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2002 State Court Caseload Tables

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TABLE 1: Reported National Caseload for State Appellate Courts, 2002

Reported Caseload	Filed	Disposed	
Courts of last resort:			
I. Mandatory jurisdiction appeals:			
A. Number of reported complete cases	26,437	26,993	
Number of courts reporting complete data	44	43	
B. Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions	2,060	1,562	
Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions	4	3	
C. Number of reported cases that are incomplete	669	348	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data	3	1	
D. Number of reported cases that are incomplete and include some discretionary petitions	573	612	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data that include some discretionary petitions	1	1	
II. Discretionary jurisdiction petitions:			
A. Number of reported complete petitions	59,739	58,153	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions	47	44	
B. Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	2,265	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	3	
C. Number of reported petitions that are incomplete	1,371	1,253	
Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions	2	1	
Intermediate appellate courts:			
I. Mandatory jurisdiction appeals:			
A. Number of reported complete cases	127,022	132,464	
Number of courts reporting complete data	36	36	
B. Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions	27,644	37,810	
Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions	7	7	
C. Number of reported cases that are incomplete	4,722	4,753	
Number of courts reporting incomplete data	1	1	
II. Discretionary jurisdiction petitions:			
A. Number of reported complete petitions	27,769	27,747	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions	21	21	
B. Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	0	
Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases	0	0	
C. Number of reported petitions that are incomplete	0	0	
Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions	0	0	
Summary section for all appellate courts:			
	Reported Filings		
	COLR	IAC	Total
A. Number of reported complete cases/petitions	86,176	154,791	240,967
B. Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types	2,060	27,644	29,704
C. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete	2,040	4,722	6,762
D. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete and include other case types	573	0	573
Total	90,849	187,157	278,006
	Reported Dispositions		
	COLR	IAC	Total
A. Number of reported complete cases/petitions	85,146	160,211	245,357
B. Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types	3,827	37,810	41,637
C. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete	1,601	4,753	6,354
D. Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete and include other case types	612	0	612
Total	91,186	202,774	293,960

TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	258	157	21	415	83	279	56
Court of Appeals	286	35	6	321	107	292	97
State Total	544	192	27	736	92	571	71
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	177	1,050	NA	1,227	245		
Court of Appeals	3,608	116	NA	3,724	169		
State Total	3,785	1,166		4,951	183		
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	320 A	446	110	766	109	430	61
Court of Appeals	1,345	145	18	1,490	124	1,363	114
State Total	1,665 *	591	128	2,256	119	1,793	94
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	23	8,894	136 A	8,917	1,274	159	23
Courts of Appeal	13,925	8,454	NA	22,379	213		
State Total	13,948	17,348		31,296	279		
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	111 A	1,257	NA	1,368	195		
Court of Appeals	2,673	NJ	NJ	2,673	167	2,673	167
State Total	2,784 *	1,257		4,041	176		
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	46	499	63	545	78	109	16
Appellate Court	1,148 B	(B)	NA				
State Total	1,194 *						
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	143	2,634	NA	2,777	397		
District Courts of Appeal	19,226	1,376	NA	20,602	332		
State Total	19,369	4,010		23,379	339		
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	682	1,190	86	1,872	267	768	110
Court of Appeals	2,825	435	NA	3,260	272		
State Total	3,507	1,625		5,132	270		
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	819	67	NA	886	177		
Intermediate Court of Appeals	260	NJ	NJ	260	65	260	65
State Total	1,079	67		1,146	127		
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	573 C	184	NA	757	151		
Court of Appeals	491	NJ	NJ	491	164	491	164
State Total	1,064 *	184		1,248	156		
ILLINOIS*							
Supreme Court	730	2,579	98	3,309	473	828	118
Appellate Court	8,676 B	(B)	NA	8,676	167		
State Total	9,406 *			11,985	203		

