

**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 2007

Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2007	Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2007
	Oct. 1, 2006	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed			Oct. 1, 2006	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed	
<b>Total</b>	3,426	7,103	151	6,631	43	3,704	<b>Sixth Circuit</b>	240	585	10	562	7	246
Criminal	1,272	3,563	74	3,285	3	1,473	Criminal	71	213	0	205	0	79
U.S. civil	523	923	13	930	11	492	U.S. civil	33	56	0	70	1	18
Private civil	1,522	2,429	60	2,273	28	1,590	Private civil	131	305	10	274	6	146
Administrative appeals	109	188	4	143	1	149	Administrative appeals	5	11	0	13	0	3
<b>District of Columbia</b>	42	113	3	96	3	53	<b>Seventh Circuit</b>	141	452	5	449	2	137
Criminal	8	28	0	21	0	15	Criminal	73	167	1	156	0	83
U.S. civil	21	51	2	48	1	21	U.S. civil	15	99	1	88	0	25
Private civil	11	23	1	18	2	13	Private civil	50	175	3	198	2	22
Administrative appeals	2	11	0	9	0	4	Administrative appeals	3	11	0	7	0	7
<b>First Circuit</b>	131	129	1	93	0	166	<b>Eighth Circuit</b>	44	358	10	238	0	154
Criminal	59	74	0	56	0	77	Criminal	21	207	4	138	0	86
U.S. civil	16	9	0	9	0	16	U.S. civil	5	28	1	20	0	12
Private civil	52	37	1	24	0	64	Private civil	18	112	5	70	0	55
Administrative appeals	4	9	0	4	0	9	Administrative appeals	0	11	0	10	0	1
<b>Second Circuit</b>	478	290	14	294	1	459	<b>Ninth Circuit</b>	1,005	984	6	976	0	1,007
Criminal	110	93	0	106	0	97	Criminal	260	366	0	365	0	261
U.S. civil	64	45	1	40	1	67	U.S. civil	158	81	0	110	0	129
Private civil	287	133	12	134	0	274	Private civil	528	495	6	472	0	545
Administrative appeals	17	19	1	14	0	21	Administrative appeals	59	42	0	29	0	72
<b>Third Circuit</b>	44	441	4	298	3	180	<b>Tenth Circuit</b>	150	374	11	383	0	130
Criminal	16	152	0	112	0	56	Criminal	55	181	1	180	0	55
U.S. civil	8	72	1	49	1	29	U.S. civil	26	66	4	67	0	21
Private civil	19	198	3	127	2	85	Private civil	66	122	5	131	0	52
Administrative appeals	1	19	0	10	0	10	Administrative appeals	3	5	1	5	0	2
<b>Fourth Circuit</b>	236	741	4	736	8	229	<b>Eleventh Circuit</b>	311	827	10	814	12	302
Criminal	70	350	2	336	0	82	Criminal	115	343	2	333	3	120
U.S. civil	88	173	0	182	3	76	U.S. civil	64	166	2	174	3	51
Private civil	78	204	2	205	5	70	Private civil	124	302	6	293	5	122
Administrative appeals	0	14	0	13	0	1	Administrative appeals	8	16	0	14	1	9
<b>Fifth Circuit</b>	604	1,809	73	1,692	7	641							
Criminal	414	1,389	64	1,277	0	462							
U.S. civil	25	77	1	73	1	27							
Private civil	158	323	6	327	6	142							
Administrative appeals	7	20	2	15	0	10							

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 5.11.2007](#).

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