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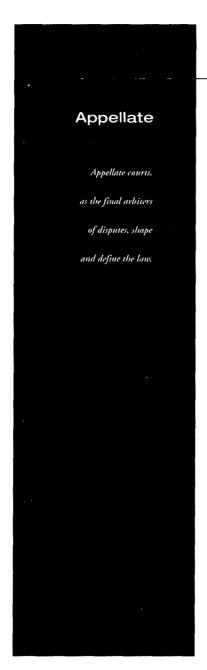
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### STATISTICAL DATA REGARDING STATE COURTS

## The National Center for State Courts

Editor's note: Like the statement from the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers and the federal-court statistics that precede them in this issue, the state-court statistics in these charts were circulated to all attendees in advance of the 2005 National Conference on Appellate Justice. They informed all of the presentations and discussions at the National Conference.



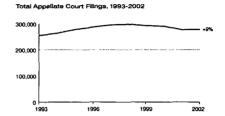
Appellate courts, whether at the intermediate or highest level, provide review of decisions of lower courts and, as the final arbiters of disputes, shape and define the law. In most states, appellate courts are required to review decisions in criminal cases when the defendant is sentenced to death. Appellate courts are also responsible for disciplining attorneys and judges for serious violations of ethics and conduct.

Most states divide their appellate system into two levels: an intermediate appellate court (IAC), which renders a first level of trial court review, and a court of last resort (COLR), which handles the most critical and important matters and appeals from the IACs. Only eleven states and the District of Columbia function without an IAC, while two states, Oklahoma and Texas, have more than one COLR.

Many of the analyses included here make a distinction between mandatory and discretionary caseloads in appellate courts. As the terms imply, mandatory jurisdiction over cases means that an appellate court is obligated by its state constitution or statutes to consider the merits of a case. Discretionary jurisdiction means the court decides whether it will grant review of a case.

#### Appellate court filings show a slight increase for the first time since 1998

- Total appellate court caseloads include original proceedings and appeals over which the appellate courts have mandatory or discretionary jurisdiction. This trend shows annual filing data for state appellate courts for the last 10 years.
- Between 1993 and 1998 the number of appellate court filings increased 17 percent, from 254,000 to 297,000. Over the next five years, filings declined 6 percent to 278,000.



#### Intermediate appellate courts handle most mandatory appeals

- Intermediate appellate courts provide firstlevel review, while courts of last resort are the final arbiters of disputes. This structure results in intermediate appellate courts handling the majority of appeals. Where there is no intermediate appellate court, a state supreme court conducts first and final appellate review.
- The caseloads in IACs and COLRs are reported here as filings of mandatory appeals and discretionary petitions. Mandatory appeals in IACs outnumbered those in COLRs by a margin of 6 to 1. Conversely, there are more than two discretionary petitions filed in COLRs for every one filed in IACs.

Total Mandatory and Discretionary Caseloads in COLRs and IACs, 2002



■ Intermediate Appellate Court: □ Courts of Last Resort

### Appellate court filing rates vary widely across the states

- O States in this table are divided into those with and without an intermediate appellate courr and then ranked according to their number of appeals per 100,000 population. Caseloads are shown as percentages composed of mandatory appeals and discretionary petitions.
- When adjusted for population, Louisiana (population rank 24) reported the highest number of appeals (283 per 100,000 population) and North Carolina (population rank 11) reported the lowest (38 per 100,000 population).
- Proportions of mandatory and discretionary caseloads vary dramatically, but several states show 100 percent mandatory or discretionary jurisdiction. These proportions were based upon the number of cases reported in each category rather than actual mandated jurisdiction. Hence, a 100 percent designation in one category could simply mean that there were no cases filed in the other category in 2002.