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

<u>Total mandatory cases disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Point at which cases are counted</u>
339	177	NA	516		COLR	1
266	36	NA	302		IAC	1
605	213		818			
173	1,091	NA	1,264		COLR	6
3,444	111	NA	3,555		IAC	6
3,617	1,202		4,819			
348 A	436	110	784	458	COLR	2
1,062	138	18	1,200	1,080	IAC	2
1,410 *	574	128	1,984	1,538		
21	8,781	74	8,802	95	COLR	6
17,117	8,348	NA	25,465		IAC	2
17,138	17,129		34,267			
(B)	1,415 B	NA	1,415		COLR	1
2,463	NJ	NJ	2,463	2,463	IAC	1
	1,415 *		3,878			
(B)	539 B	NA	539		COLR	1
1,271 B	(B)	NA	1,271		IAC	1
			1,810			
139	2,838	NA	2,977		COLR	1
19,014	1,237	NA	20,251		IAC	1
19,153	4,075		23,228			
514	1,479	47	1,993	561	COLR	2
2,973	416	NA	3,389		IAC	2
3,487	1,895		5,382			
778	69	NA	847		COLR	2
204	NJ	NJ	204	204	IAC	2
982	69		1,051			
612 C	198	NA	810		COLR	1
507	NJ	NJ	507	507	IAC	4
1,119 *	198		1,317			
682	2,407	0	3,089	682	COLR	1
9,419 B	(B)	NA	9,419		IAC	1
10,101 *			12,508			

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
IOWA							
Supreme Court	1,076 B	(B)	NA	1,076	135		
Court of Appeals	1,061	NJ	NJ	1,061	118	1,061	118
State Total	2,137 *			2,137	126		
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	160	883	19	1,043	149	179	26
Court of Appeals	1,635 B	(B)	NA	1,635	164		
State Total	1,795 *			2,678	158		
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	413	742	NA	1,155	165		
Court of Appeals	2,553	75	NA	2,628	188		
State Total	2,966	817		3,783	180		
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	227	3,029	306	3,256	465	533	76
Courts of Appeal	3,494	5,956	1,665	9,450	178	5,159	97
State Total	3,721	8,985	1,971	12,706	212	5,692	95
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	238 A	721	120	959	137	358	51
Court of Special Appeals	1,926	568	8	2,494	192	1,934	149
State Total	2,164 *	1,289	128	3,453	173	2,292	115
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	290	752	NA	1,042	149		
Appeals Court	1,911	741	NA	2,652	121		
State Total	2,201	1,493		3,694	127		
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	2	2,271	NA	2,273	325		
Court of Appeals	4,109	3,047	NA	7,156	256		
State Total	4,111	5,318		9,429	269		
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	112	674	130	786	112	242	39
Court of Appeals	2,065	91	NA	2,156	135		
State Total	2,177	765		2,942	128		
MISSISSIPPI**							
Supreme Court	1,099	302	62				
Court of Appeals	NA	NJ	NJ				
State Total	1,099	302	62	1,401	74	1,161	61
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	182	623	51	805	115	233	33
Court of Appeals	3,714	NJ	NJ	3,714	116	3,714	116
State Total	3,896	623	51	4,519	116	3,947	101
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	75	328	48	403	58	123	18
Court of Appeals	1,427	NJ	NJ	1,427	238	1,427	238
State Total	1,502	328	48	1,830	141	1,550	119

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
191	1,989	NA	2,180		COLR	1
1,231	NJ	NJ	1,231	1,231	IAC	4
1,422	1,989		3,411			
1,059 B	(B)	NA	1,059		COLR	5
1,742 B	(B)	NA	1,742		IAC	5
2,801 *			2,801			
398	725	NA	1,123		COLR	6
2,790	86	NA	2,876		IAC	3
3,188	811		3,999			
218	3,232	181	3,450	399	COLR	2
4,319	6,426	1,633	10,745	5,952	IAC	2
4,537	9,658	1,814	14,195	6,351		
230	718	NA	948		COLR	2
1,813	568	NA	2,381		IAC	2
2,043	1,286		3,329			
204	633	NA	837		COLR	2
2,128	741	NA	2,869		IAC	2
2,332	1,374		3,706			
2	2,052	NA	2,054		COLR	1
4,633	3,014	NA	4,633		IAC	1
4,635	5,066		6,687			
121	83	66	204	187	COLR	1
1,909	98	85	2,007	1,994	IAC	1
2,030	181	151	2,211	2,181		
653	289	NA	942		COLR	2
610	NJ	NJ	610	610	IAC	2
1,263	289		1,552			
193	616	51	809	244	COLR	1
3,661	NJ	NJ	3,661	3,661	IAC	1
3,854	616	51	4,470	3,905		
(B)	311 B	NA	311		COLR	1
1,311	NJ	NJ	1,311	1,311	IAC	1
	311 *		1,622			

