



Historic Caseload Statistics

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Year	Case Filings	5-Year Averages		Percentage Increase/Decrease
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		
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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
2016	765		
2017	743		
2018	721		
2019	711		

2020	581	***	2016-2020 = 704	-13% decrease
2021	662			
2022	737			
2023	743			
2024	760			

* 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).

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