Total Appellate Caseloads by State, 2002

States	Appeats per 100,000 Population	Total Appeals	Mandatory Appeals	Discretionary Petitions	Population Rank
With Intermediate	Appellate Court				
Louisiana	283	12,706	29%	71%	24
Alabama	141	6,325	82	18	23
Florida	140	23,379	83	17	4
Puerto Rico	132	5,079	33	67	27
Pennsylvania	131	16,178	83	17	6
New Jersey	123	10,548	72	28	9
Oregon	120	4,213	83	17	28
Alaska	114	736	74	26	48
Ohio	113	12,952	88	12	7
Nebraska	106	1,830	82	18	39
Texas	103	22,413	88	14	2
Kansas	99	2,678	67	33	33
Illinois	95	11,985	78	22	5
Michigan	94	9,429	44	58	8
Washington	94	5,692	70	30	15
Idaho	93	1,248	85	15	40
Kentucky	92	3,783	78	22	26
Hawali	92	1,146	94	6	43
Arizona	91	4,951	76	24	19
Colorado	90	4,041	69	31	22
California	89	31,296	45	55	1
Virginia	88	6.440	11	89	12
New York	86	16,386	76	24	3
Arkansas	83	2.256	74	26	34
Wisconsin	83	4,522	75	25	20
Missouri	80	4,519	86	14	17
New Mexico	78	1,440	58	42	37
lowa	73	2,137	100	0	31
South Carolina	70	2,856	59	41	25
Tennessee	65	3,784	61	39	16
Maryland	63	3,453	63	37	18
Georgia	60	5,132	68	32	10
Minnesota	59	2,942	74	26	21
Massachusetts	57	3,694	60	40	13
Utah	55	1,264	100	0	35
Indiana	52	3,185	77	23	14
Connecticut	49	1,693	71	29	30
Mississippi	49	1,401	78	22	32
North Carolina	38	3,157	55	45	11
Without an Interm	ediate Appellate Cou	nt			
District of Columbi	ia 266	1,520	96	4	51
West Virginia	147	2,653	0	100	38
Delaware	89	715	100	0	46
Montana	88	798	73	27	45
Vermont	88	530	97	3	50
Nevada	79	1,723	100	0	36
Rhode Island	70	754	45	55	44
New Hampshire	64	813	0	100	42
South Dakota	60	457	84	16	47
North Dakota	57	363	94	6	49
Maine	57	738	76	24	41

Notes: Oldahoma and Wyoming were unable to provide data for 2002. States in blue are the nation's 10 most populous.

### State appellate courts issued over 38,000 opinions

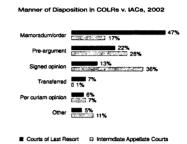
- Most appeals are resolved by opinions, memoranda/orders, or pre-argument dismissals. While opinions can be rendered through a variety of means, the data here capture only two: signed opinions and per curiam affirmed opinions. In 2002, 17 courts of last resort issued almost 3,700 such opinions while 24 intermediate appellate courts issued over 34,500.
- During 2002, these courts also issued more than 23,000 memoranda/orders and dismissed approximately 27,000 cases.

Manner of Disposition in 17 Courts of Last Resort and 24 Intermediate Appellate Courts, 2002

	Number of	Total	0	inions ——		Non-Opinion D	ispositions —	
	Justices	Dispositions	Signed	Per Curiam	Memo/Order	Pre-Argument	Transferred	Other
Courts of Last Resort								
Florida	7	2,977	95	213	2,669			
Nevada	7	2,454	38	61	1,767	588		
lowa	8	2,180	180	11		928	1,015	46
District of Columbia	9	1,836	339	575	865			57
Colorado	7	1,415	121		1,287		7	
Washington	9	1,328	129		892	70	118	119
Puerto Rico	7	1,240	92	44	129	957		18
Indiana	5	1,103	195	18	190	687		13
Hawaii	5	847	191			257	258	141
Rhode Island	5	818	75	105	70	290		278
Montana	7	792	343		239	210		
Delaware	5	713	71	19	546	77		
Vermont	5	603	68		388	147		
Alaska	5	516	182	68		95		171
South Dakota	5	428	164		167	64		33
Oregon	7	371	60	40	251			20
North Dakota	5	345	189			71		85
Intermediate Appellate Courts								
Ohio	68	10.627	6.992			3.389		246
Pennsylvania Superior Ct.	15	8,152	5,315			2,835	2	
Michigan	28	7.647	212	102	3.636	1,793		1,904
New Jersey	34	7,280	431	3,560	250	3,039		
Pennsylvania Commonwealth Ct.	9	4.753	1,746			2.722	117	168
Washington	22	4,306	1,846		264	1,593	11	592
Oregon	10	3,844	393	118	1,483	1,660		190
Missouri	32	3,661	1,686		103	1,200	92	580
Wisconsin	16	3,486	761	523	867			1,335
Georgia	12	3,389	1,401		643	567	69	709
Massachusetts	22	2,869	363		1,071	618	76	741
Alabama Ct. of Criminal Appeals	5	2,748	122		1,673	578		375
Colorado	16	2,463	291		1,330	834	8	
Maryland	13	2,381	144	1,179		500	41	517
Minnesota	16	2,007	1,324	3	61	609		10
Kansas	10	1,742	1,246		292		204	
Tennessee Ct. of Appeals	12	1,504	843		422	4		235
Alabama Ct. of Civil Appeals	5	1,306	323		574	358	51	
Tennessee Ct. of Criminal Appea		1,304	890		288	17		109
Connecticut	9	1,271	637			262	129	243
lowa	9	1,231	1,144	70		14		3
Arkansas	12	1,200	629			43	80	448
New Mexico	10	855	152		541	145	8	9
Alaska	3	302	55		172	31		44

