

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 2008

Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2008	Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2008
	Oct. 1, 2007	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed			Oct. 1, 2007	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis-missed	
Total	3,861	6,154	259	6,398	58	3,300	Sixth Circuit	235	551	15	556	9	206
Criminal	1,567	2,673	170	2,953	5	1,112	Criminal	77	185	8	189	0	65
U.S. civil	536	780	22	777	16	501	U.S. civil	23	68	2	65	1	23
Private civil	1,612	2,545	50	2,507	35	1,565	Private civil	132	290	5	293	8	116
Administrative appeals	146	156	17	161	2	122	Administrative appeals	3	8	0	9	0	2
District of Columbia	50	77	8	86	3	30	Seventh Circuit	137	339	29	355	10	82
Criminal	14	17	0	26	0	5	Criminal	83	133	21	130	1	64
U.S. civil	21	31	5	32	3	12	U.S. civil	25	80	6	90	2	7
Private civil	11	17	2	18	0	8	Private civil	22	117	2	124	6	7
Administrative appeals	4	12	1	10	0	5	Administrative appeals	7	9	0	11	1	4
First Circuit	78	183	12	166	3	80	Eighth Circuit	166	298	47	290	0	127
Criminal	45	105	9	98	0	43	Criminal	92	162	44	145	0	65
U.S. civil	6	13	1	12	1	5	U.S. civil	11	17	0	18	0	10
Private civil	24	58	2	49	2	29	Private civil	62	117	3	124	0	52
Administrative appeals	3	7	0	7	0	3	Administrative appeals	1	2	0	3	0	0
Second Circuit	459	346	19	301	3	482	Ninth Circuit	1,007	1,000	33	987	0	987
Criminal	97	139	5	111	0	120	Criminal	261	342	0	375	0	228
U.S. civil	67	20	1	16	2	68	U.S. civil	129	93	6	66	0	150
Private civil	274	165	3	154	0	282	Private civil	545	516	22	508	0	531
Administrative appeals	21	22	10	20	1	12	Administrative appeals	72	49	5	38	0	78
Third Circuit	180	386	4	467	8	87	Tenth Circuit	372	324	6	307	1	382
Criminal	56	116	2	145	1	24	Criminal	179	133	4	131	0	177
U.S. civil	29	64	1	74	2	16	U.S. civil	66	52	0	48	0	70
Private civil	85	194	1	233	5	40	Private civil	122	137	2	126	1	130
Administrative appeals	10	12	0	15	0	7	Administrative appeals	5	2	0	2	0	5
Fourth Circuit	232	746	35	770	2	171	Eleventh Circuit	305	620	13	655	10	247
Criminal	82	340	32	362	0	28	Criminal	120	223	11	242	2	88
U.S. civil	76	149	0	162	1	62	U.S. civil	50	118	0	115	2	51
Private civil	70	242	3	227	1	81	Private civil	126	267	2	281	6	104
Administrative appeals	4	15	0	19	0	0	Administrative appeals	9	12	0	17	0	4
Fifth Circuit	640	1,284	38	1,458	9	419							
Criminal	461	778	34	999	1	205							
U.S. civil	33	75	0	79	2	27							
Private civil	139	425	3	370	6	185							
Administrative appeals	7	6	1	10	0	2							

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 5.11.2008](#).

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