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	528	2,949	149	3,477	497	677	97
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	7,069	0	NA	7,069	208		
State Total	7,597	2,949		10,546	257		
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	59	515	52	574	115	111	22
Court of Appeals	781	85	NA	866	87		
State Total	840	600		1,440	96		
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	107	662	37	769	110	144	21
Court of Appeals	1,620	768	138	2,388	199	1,758	147
State Total	1,727	1,430	175	3,157	166	1,902	100
OHIO							
Supreme Court	678	1,529	114	2,207	315	792	113
Courts of Appeals	10,745	NJ	NJ	10,745	158	10,745	158
State Total	11,423	1,529	114	12,952	173	11,537	154
OKLAHOMA***							
Supreme Court	1,339	502	NA	1,841	205		
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,462	NJ	NJ	1,462	292	1,462	292
Court of Appeals	499	NJ	NJ	499	42	499	42
State Total	3,300	502		3,802	146		
OREGON							
Supreme Court	231	701	57	932	133	288	41
Court of Appeals	3,277	NJ	NJ	3,277	328	3,277	328
State Total	3,508	701	57	4,209	248	3,567	210
PUERTO RICO							
Supreme Court	125	1,029	NA	1,154	165		
Circuit Court of Appeals	1,576	2,349	NA	3,925	119		
State Total	1,701	3,378		5,079	127		
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	213	1,185	NA	1,398	280		
Court of Appeals	1,458	NJ	NJ	1,458	162	1,458	162
State Total	1,671	1,185		2,856	204		
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	6	1,295	112	1,301	144	118	13
Court of Criminal Appeals	7,177	1,951	146	9,128	1,014	7,323	814
Courts of Appeals	11,984	NJ	NJ	11,984	150	11,984	150
State Total	19,167	3,246	258	22,413	229	19,425	198
UTAH							
Supreme Court	529 B	(B)	NA	529	106		
Court of Appeals	735 B	(B)	NA	735	105		
State Total	1,264 *						
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	0	3,026	294	3,026	432	294	42
Court of Appeals	737	2,677	385	3,414	310	1,122	102
State Total	737	5,703	679	6,440	358	1,416	79

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
536	3,009	NA	3,545		COLR	1
7,280	0	NA	7,280		IAC	1
7,816	3,009		10,825			
45	457	52	502	97	COLR	5
855 B	(B)	NA	855		IAC	5
900 *			1,357			
131	601	43	732	174	COLR	2
1,726	715	NA	2,441		IAC	2
1,857	1,316		3,173			
752	1,365	NA	2,117		COLR	1
10,627	NJ	NJ	10,627	10,627	IAC	1
11,379	1,365		12,744			
1,625	502	NA	2,127		COLR	1
1,424	NJ	NJ	1,424	1,424	COLR	2
737	NJ	NJ	737	737	IAC	4
3,786	502		4,288			
276	808	NA	1,084		COLR	1
3,844	NJ	NJ	3,844	3,844	IAC	1
4,120	808		4,928			
156	1,084	NA	1,240		COLR	1
1,538	2,344	NA	3,882		IAC	1
1,694	3,428		5,122			
240	1,322	NA	1,562		COLR	2
1,438	NJ	NJ	1,438	1,438	IAC	4
1,678	1,322		3,000			
6	1,306	106	1,312	112	COLR	1
6,965	2,017	143	8,982	7,108	COLR	5
12,399	NJ	NJ	12,399	12,399	IAC	1
19,370	3,323	249	22,693	19,619		
NA	NA	NA			COLR	1
NA	NA	NA			IAC	1
0	2,992	0	2,992	0	COLR	1
768	2,691	NA	3,459		IAC	1
768	5,683		6,451			

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	72 B	1,297 A	NA	1,369	152		
Court of Appeals	3,927	396	NA	4,323	197		
State Total	3,999 *	1,693 *		5,692	184		
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	54	1,126	0	1,180	169		
Court of Appeals	3,342 B	(B)	NA	3,342	209		
State Total	3,396 *			4,522	197		
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	715	0	NA	715	143		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	1,466	54	2	1,520	169	1,468	163
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	560	178	NA	738	105		
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	584	214	NA	798	114		
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	1,723	NJ	NJ	1,723	246	1,723	246
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	NJ	813	NA	813	163		
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	340	23	NA	363	73		
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	339	415	146	754	151	485	97
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	383 B	74 A	NA	457	91		
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	514	16	NA	530	106		
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	NJ	2,653	757	2,653	531	757	151
WYOMING****							
Supreme Court	283	NJ	NJ	283	57	283	57