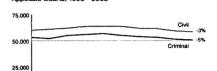
#### Memoranda/orders are the most common disposition in state courts of last resort

- The most common dispositions in intermediate appellate courts are signed opinions and pre-argument dismissals. Together, these two actions comprise about twothirds of all dispositions in IACs. Opinions typically include statements of fact, points of law, rationale, and dicta, while a preargument dismissal is based on a review of briefs rather than oral arguments.
- Nearly one-half of cases in appellate courts of last resort are resolved by a memorandum/order, which is a simple order based on a unanimous opinion. Pre-argument dismissals and signed opinions are the next most common at 22 percent and 13 percent, respectively.
- The remaining appeals are disposed of by per curiam opinions (usually a short opinion issued in the name of the court rather than specific justices), transfers to another court, or some other method.



## Mandatory appeals in intermediate appellate courts continued to decline

- Mandatory civil and criminal appeals in IACs, those cases that the courts are statutorily required to hear, have tracked consistently with one another for the last 10 years with civil appeals averaging about 8,000 more filings per year than criminal appeals.
- In 2002, mandatory civil and criminal appeals in the 36 intermediate appellate courts featured on this chart continued a decline that began in 1998, resulting in a 3 percent decrease in civil appeals and a 5 percent decrease in criminal appeals.



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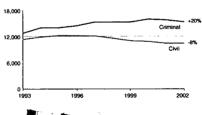
2002



#### Criminal petitions in courts of last resort decreased for second consecutive year

- Courts of last resort in 15 states were able to provide filing data for discretionary civil and criminal petitions from 1993 to 2002. For the ten-year period shown here, discretionary criminal petitions are up 20 percent despite a 4 percent decrease over the last two years.
- Phe number of discretionary civil petitions in the same 15 courts of last resort reached its peak in 1995; the number of filings then remained constant for three years. From 1997 to 2001, filings declined annually. The number of civil petitions filed in 2002 was virtually the same as in 2001. Overall, there has been an 8 percent decline in the last 10 years.

# Discretionary Criminal and Civil Petitions in 15 Courts of Last Resort, 1993-2002





# The majority of states expedite dependency appeals to speed permanent placement

- Forty-four states and the District of Columbia report having at least some aspect of an expedited appellate procedure for dependency cases. Only six states report not having any such procedure.
- Strategies to expedite appeals include developing a tracking system, devising and implementing penalties for delay, reducing briefing schedules, limiting oral argument, and expediting the assembling of the record and transcript preparation.
- States have formalized expedited processes through court rules (23 states), statutes (15 states), or constitutional amendments (one state). Internal operating procedures may also be used to expedite cases. Often, states have more than one legal process for expediting dependency appeals. For example, Georgia has utilized a constitutional amendment, state statute, and internal operating procedures.

#### Status of Expedited Procedures as of July 2002



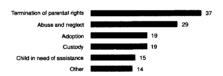
- Does not have any aspects of an expedited appellate procedure. (6)
- Reports aspects of an expedited appellate procedure (45)

Source: Dependency Appeals: Strategies to Reduce Delay, 2nd Edition, NCSC, 2003

#### Termination of parental rights is the most common of expedited dependency appeals

- Case types that may be classified as dependency appeals include termination of parental rights (TPR), abuse and neglect, adoption, custody, children in need of assistance, domestic violence cases that include custody issues, guardianship of a minor, and visitation appeals.
- Many states expedite more than one case type. In fact, most states expedite two or more case types, and many expedite any appeal that involves a child-related issue.

