

Sourcebook of criminal justice statistics Online

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Table 5.70.2010

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 2010

Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2010	Circuit and nature of proceeding	Pending		Terminated			Pending Sept. 30, 2010
	Oct. 1, 2009	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis- missed			Oct. 1, 2009	Filed	Granted	Denied	Dis- missed	
Total	3,332	5,910	165	5,297	140	3,640	Sixth Circuit	200	471	7	480	7	177
Criminal	1,086	2,449	45	2,476	10	1,004	Criminal	62	152	2	164	0	48
U.S. civil	490	783	15	697	32	529	U.S. civil	20	44	0	51	0	13
Private civil	1,594	2,513	86	1,965	89	1,967	Private civil	112	266	5	251	7	115
Administrative appeals	162	165	19	159	9	140	Administrative appeals	6	9	0	14	0	1
District of Columbia	36	108	1	96	10	37	Seventh Circuit	67	230	18	191	6	82
Criminal	5	19	0	19	0	5	Criminal	57	128	5	135	0	45
U.S. civil	15	57	1	44	6	21	U.S. civil	0	17	0	11	0	6
Private civil	7	24	0	18	4	9	Private civil	0	71	3	39	3	26
Administrative appeals	9	8	0	15	0	2	Administrative appeals	10	14	10	6	3	5
First Circuit	84	176	3	192	4	61	Eighth Circuit	164	422	7	379	11	189
Criminal	48	101	0	115	0	34	Criminal	100	234	3	223	4	104
U.S. civil	9	30	1	29	0	9	U.S. civil	6	29	2	21	0	12
Private civil	24	44	1	46	4	17	Private civil	56	153	2	132	7	68
Administrative appeals	3	1	1	2	0	1	Administrative appeals	2	6	0	3	0	5
Second Circuit	500	392	18	387	4	483	Ninth Circuit	1,024	1,075	53	513	0	1,533
Criminal	114	122	5	143	0	88	Criminal	226	313	7	207	0	325
U.S. civil	51	47	1	42	0	55	U.S. civil	119	118	5	49	0	183
Private civil	328	199	10	181	4	332	Private civil	591	598	41	226	0	922
Administrative appeals	7	24	2	21	0	8	Administrative appeals	88	46	0	31	0	103
Third Circuit	184	389	4	410	12	147	Tenth Circuit	140	274	2	302	11	99
Criminal	67	168	2	176	2	55	Criminal	70	107	1	147	0	29
U.S. civil	30	45	0	57	4	14	U.S. civil	54	128	0	122	9	51
Private civil	79	169	2	167	6	73	Private civil	14	27	1	26	1	13
Administrative appeals	8	7	0	10	0	5	Administrative appeals	2	12	0	7	1	6
Fourth Circuit	284	734	15	739	40	224	Eleventh Circuit	344	815	18	817	20	304
Criminal	63	348	5	373	1	32	Criminal	147	400	5	414	1	127
U.S. civil	112	100	2	104	8	98	U.S. civil	50	109	2	109	5	43
Private civil	96	262	5	233	27	93	Private civil	140	301	11	284	13	133
Administrative appeals	13	24	3	29	4	1	Administrative appeals	7	5	0	10	1	1
Fifth Circuit	305	824	19	791	15	304							
Criminal	127	357	10	360	2	112							
U.S. civil	24	59	1	58	0	24							
Private civil	147	399	5	362	13	166							
Administrative appeals	7	9	3	11	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 5.11.2010](#).

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