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

<u>Total mandatory cases disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Total discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed</u>	<u>Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Point at which cases are counted</u>
75 B	1,253 A	NA	1,328		COLR	6
3,893	413	NA	4,306		IAC	6
3,968 *	1,666 *		5,634			
39	1,148	100	1,187	136	COLR	6
3,486 B	(B)	NA	3,486		IAC	6
3,525 *			4,673			
713	0	NA	713		COLR	1
1,779	57	NA	1,836		COLR	1
600	259	NA	859		COLR	1
594	198	23	792	617	COLR	1
1,866	NJ	NJ	1,866	1,866	COLR	2
NJ	939	NA	939		COLR	1
319	26	NA	345		COLR	1
396	422	NA	818		COLR	1
428 B	(B)	NA	428		COLR	2
590	13	NA	603		COLR	1
NJ	2,686	1,165	2,686	1,165	COLR	1
271	NJ	NJ	271	271	COLR	1

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

State/Court name:	TOTAL CASES FILED						
	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	Total discretionary petitions filed granted	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
				Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	1,254	1,130	NA	2,384	265		
Court of Civil Appeals	1,293	NJ	NJ	1,293	259	1,293	259
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,648	NJ	NJ	2,648	530	2,648	530
State Total	5,195	1,130		6,325	333		
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	241	748	NA	989	198		
Court of Appeals	2,055	NA	261			2,316	154
Tax Court	141	NJ	NJ	141	9	141	9
State Total	2,437						
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	292	3,986	NA	4,278	611		
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	10,019 B	(B)	NA	10,019	179		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	2,089 B	(B)	NA	2,089	139		
State Total	12,400 *			16,386	210		
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	532	2,701	NA	3,233	462		
Superior Court	8,160	NJ	NJ	8,160	544	8,160	544
Commonwealth Court	4,722 A	63	NA	4,785	532		
State Total	13,414 *			16,178	522		
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	173	1,056	79	1,229	246	252	50
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,111	133	24	1,244	104	1,135	95
Court of Appeals	1,042	269	51	1,311	109	1,093	91
State Total	2,326	1,458	154	3,784	130	2,480	86

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of last resort
 IAC = Intermediate appellate court

POINTS AT WHICH CASES ARE COUNTED:

1 = At the notice of appeal
 2 = At the filing of trial record
 3 = At the filing of trial record and complete briefs
 4 = At transfer
 5 = Other
 6 = Varies

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
1,334	1,193	NA	2,527		COLR	1
1,306	NJ	NJ	1,306	1,306	IAC	1
2,748	NJ	NJ	2,748	2,748	IAC	1
5,388			6,581			
307	796	95	1,103	402	COLR	6
1,980	NA	261		2,241	IAC	6
132	NJ	NJ	132	132	IAC	6
2,419		356		2,775		
176	4,076	117	4,252	293	COLR	1
19,109 B	(B)	NA	19,109		IAC	2
1,928 B	(B)	NA	1,928		IAC	2
21,213 *			25,289			
742	2,763	NA	3,505		COLR	6
8,150	NJ	NJ	8,150	8,150	IAC	1
4,753 A	NA	NA			IAC	1
13,645 *						
255	1,014	NA	1,269		COLR	1
1,178	126	NA	1,304		IAC	1
1,265	239	NA	1,504		IAC	1
2,698	1,379		4,077			

NOTE:

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

(B) = **Mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction** cases cannot be separately identified. Data are reported within the jurisdiction where the court has the majority of its caseload.

