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SUPREME COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS 1972-2015

<u>Year</u>	<u>Case Filings</u>	<u>5-Year Averages</u>	<u>Percentage of Increase/Decrease</u>
1972	230		
1973	244		
1974	266		
1975	301	1972-1975 = 260	-----
1976	409		
1977	470		
1978	518*		
1979	477		
1980	490	1976-1980 = 473	+82% Increase
1981	574*		
1982	522		
1983	561		
1984	567		
1985	639*	1981-1985 = 573	+20% Increase
1986	602		
1987	571		
1988	628		
1989	633		
1990	633	1986-1990 = 613	+7% Increase
1991	636		
1992	627		
1993	659*		
1994	633		
1995	580	1991-1995 = 627	+2% Increase
1996	731*		
1997	729		
1998	731		
1999	706		
2000	868*	1996-2000 = 753	+20% Increase
2001	909*		
2002	798		
2003	860		
2004	882		
2005	738	2001-2005 = 837	+11% Increase
2006	760		
2007	751**		
2008	649		
2009	677		
2010	650	2006-2010 = 697	-17% Decrease
2011	775		
2012	778		
2013	860		
2014	822		
2015	806	2011-2015 = 808	+16% Increase (from previous average of 697)

*Record-setting years for filings

**Beginning October 1, 2007, the Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure were changed to require notices of appeal to be filed in the Supreme Court instead of the District Court. Prior to 2007, the appellate caseload numbers above reflect original proceedings, attorney disciplinary proceedings, and *direct appeals in which the briefing schedule initiated*, since under the previous rules a case number was not assigned until the lower court record was transmitted to this court (40 days after the filing of the notice of appeal).