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SUPREME COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS 1972-2012

| <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 | 2011-2012 = 776 | +11.3 % 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).