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TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

** Total mandatory cases filed in the Mississippi Supreme Court represent all mandatory cases filed for the state.

*** Oklahoma Supreme Court and Court of Appeals data were not available for 2002. Data are repeated from 1998.

**** Wyoming appellate data were not available for 2002. Data are repeated from 2001.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

- Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data do not include mandatory **attorney disciplinary** cases and **certified questions** from the federal courts.
- California—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions granted** filed data do not include **original proceedings**.
- Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data do not include some reopened cases, some **disciplinary matters**, and some **interlocutory decisions**.
- Maryland—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data do not include some **civil, criminal, and original proceedings**.
- Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data do not include some **administrative agency** cases and some **original proceedings**.
- South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed data do not include some **advisory opinions**, which are reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.
- Washington—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed data do not include some civil and criminal **discretionary petitions** that are reported with mandatory jurisdiction cases.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

- Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.
- Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.
—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.
- Illinois—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Iowa—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Kansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data include **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.
—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Nebraska—Court of Appeals—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.
- New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

—Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include **discretionary advisory opinions**. Total **mandatory** disposed data include all **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.

Utah—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

Washington—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include some **discretionary petitions**.

Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

- Idaho—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary original proceedings**, but do not include mandatory **interlocutory decisions** or **advisory opinions**.

TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2002

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	258	339	131	5	52	40
Court of Appeals	IAC	286	266	93	3	95	44
State Total		544	605	111	8	68	85
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	COLR	177	173	98	5	35	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,608	3,444	95	22	164	66
State Total		3,785	3,617	96	27	140	69
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	320 A	348 A	109	7	46	12
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,345	1,062	79	12	112	50
State Total		1,665 *	1,410 *	85	19	88	61
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	23	21	91	7	3	1
Courts of Appeal	IAC	13,925	17,117	123	105	133	40
State Total		13,948	17,138	123	112	125	40
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	COLR	111 A	(B)		7	16	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,673	2,463	92	16	167	59
State Total		2,784 *			23	121	62
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	COLR	46	(B)		7	7	1
Appellate Court	IAC	1,148 B	1,271 B	111	9	128	33
State Total		1,194 *			16	75	35
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	COLR	143	139	97	7	20	1
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	19,226	19,014	99	62	310	115
State Total		19,369	19,153	99	69	281	116
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	682	514	75	7	97	8
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,825	2,973	105	12	235	33
State Total		3,507	3,487	99	19	185	41
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	COLR	819	778	95	5	164	66
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	260	204	78	4	65	21
State Total		1,079	982	91	9	120	87
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	COLR	573 C	612 C	107	5	115	43
Court of Appeals	IAC	491	507	103	3	164	37
State Total		1,064 *	1,119 *	105	8	133	79
ILLINOIS							
Supreme Court	COLR	730	682	93	7	104	6
Appellate Court	IAC	8,676 B	9,419 B	109	52	167	69
State Total		9,406 *	10,101 *	107	59	159	75

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Number of judges	Filed per judge	Filed per 100,000 population
IOWA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,076 B	191		8	135	37
Court of Appeals	IAC	1061	1,231	116	9	118	36
State Total		2,137 *	1,422		17	126	73
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	160	1,059 B		7	23	6
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,635 B	1,742 B	107	10	164	60
State Total		1,795 *	2,801 *		17	106	66
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	COLR	413	398	96	7	59	10
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,553	2,790	109	14	182	62
State Total		2,966	3,188	107	21	141	72
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	227	218	96	7	32	5
Courts of Appeal	IAC	3,494	4,319	124	53	66	78
State Total		3,721	4,537	122	60	62	83
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	COLR	238 A	230		7	34	4
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	1,926	1,813	94	13	148	35
State Total		2,164 *	2,043		20	108	40
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	290	204	70	7	41	5
Appeals Court	IAC	1,911	2,128	111	22	87	30
State Total		2,201	2,332	106	29	76	34
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	COLR	2	2	100	7	0	0
Court of Appeals	IAC	4,109	4,633	113	28	147	41
State Total		4,111	4,635	113	35	117	41
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	112	121	108	7	16	2
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,065	1,909	92	16	129	41
State Total		2,177	2,030	93	23	95	43
MISSISSIPPI**							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,099	653		9		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	610		10		
State Total		1,099	1,263	115	19	122	38
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	COLR	182	193	106	7	26	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,714	3,661	99	32	116	65
State Total		3,896	3,854	99	39	100	69
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	75	(B)		7	11	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,427	1,311	92	6	238	83
State Total		1,502			13	116	87
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	COLR	528	536	102	7	75	6
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	7,069	7,280	103	34	208	82
State Total		7,597	7,816	103	41	185	88

