7	2	0	2	0	7
<b>Second Circuit</b>	440	302	12	210	2	518	<b>Ninth Circuit</b>	1,039	1,137	23	1,204	0	949
Criminal	115	95	0	75	0	135	Criminal	235	335	1	370	0	199
U.S. civil	66	48	4	38	0	72	U.S. civil	158	124	7	135	0	140
Private civil	253	157	8	96	2	304	Private civil	597	644	12	681	0	548
Administrative appeals	6	2	0	1	0	7	Administrative appeals	49	34	3	18	0	62
<b>Third Circuit</b>	156	397	4	396	0	153	<b>Tenth Circuit</b>	143	286	3	278	0	148
Criminal	36	105	1	100	0	40	Criminal	39	114	0	87	0	66
U.S. civil	27	79	1	83	0	22	U.S. civil	21	52	2	49	0	22
Private civil	90	206	2	207	0	87	Private civil	83	117	1	142	0	57
Administrative appeals	3	7	0	6	0	4	Administrative appeals	0	3	0	0	0	3
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	206	653	9	667	12	171	<b>Eleventh Circuit</b>	257	735	11	705	3	273
Criminal	43	260	4	277	1	21	Criminal	81	254	2	244	1	88
U.S. civil	64	134	1	141	5	51	U.S. civil	57	173	1	165	0	64
Private civil	99	244	4	234	6	99	Private civil	113	293	6	285	2	113
Administrative appeals	0	15	0	15	0	0	Administrative appeals	6	15	2	11	0	8
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	421	1,467	11	1,338	7	532							
Criminal	163	936	0	804	0	295							
U.S. civil	41	81	0	90	0	32							
Private civil	214	443	11	437	7	202							
Administrative appeals	3	7	0	7	0	3							

Note: "Writ of certiorari" is an order by the appellate court that is used when the court has discretion on whether to hear an appeal. If the appellate court grants the writ, it has the effect of ordering the lower court to certify the record and send it up to the higher court, which will then hear the appeal. "U.S. civil" filings involve suits against the Federal Government brought in U.S. District Courts. "Private civil" filings involve suits wherein litigation is between States and/or private citizens. "Administrative appeals" include applications for enforcement or petitions for review of orders of an administrative board or agency. Data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal circuit are not included in the above table. For a list of U.S. District Courts in each circuit, see [table 5.11.2004](#).

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