

**EXPLANATION OF THE JUDICIAL CASELOAD
PROFILES (ACTIONS PER PANEL)
FOR UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS**

	Number of Judgeships/ Number of Panels	Authorized judgeships (does not include senior judges)/ Authorized three judge panels		
	Number of Sitting Senior Judges	Number of court's own senior judges participating in case dispositions		
	Number of Vacant Judgeship Months	Number of months during year that an authorized judgeship position was not filled		
ACTIONS PER PANEL*	A P P E A L S	Total	Total appeals filed, including reopened and reinstated appeals	
		Prisoner	Civil filings comprising state and federal prisoner petitions only	
		Other	All other civil filings, original proceedings, and bankruptcy reviews	
		Criminal	All criminal appeals	
		Administrative	All petitions to review administrative agency decisions and applications for enforcement	
	T E R M I N A T E D	ON THE M E R I T S	Total	Total cases disposed of
			Consolidations & Cross Appeals	Includes cross appeals and appeals terminated through consolidation with a lead case (the lead case will be included below as applicable)
			Procedural	Includes all dispositions (with and without judicial action) not based on the merits of the case
			Total	Total dispositions by panels based on the merits of the case
			Prisoner	Prisoner petition dispositions based on the merits of the case
			Other	All other civil, original proceeding, and bankruptcy dispositions based on the merits of the case
		Criminal	Criminal dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		Administrative	Administrative agency dispositions based on the merits of the case	
		PENDING APPEALS		Pending cases at the end of the year
		MEDIAN TIME	Median Time From Filing Notice of Appeal To Disposition	Includes only those cases terminated on the merits of the case; shows the time interval, in months, for the middle (median) case
OTHER CASELOAD PER JUDGESHIP	Applications for Interlocutory Appeals	Dispositions of applications for interlocutory appeals		
	Pro Se Mandamus Petitions	Dispositions of pro se mandamus petitions		
	Petitions for Rehearing	Petitions for rehearing by panel or en banc		

***ACTIONS PER PANEL**

The caseload statistics for the courts of appeals are presented as "actions per panel" rather than according to the "actions per judgeship" profile used for the district courts. Actions per panel provide a more accurate indication of the caseload of an individual judge, since appeals cases are generally handled by panels of three judges rather than by single judges.

**CIRCUIT'S
NUMERICAL
STANDINGS**

The 12 regional courts of appeals have been arranged in a ranked order with respect to the statistical indices of caseload or performance found on the profile. This shows where the caseload of an individual court of appeals stands in relation to those of all other circuit courts of appeals.

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