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	59	45	76	5	12	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	781	855 B		10	78	42
State Total		840	900 *		15	56	45
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	107	131	122	7	15	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,620	1,726	107	12	135	19
State Total		1,727	1,857	108	19	91	21
OHIO							
Supreme Court	COLR	678	752	111	7	97	6
Courts of Appeals	IAC	10,745	10,627	99	68	158	94
State Total		11,423	11,379	100	75	152	100
OKLAHOMA***							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,339	1,625	121	9	149	38
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	1,462	1,424	97	5	292	42
Court of Appeals	IAC	499	737	148	12	42	14
State Total		3,300	3,786	115	26	127	94
OREGON							
Supreme Court	COLR	235	276	117	7	34	7
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,277	3,844	117	10	328	93
State Total		3,512	4,120	117	17	207	100
PUERTO RICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	125	156	125	7	18	3
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	1,576	1,538	98	33	48	41
State Total		1,701	1,694	100	40	42	44
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	213	240	113	5	43	5
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,458	1,438	99	9	162	35
State Total		1,671	1,678	100	14	119	41
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	6	6	100	9	1	0
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	7,177	6,965	97	9	797	33
Courts of Appeals	IAC	11,984	12,399	103	80	150	55
State Total		19,167	19,370	101	98	196	88
UTAH							
Supreme Court	COLR	529 B	NA		5	106	23
Court of Appeals	IAC	735 B	NA		7	105	32
State Total		1,264 *			12	105	55
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	0	0		7		
Court of Appeals	IAC	737	768	104	11	67	10
State Total		737	768	104	18	41	10
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	COLR	72 B	75 B	104	9	8	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,927	3,893	99	22	179	65
State Total		3,999 *	3,968 *	99	31	129	66
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	COLR	54	39	72	7	8	1
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,342 B	3,486 B	104	16	209	61
State Total		3,396 *	3,525 *	104	23	148	62

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	COLR	715	719	100	5	143	89
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	COLR	1,466	1,779	121	9	163	257
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	560	600	107	7	80	43
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	584	594	102	7	83	64
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,723	1,866	108	7	246	79
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	340	319	94	5	68	54
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	COLR	339	396	117	5	68	32
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	383 B	428 B	112	5	77	50
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	COLR	514	590	115	5	103	83
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
WYOMING****							
Supreme Court	COLR	283	271	96	5	57	57
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,254	1,334	106	9	139	28
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	1,293	1,306	101	5	259	29
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	2,648	2,748	104	5	530	59
State Total		5,195	5,388	104	19	273	116
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	241	307	127	5	48	4
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,055	1,980	96	15	137	33
Tax Court	IAC	141	132	94	1	141	2
State Total		2,437	2,419	99	21	116	40
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	COLR	292	176	60	7	42	2
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	10,019 B	19,109 B	191	56	179	52
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	2,089 B	1,928 B	92	15	139	11
State Total		12,400 *	21,213 *	171	78	159	65

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TABLE 3: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Mandatory Cases in State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

State/Court name:	Court type	Filed	Disposed	Disposed as a percent of filed	Number of judges	Filed per judge	Filed per 100,000 population
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	532	742	139	7	76	4
Superior Court	IAC	8,160	8,150	100	15	544	66
Commonwealth Court	IAC	4,722 A	4,753 A	101	9	525	38
State Total		13,414 *	13,645 *	102	31	433	109
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	COLR	173	255	147	5	35	3
Court of Appeals	IAC	1,042	1,265	121	12	87	18
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	1,111	1,178	106	12	93	19
State Total		2,326	2,698	116	29	80	40

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of Last Resort
 IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

NOTE:

- NA = Data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.
- NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.
- (B) = **Mandatory jurisdiction** cases cannot be separately identified and are reported with **discretionary petitions**. (See Table 4.)

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court in the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state total.

