

**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 2005

Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2005	Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2005
	Oct. 1, 2004	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed			Oct. 1, 2004	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed	
Total	3,331	5,735	965	4,830	54	3,217	Sixth Circuit	212	552	104	430	8	222
Criminal	1,036	2,172	853	1,356	10	989	Criminal	62	154	78	93	2	43
U.S. civil	504	908	33	842	12	525	U.S. civil	24	67	2	57	0	32
Private civil	1,681	2,533	79	2,497	31	1,607	Private civil	119	325	24	270	6	144
Administrative appeals	110	122	0	135	1	96	Administrative appeals	7	6	0	10	0	3
District of Columbia	41	74	7	78	1	29	Seventh Circuit	94	335	43	271	8	107
Criminal	9	13	6	12	0	4	Criminal	37	80	33	41	1	42
U.S. civil	22	39	1	42	0	18	U.S. civil	20	92	10	83	7	12
Private civil	5	7	0	9	1	2	Private civil	35	161	0	145	0	51
Administrative appeals	5	15	0	15	0	5	Administrative appeals	2	2	0	2	0	2
First Circuit	98	103	22	77	0	102	Eighth Circuit	132	319	44	229	0	178
Criminal	32	40	15	20	0	37	Criminal	45	120	40	65	0	60
U.S. civil	15	13	0	10	0	18	U.S. civil	18	63	1	48	0	32
Private civil	49	44	7	44	0	42	Private civil	62	127	3	109	0	77
Administrative appeals	2	6	0	3	0	5	Administrative appeals	7	9	0	7	0	9
Second Circuit	518	281	34	270	4	491	Ninth Circuit	949	941	29	938	0	923
Criminal	135	67	28	61	3	110	Criminal	199	222	9	201	0	211
U.S. civil	72	37	1	43	0	65	U.S. civil	140	114	7	101	0	146
Private civil	304	173	5	164	1	307	Private civil	548	576	13	598	0	513
Administrative appeals	7	4	0	2	0	9	Administrative appeals	62	29	0	38	0	53
Third Circuit	153	382	31	332	3	169	Tenth Circuit	148	255	39	241	0	123
Criminal	40	70	26	55	0	29	Criminal	66	95	35	76	0	50
U.S. civil	22	66	3	57	0	28	U.S. civil	22	38	1	46	0	13
Private civil	87	234	2	205	3	111	Private civil	57	119	3	114	0	59
Administrative appeals	4	12	0	15	0	1	Administrative appeals	3	3	0	5	0	1
Fourth Circuit	177	540	82	473	7	155	Eleventh Circuit	276	823	154	564	16	365
Criminal	27	154	76	105	0	0	Criminal	89	399	141	146	4	197
U.S. civil	51	152	1	137	0	65	U.S. civil	66	175	6	161	4	70
Private civil	99	219	5	216	7	90	Private civil	113	240	7	245	7	94
Administrative appeals	0	15	0	15	0	0	Administrative appeals	8	9	0	12	1	4
Fifth Circuit	533	1,130	376	927	7	353							
Criminal	295	758	366	481	0	206							
U.S. civil	32	52	0	57	1	26							
Private civil	203	308	10	378	6	117							
Administrative appeals	3	12	0	11	0	4							

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 5.11.2005](#).

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