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Cases filed, disposed of, and pending in the U.S. Supreme Court

By method of filing, at conclusion of the October terms 1976-95

October terms	Total	Original	Paid	In forma pauperis	October terms	Total	Original	Paid	In forma pauperis
<u>1976</u>					<u>1986</u>				
Cases on docket	4,730	8	2,324	2,398	Cases on docket	5,134	12	2,547	2,575
Disposed of	3,918	2	1,852	2,064	Disposed of	4,360	1	2,105	2,254
Remaining on docket	812	6	472	334	Remaining on docket	774	11	442	321
<u>1977</u>					<u>1987</u>				
Cases on docket	4,704	14	2,341	2,349	Cases on docket	5,268	16	2,577	2,675
Disposed of	3,867	3	1,911	1,953	Disposed of	4,387	5	2,131	2,251
Remaining on docket	837	11	430	396	Remaining on docket	881	11	446	424
<u>1978</u>					<u>1988</u>				
Cases on docket	4,731	17	2,383	2,331	Cases on docket	5,657	14	2,587	3,056
Disposed of	4,017	0	2,021	1,996	Disposed of	4,911	2	2,271	2,638
Remaining on docket	714	17	362	335	Remaining on docket	746	12	316	418
<u>1979</u>					<u>1989</u>				
Cases on docket	4,781	23	2,509	2,249	Cases on docket	5,746	14	2,416	3,316
Disposed of	3,889	1	2,050	1,838	Disposed of	4,989	2	2,096	2,891
Remaining on docket	892	22	459	411	Remaining on docket	757	12	320	425
<u>1980</u>					<u>1990</u>				
Cases on docket	5,144	24	2,749	2,371	Cases on docket	6,316	14	2,351	3,951
Disposed of	4,196	7	2,222	1,950	Disposed of	5,481	3	2,042	3,436
Remaining on docket	948	17	527	421	Remaining on docket	835	11	309	515
<u>1981</u>					<u>1991</u>				
Cases on docket	5,311	22	2,935	2,354	Cases on docket	6,770	12	2,451	4,307
Disposed of	4,433	6	2,390	2,037	Disposed of	5,894	1	2,125	3,768
Remaining on docket	878	16	545	317	Remaining on docket	876	11	326	539
<u>1982</u>					<u>1992</u>				
Cases on docket	5,079	17	2,170	2,352	Cases on docket	7,245	12	2,441	4,792
Disposed of	4,201	3	2,190	2,008	Disposed of	6,402	1	2,140	4,261
Remaining on docket	878	14	520	344	Remaining on docket	843	11	301	531
<u>1983</u>					<u>1993</u>				
Cases on docket	5,100	18	2,688	2,394	Cases on docket	7,786	12	2,442	5,332
Disposed of	4,140	7	2,148	1,985	Disposed of	6,721	1	2,099	4,621
Remaining on docket	960	11	540	409	Remaining on docket	1,065	11	343	711
<u>1984</u>					<u>1994</u>				
Cases on docket	5,006	15	2,575	2,416	Cases on docket	8,100	11	2,515	5,574
Disposed of	4,261	8	2,175	2,078	Disposed of	7,170	2	2,185	4,983
Remaining on docket	745	7	400	338	Remaining on docket	930	9	330	591
<u>1985</u>					<u>1995</u>				
Cases on docket	5,158	10	2,571	2,577	Cases on docket	7,565	11	2,456	5,098
Disposed of	4,275	2	2,095	2,178	Disposed of	6,649	5	2,130	4,514
Remaining on docket	883	8	476	399	Remaining on docket	916	6	326	584

Note: "Original" refers to those cases that were on the Supreme Court docket previously and were disposed of, but that have been reinstated for some reason. For all cases other than "original" ones, a docket filing fee must be "paid." If the petitioner is indigent, the docket filing fee is waived and the case is filed "in forma pauperis."

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