** Total mandatory cases filed in the Mississippi Supreme Court represent all mandatory cases filed for the state.

*** Oklahoma Supreme Court and Court of Appeals data were not available for 2002. Data are repeated from 1998.

**** Wyoming appellate data were not available for 2002. Data are repeated from 2001.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

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- Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data do not include some reopened cases, some **disciplinary matters**, and some **interlocutory decisions**.
- Maryland—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed data do not include some **civil**, **criminal**, and **original proceedings**.
- Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data do not include some **administrative agency** cases and some **original proceedings**.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

- Connecticut—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Illinois—Appellate Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Iowa—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Kansas—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** disposed data include **discretionary petitions** that were disposed.
 —Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.
 —Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary petitions**.
- South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary advisory opinions**. Total mandatory disposed data include all discretionary petitions that were disposed.
- Utah—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
 —Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.
- Washington—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include some **discretionary petitions**.
- Wisconsin—Court of Appeals—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include all **discretionary petitions**.

C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:

- Idaho—Supreme Court—Total **mandatory** filed and disposed data include **discretionary original proceedings**, but do not include **mandatory interlocutory decisions** or **advisory opinions**.

TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2002

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with one or more court of last resort and one intermediate appellate court							
ALASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	157	177	113	5	31	24
Court of Appeals	IAC	35	36	103	3	12	5
State Total		192	213	111	8	24	30
ARIZONA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,050	1,091	104	5	210	19
Court of Appeals	IAC	116	111	96	22	5	2
State Total		1,166	1,202	103	27	43	21
ARKANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	446	436	98	7	64	16
Court of Appeals	IAC	145	138	95	12	12	5
State Total		591	574	97	19	31	22
CALIFORNIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	8,894	8,781	99	7	1,271	25
Courts of Appeal	IAC	8,454	8,348	99	105	81	24
State Total		17,348	17,129	99	112	155	49
COLORADO							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,257	1,415 B		7	180	28
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		16		
State Total		1,257	1,415 *		23	55	28
CONNECTICUT							
Supreme Court	COLR	499	539 B		7	71	14
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	(B)		9		
State Total					16		
FLORIDA							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,634	2,838	108	7	376	16
District Courts of Appeal	IAC	1,376	1,237	90	62	22	8
State Total		4,010	4,075	102	69	58	24
GEORGIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,190	1,479	124	7	170	14
Court of Appeals	IAC	435	416	96	12	36	5
State Total		1,625	1,895	117	19	86	19
HAWAII							
Supreme Court	COLR	67	69	103	5	13	5
Intermediate Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		4		
State Total		67	69	103	9	7	5
IDAHO							
Supreme Court	COLR	184	198	108	5	37	14
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		3		
State Total		184	198	108	8	23	14
ILLINOIS							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,579	2,407	93	7	368	20
Appellate Court	IAC	(B)	(B)		52		
State Total					59		
IOWA							
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	1,989		8		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		9		
State Total			1,989		17		

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	883	(B)		7	126	33
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	(B)		10		
State Total					17		
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	COLR	742	725	98	7	106	18
Court of Appeals	IAC	75	86	115	14	5	2
State Total		817	811	99	21	39	20
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	3,029	3,232	107	7	433	68
Courts of Appeal	IAC	5,959	6,426	108	53	112	133
State Total		8,985	9,658	107	60	150	200
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	COLR	721	718	100	7	103	13
Court of Special Appeals	IAC	568	568	100	13	44	10
State Total		1,289	1,286	100	20	64	24
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	752	633	84	7	107	12
Appeals Court	IAC	741	741	100	22	34	12
State Total		1,493	1,374	92	29	51	23
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,271	2,052	90	7	324	23
Court of Appeals	IAC	3,047	3,014	99	28	109	30
State Total		5,318	5,066	95	35	152	53
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	674	83	12	7	96	13
Court of Appeals	IAC	91	98	108	16	6	2
State Total		765	181	24	23	33	15
MISSISSIPPI**							
Supreme Court	COLR	302	289	96	9	34	11
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		10		
State Total		302	289	96	19	34	11
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	COLR	623	616	99	7	89	11
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		32		
State Total		623	616	99	39	16	11
NEBRASKA							
Supreme Court	COLR	328	311 B		7	47	19
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		6		
State Total		328	311 *		13	25	19
NEW JERSEY							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,949	3,009	102	7	421	34
Appellate Div. of Super. Ct.	IAC	0	0		34		
State Total		2,949	3,009	102	41	72	34
NEW MEXICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	515	457	89	5	103	28
Court of Appeals	IAC	85	(B)		10	9	5
State Total		600			15	40	32

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
NORTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	662	601	91	7	95	8
Court of Appeals	IAC	768	715	93	12	64	9
State Total		1,430	1,316	92	19	75	17
OHIO							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,529	1,365	89	7	218	13
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		68		
State Total		1,529	1,365	89	75	20	13
OKLAHOMA***							
Supreme Court	COLR	502	502	100	9	56	14
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		12		
State Total		502	502	100	26	19	14
OREGON							
Supreme Court	COLR	701	808	115	7	100	20
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		10		
State Total		701	808	115	17		20
PUERTO RICO							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,029	1,084	105	7	147	27
Circuit Court of Appeals	IAC	2,349	2,344	100	11	214	61
State Total		3,378	3,428	101	18	188	88
SOUTH CAROLINA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,185	1,322	112	5	237	29
Court of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		9		
State Total		1,185	1,322	112	14	85	29
TEXAS							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,295	1,306	101	9	144	6
Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	1,951	2,017	103	9	217	9
Courts of Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		80		
State Total		3,246	3,323	102	98	33	15
UTAH							
Supreme Court	COLR	(B)	NA		5		
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	NA		7		
State Total					12		
VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	3,026	2,992	99	7	432	41
Court of Appeals	IAC	2,677	2,691	101	11	243	37
State Total		5,703	5,683	100	18	317	78
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,297 A	1,253 A	97	9	144	21
Court of Appeals	IAC	396	413	104	22	18	7
State Total		1,693 *	1,666 *	98	31	55	28
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,126	1,148	102	7	161	21
Court of Appeals	IAC	(B)	(B)		16		
State Total					23		

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TABLE 4: Selected Caseload and Processing Measures for Discretionary Petitions in State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
States with no intermediate appellate court							
DELAWARE							
Supreme Court	COLR	0	0		5		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	COLR	54	57	106	9	6	9
MAINE							
Supreme Judicial Court	COLR	178	259	146	7	25	14
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	214	198	93	7	51	24
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		7		
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	COLR	813	939	115	5	163	64
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	23	26	113	5	5	4
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	COLR	415	422	102	5	83	39
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	COLR	74 A	(B)		5	15	10
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	COLR	16	13	81	5	3	3
WEST VIRGINIA							
Supreme Court of Appeals	COLR	2,653	2,686	101	5	531	147
WYOMING							
Supreme Court	COLR	NJ	NJ		5		
States with one court of last resort and two intermediate appellate courts							
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,130	1,193	106	9	126	25
Court of Civil Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		5		
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	NJ	NJ		5		
State Total		1,130	1,193	106	19	59	25
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	COLR	748	796	106	5	150	12
Court of Appeals	IAC	NA	NA		15		
Tax Court	IAC	NJ	NJ		1		
State Total					21		
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	COLR	3,986	4,076	102	7	569	21
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	(B)		56		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	IAC	(B)	(B)		15		
State Total					78		

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<u>State/Court name:</u>	<u>Court type</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>Disposed as a percent of filed</u>	<u>Number of judges</u>	<u>Filed per judge</u>	<u>Filed per 100,000 population</u>
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	COLR	2,701	2,763	102	7	386	22
Superior Court	IAC	NJ	NJ		15		
Commonwealth Court	IAC	63	NA		9	7	1
State Total		2,764			31	89	22
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	COLR	1,056	1,014	96	5	211	18
Court of Appeals	IAC	269	239	89	12	22	5
Court of Criminal Appeals	IAC	133	126	95	12	11	2
State Total		1,458	1,379	95	29	50	25

COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of Last Resort
 IAC = Intermediate Appellate Court

NOTE:

NA = Data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

(B) = **Discretionary petitions** cannot be separately identified and are reported with **mandatory** cases. (See Table 3).

QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

The absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that data are complete.

* See the qualifying footnote for each court in the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.

** Total mandatory cases filed in the Mississippi Supreme Court represent all mandatory cases filed for the state.

*** Oklahoma Supreme Court data were not available for 2002. Data are repeated from 1998.

A: The following courts' data are incomplete:

South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed data do not include some **discretionary advisory opinions**, which are reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.
 Washington—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** filed and disposed data do not include some civil and criminal **discretionary petitions** that are reported with **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.

B: The following courts' data are overinclusive:

Colorado—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory disposed** cases.
 Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.
 Nebraska—Supreme Court—Total **discretionary petitions** disposed data include all **mandatory jurisdiction** cases.