#### Number of States Supporting Expedited Dependency Appeals by Type of Case



#### Appellate courts are beginning to use alternative dispute resolution

- Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) consists of dispute resolution processes outside of (or adjacent to) the traditional court case structure. Processes as diverse as mediation, arbitration, early neutral evaluation (ENE), summary jury trials, settlement conferences, parenting classes for divorcing couples, and group or family conferencing are all considered types of ADR.
- The focus of many appellate court ADR programs is to encourage or require counsel for the parties to discuss settlement at a conference facilitated by a non-judicial court employee or other third-party neutral. Although these attorney-neutrals have different titles depending on the court, their role is primarily that of a mediator. The conferences are usually held before the filing of appellate briefs and, in nearly all cases, before oral argument. Some appellate programs are geared exclusively toward settlement, while other programs also address case management and procedural issues.
- Local court rules or procedures identify the criteria each court uses to determine whether a case is eligible for the program and whether a conference should be scheduled.
- In twenty-one states, appellate courts are addressing increasing caseloads by offering alternative dispute resolution before and during the appeal.
- Case types that are often referred to mediation include general civil (tort, contract, and real property rights), domestic relations, and workers' compensation cases.

#### States Using ADR in Appellate Courts



- Appellate ADR or Settlement Conferences (19)
- ☐ No Appellate ADR Program (32)

# Administrative agency appeals have decreased 18 percent over the last five years.

- Administrative agencies are licensing or regulatory bodies that oversee policies regarding worker's compensation, unemployment compensation, public utilities, historic preservation, etc. These agencies typically have a combination of legislative, executive, and judicial functions that they use to carry out legislatively mandated policy. Thus, an administrative agency appeal is an appeal of a decision made by one of these agencies.
- The number of administrative agency appeals in 11 state appellate courts has been declining since 1999. The greatest decline (-16 percent) occurred in 2001 when the number of filings fell by almost 1,000 cases.

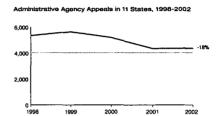


TABLE 1: Reported National Caseload for State Appellate Courts, 2002

Report	ad Caseload	Filed		Disposed
Courts	of last resort:			
I. M	andatory jurisdiction appeals:			
A	Number of reported complete cases Number of courts reporting complete data	26,	137 44	26,993 43
В	Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions  Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions	2,0	060 4	1,562 3
С	Number of reported cases that are incomplete  Number of courts reporting incomplete data	•	3 3	348 1
D	Number of reported cases that are incomplete and include some discretionary petitions  Number of courts reporting incomplete data that include some discretionary petitions		573 1	612 1
II. D	scretionary jurisdiction petitions:			
A	Number of reported complete petitions.  Number of courts reporting complete petitions.	59,	739 47	58,153 44
В	Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases.  Number of courts reporting complete petitions that include some mandatory cases		0	2,265 3
С	Number of reported petitions that are incomplete .  Number of courts reporting incomplete petitions .	1,:	371 2	1,253 1
Interme	ediate appellate courts:			
I. M	andatory jurisdiction appeals:			
A	Number of reported complete cases . Number of courts reporting complete data	127,022 36		132,464 36
В	Number of reported complete cases that include some discretionary petitions.  Number of courts reporting complete data with some discretionary petitions.	27,0	344 7	37,810 7
С	Number of reported cases that are incomplete	4,7	722	4,753 1
fl. D	scretionary jurisdiction petitions:			
A	Number of reported complete petitions.  Number of courts reporting complete petitions.	27,	769 21	27,747 21
В	Number of reported complete petitions that include some mandatory cases		0	0
С	Number of reported petitions that are incomplete		0	0 0
Summa	ry section for all appellate courts:		eported Filing	
		COLR	IAC	Total
A B C D	Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types.  Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete.	86,176 2,060 2,040 573	154,791 27,644 4,722 0	240,96 29,70 6,76 573
To	dal	90,849	187,157	278,006
		Rep	orted Disposit	ions
		COLR	_ IAC	Total
A. B. C	Number of reported complete cases/petitions that include other case types  Number of reported cases/petitions that are incomplete.	85,146 3,827 1,601	160,211 37,810 4,753 0	245,35 41,63 6,35
D.		612	•	613 202 00
10	tal	91,186	202,774	293,960

TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002

		•	Total	case: discret	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
State/Court name:	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	discretionary petitions filed granted	Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge	
	S	tates with one or	more court of la	st resort and o	ne intermediate	appellate court		
ALASKA								
Supreme Court Court of Appeals	258 286	157 35	21 6	415 321	83 107	279	56	
State Total	544	192	27	736	92	292 571	97 71	
ARIZONA								
Supreme Court	177	1,050	NA	1,227	245			
Court of Appeals	3,608	116	NA	3,724	169			
State Total	3,785	1,168		4,951	183			
ARKANSAS								
Supreme Court	320 A	446	110	766	109	430	61	
Court of Appeals	1,345	145	18	1,490	124	1,363	114	
State Total	1,665	591	128	2,256	119	1,793	94	
CALIFORNIA								
Supreme Court	23	8,894	136 A	8,917	1,274	159	23	
Courts of Appeal	13,925	8,454	NA	22,379	213			
State Total	13,948	17,348		31,296	279			
COLORADO								
Supreme Court	111 A	1,257	NA	1,368	195			
Court of Appeals	2,673	NJ	NJ	2,673	167	2,673	167	
State Total	2,784 *	1,257		4,041	176			
CONNECTICUT								
Supreme Court	46	499	63	545	78	109	16	
Appellate Court	1,148 B	(B)	NA					
State Total	1,194 *							
FLORIDA								
Supreme Court	143	2,634	NA	2,777	397			
District Courts of Appeal	19,226	1,376	NA	20,602	332			
State Total	19,369	4,010		23,379	339			
GEORGIA								
Supreme Court	682	1,190	86	1,872	267	768	110	
Court of Appeals	2,825	435	NA	3,260	272			
State Total	3,507	1,625		5,132	270			
HAWAII								
Supreme Court	819	67	NA	886	177			
Intermediate Court of Appeals	260	NJ	NJ	260	65	260	65	
State Total	1,079	67		1,146	127			
IDAHO								
Supreme Court	573 C	184	NA	757	151			
Court of Appeals	491	NJ	NJ	491	164	491	164	
State Total	1,064	184		1,248	156			
ILLINOIS'								
Supreme Court	730	2,579	98	3,309	473	828	118	
Appellate Court	8,676 B	(B)	NA	8.676	167			
State Total	9,406 *			11,985	203			

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Courttype	Point at which cases are counted
339	177	NA	516		COLR	1
266	36	NA	302		IAC	1
605	213		818			
173	1,091	NA	1,264		COLR	6
3,444 3,617	111	NA	3,555 4,819		IAC	6
3,017	1,202		4,619			
348 A	436	110	784	458	COLR	2
1,062	138	18	1,200	1,080	IAC	2
1,410 *	574	128	1,984	1,538		
21	8,781	74	8,802	95	COLR	6
17,117	8,348	NA	25,465		IAC	2
17,138	17,129		34,267			
(B)	1,415 B	NA.	1,415		COLR	1
2,463	LN	NJ	2,463	2,463	IAC	1
	1,415 *		3,878			
(B)	539 B	NA	539		COLR	1
1,271 B	(B)	NA	1,271		IAC	i
	• • •		1,810			
139	2.838	NA	2,977		COLR	1
19,014	1,237	NA	20,251		IAC	1
19,153	4,075		23,228			
514	1,479	47	1,993	561	COLR	2
2,973	416	NA	3,389		IAC	2
3,487	1,895		5,382			
778	69	NA	847		COLR	2
204	NJ	LN	204	204	IAC	2
982	69		1,051			
612 C	198	NA	810		COLR	1
507	NJ	NJ	507	507	IAC	4
1,119	198		1,317			
682	2,407	0	3,089	682	COLR	1
9,419 B	(B)	NA	9,419		IAC	1
10,101			12,508			

TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

			Total	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
State/Court name:	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	discretionary petitions filed granted	Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
IOWA							
Supreme Court	1,076 B	(B)	NA.	1,076	135		
Court of Appeals	1,061	NJ	NJ	1,061	118	1,061	118
State Total	2,137 *			2,137	126		
KANSAS							
Supreme Court	160	883	19	1,043	149	179	26
Court of Appeals	1,635 B	(B)	NA	1,635	164		
State Total	1,795			2,678	158		
KENTUCKY							
Supreme Court	413	742	NA	1,155	165		
Court of Appeals	2,553	75	NA	2,628	188		
State Total	2,966	817		3,783	180		
LOUISIANA							
Supreme Court	227	3,029	306	3.256	465	533	76
Courts of Appeal	3,494	5,956	1,665	9,450	178	5,159	97
State Total	3,721	8,985	1,971	12,706	212	5,692	95
MARYLAND							
Court of Appeals	238 A	721	120	959	137	358	51
Court of Special Appeals	1,926	568	8	2,494	192	1,934	149
State Total	2,164	1,289	128	3,453	173	2,292	115
MASSACHUSETTS							
Supreme Judicial Court	290	752	NA	1.042	149		
Appeals Court	1,911	741	NA	2,652	121		
State Total	2,201	1,493		3,694	127		
MICHIGAN							
Supreme Court	2	2,271	NA	2.273	325		
Court of Appeals	4,109	3,047	NA	7,156	256		
State Total	4,111	5,318		9,429	269		
MINNESOTA							
Supreme Court	112	674	130	786	112	242	39
Court of Appeals	2,065	91	NA	2,156	135		
State Total	2,177	765		2,942	128		
MISSISSIPPI**							
Supreme Court	1,099	302	62				
Court of Appeals	NA	NJ	NJ				
State Total	1,099	302	62	1,401	74	1,161	61
MISSOURI							
Supreme Court	182	623	51	805	115	233	33
Court of Appeals	3,714	NJ	NJ	3,714	116	3,714	116
State Total	3,896	623	51	4,519	116	3,947	101
NEBRASKA							
Suprame Court	75	328	48	403	58	123	18
Court of Appeals	1,427	NJ	NJ	1,427	238	1,427	238
State Total	1,502	328	48	1,830	141	1,550	119

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Courttype	Point at which cases are counted
191	1,989	NA	2,180		COLR	1
1,231	NJ	NJ	1,231	1,231	IAC	4
1,422	1,989		3,411			
1,059 B	(B)	NA	1,059		COLR	5
1,742 B	(B)	NA	1,742		IAC	5
2,801 *			2,801			
398	725	NA	1,123		COLR	6
2,790	86	NA	2,876		IAC	3
3,188	811		3,999			
218	3,232	181	3,450	399	COLR	2
4,319	6,426	1,633	10,745	5,952	IAC	2
4,537	9,658	1,814	14,195	6,351		
230	718	NA	948		COLR	2
1,813	568	NA	2,381 3.329		IAC	2
2,043	1,286		3,329			
204	633	NA	837	•	COLR	2 2
2,128	741	NA	2,869		IAC	2
2,332	1,374		3,706			
2	2,052	NA	2,054		COLR	1 1
4,633 4.635	3,014 5,066	NA	4,633 6,687		IAC	
4,000	3,000		0,007			
121	83	66 85	204	187	COLR	1
1,909 2,030	98 181	85 151	2,007 2,211	1,994 2,181	IAC	ı
2,030	167	131	2,211	2,101		
653	289	NA NJ	942 610	610	COLR	2 2
610 1.263	N J 289	~	1,552	010	iAC	4
1,203	209		1,504			
193 3,661	616 NJ	51 NJ	809 3,661	244 3,661	COLR	† 1
3,854	616	51	4,470	3,905	inc	
3,004	0.0	٠,	7,77	0,000		
(B)	311 B	NA	311		COLR	1
1,311	NJ	ИЛ	1,311	1,311	IAC	1
	311 *		1,622			

TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

State/Court name:	mandatory es and ary petitions granted	cases discretional	nandatory es and tionary ens filed	case	Total	Tabel		
Suprime Court	Filed per judge	Number		Number	discretionary petitions filed granted			State/Court name:
Appetate Dr. of Super. Ct. 7,089 0 NA 7,089 208 State Total 7,597 2,949 10,546 257  NEW MEXICO Supreme Court 59 515 52 574 115 111 Court of Appeals 781 85 NA 866 87 State Total 840 600 1,440 96  NORTH CAROLINA Supreme Court 107 662 37 769 110 144 Court of Appeals 1,620 788 138 2,388 199 1,758 State Total 1,727 1,430 175 3,157 166 1,902  OHIO Supreme Court 678 1,529 114 2,207 315 792 Courts of Appeals 10,745 NJ NJ 10,745 158 10,745 State Total 1,423 1,529 114 12,932 173 11,537  OKLAHOMA*** Supreme Court 1,423 1,529 114 12,932 173 11,537  OKLAHOMA*** Supreme Court 1,462 NJ NJ NJ 1,462 292 1,462 Court of Appeals 1,462 NJ NJ 1,462 292 1,462 Court of Appeals 1,462 NJ NJ 1,469 42 499 State Total 3,300 502 3,802 146  OREGON Supreme Court 231 701 57 932 133 288 Court of Appeals 3,277 NJ NJ 3,277 328 3,277 State Total 3,508 701 57 4,209 248 3,567  PUERTO RICO Supreme Court 155 1,029 NA 1,154 165 Court of Appeals 3,277 NJ NJ 3,277 328 3,277 State Total 3,508 701 57 4,209 248 3,567  PUERTO RICO Supreme Court 213 701 57 4,209 248 3,567  PUERTO RICO Supreme Court 215 1,029 NA 1,154 165 Court of Appeals 1,576 2,349 NA 3,925 119 State Total 1,701 3,378 5,079 127  SOUTH CAROLINA Supreme Court 213 1,015 NA 1,398 280 Court of Appeals 1,576 2,349 NA 3,925 119 State Total 1,671 1,185 2,856 204  TEXAS Supreme Court 213 1,185 NA 1,398 280 Court of Appeals 1,458 NJ NJ 1,458 162 1,458 State Total 1,671 1,185 2,856 204  TEXAS Supreme Court 6 1,295 112 1,301 144 118 Court of Appeals 7,177 1,951 146 9,128 1,014 7,233 Courts of Appeals 1,158 NJ NJ 1,198 150 11,984 Supreme Court 6 1,295 112 1,301 144 118 Court of Appeals 7,177 1,951 146 9,128 1,014 7,233 Courts of Appeals 1,198 NJ NJ 1,198 1,199 1,								NEW JERSEY
Size Total   7,597   2,949   10,546   257	97	677				2,949		Supreme Court
Supreme Court					NA			
Court of Appeals State Total 840 600 8600 8660 87 1,440 96 8600 8600 8600 8600 8600 8600 8600								NEW MEXICO
State Total	22	111						
Supreme Court					NA			
Supreme Court								NORTH CAROLINA
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State Total	113							
DKLAHOMA***         Supreme Court         1,339         502         NA         1,841         205           Court of Criminal Appeals         1,452         NJ         NJ         1,462         292         1,462           Court of Appeals         499         NJ         NJ         499         42         499           State Total         3,300         502         3,802         146         380           OREGON         Supreme Court         231         701         57         932         133         288           Court of Appeals         3,277         NJ         NJ         3,277         328         3,277           State Total         3,508         701         57         4,209         248         3,567           PUERTO RICO         Supreme Court         125         1,029         NA         1,154         165           Cruzi Court of Appeals         1,576         2,349         NA         3,925         119           State Total         1,701         3,378         5,079         127           SOUTH CAROLINA         39penne Court         213         1,185         NA         1,398         290           Court of Appeals         1,458 <td>158</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	158							
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State Total   3,508	328							
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Supreme Court   6   1.295   112   1.301   144   118   118   1.301   144   118   118   1.301   144   118   118   1.301   144   118   1.301   145   1.301   145   1.301   1.301   1.301   1.302   1.30								7545
Court of Criminal Appeals         7.177         1,951         146         9,128         1,014         7.223           Courts of Appeals         11,984         NJ         NJ         11,984         150         11,984           State Total         19,167         3,246         258         22,413         229         19,425           UTAH         Supreme Court         529         B         (B)         NA         529         106           Court of Appeals         735         B         (B)         NA         735         105           State Total         1,264         *         *         *         *         *	13	118	144	1 301	112	1 295	6	
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State Total 1,264 *								
			105	735	NA	(B)		
AUD ON A STATE OF THE STATE OF							1,204	OLGIE TOTAL
	42	204	422	2.000	204	2.020	•	VIRGINIA
Supreme Court         0         3,026         294         3,026         432         294           Court of Appeals         737         2,677         385         3,414         310         1,122	42 102							
Count of Appeals 737 2,077 369 5,414 310 1,122 State Total 737 5,703 679 6,440 358 1,416	79							

TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
536	3,009	NA.	3,545		COLR	1
7,280	0	NA	7,280		IAC	1
7,816	3,009		10,825			
45	457	52	502	97	COLR	5
855 B	(B)	NA	855		IAC	5
900 •	. ,		1,357			
131	601	43	732	174	COLR	2
1,726	715	NA.	2.441		IAC	2
1,857	1.316	IVA.	3,173		,,,,	•
1,007	1,510		3,113			
752	1,365	NA	2,117		COLR	1
10,627	ИJ	NJ	10,627	10,627	IAC	1
11,379	1,365		12,744			
1,625	502	NA	2,127		COLR	,
1,424	NJ	NJ	1,424	1,424	COLR	2
737	LN	NJ	737	737	IAC	4
3,786	502		4,288			
276	808	NA	1,084		COLR	1
3,844	NJ	NJ	3,844	3,844	IAC	1
4,120	808		4,928			
156	1,084	NA	1,240		COLR	1
1.538	2.344	NA.	3,882		IAC	i
1,694	3,428		5,122			
240	1.322	NA	1,562		COLR	2
1.438	1,322 NJ	NJ	1,438	1,438	IAC	4
1,678	1,322	143	3,000	1,450	IAC	•
6	1,306	106	1,312	112	COLR	1
6,965	2,017	143	8,982	7,108	COLR	5
12,399	NJ	NJ	12,399	12,399	IAC	1
19,370	3,323	249	22,693	19,619		
NA	NA	NA			COLR	1
NA	NA	NA			IAC	1
0	2,992	0	2,992	0	COLR	1
768	2,691	NA	3,459	٠	IAC	i
768	5.683	****	6,451		2.0	•
700	3.000		0,-0.			

TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

			Total	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
State/Court name:	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	discretionary petitions filed granted	Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
WASHINGTON							
Supreme Court	72 B	1,297 A	NA	1,369	152		
Court of Appeals	3,927	396	NA	4,323	197		
State Total	3,999 *	1,693 *		5,692	184		
WISCONSIN							
Supreme Court	54	1,126	0	1,180	169		
Court of Appeals	3,342 B	(B)	NA.	3,342	209		
State Total	3,398	(5)		4,522	197		
	Star	tes with no inter	mediate appellate	court			
DELAWARE							
DELAWARE Supreme Court	715	0	NA	715	143		
Supreme Court	713	U	nn.	713	143		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA							
Court of Appeals	1,468	54	2	1,520	169	1,468	163
MAINE				700	***		
Supreme Judicial Court	560	178	NA	738	105		
MONTANA							
Supreme Court	584	214	NA	798	114		
NEVADA							
Supreme Court	1,723	NJ	NJ	1,723	246	1,723	246
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
Supreme Court	NJ	813	NA	813	163		
NORTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	340	23	NA	363	73		
RHODE ISLAND							
Supreme Court	339	415	146	754	151	485	97
SOUTH DAKOTA							
Supreme Court	383 B	74 A	NA	457	91		
depiction sour	000 B			101	•		
VERMONT							
Supreme Court	514	16	NA	530	106		
MEST MOONIA							
WEST VIRGINIA	N. I	2,653	757	2,653	531	757	151
Supreme Court of Appeals	ИЛ	2,003	131	2,000	331	131	131
WYOMING****							
Supreme Court	283	ИJ	NJ	283	57	283	57

#### TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Court type	Point at which cases are counted
75 B 3,893 3,968 *	1,253 A 413 1,666 *	NA NA	1,328 4,306 5,634		COLR	6 6
39 3,486 B 3,525 *	1,148 (B)	100 NA	1,187 3,486 4,673	136	COLR IAC	6 6
713	0	NA	713		COLR	1
1,779	57	NA	1,836		COLR	1
600	259	NA	859		COLR	1
594	198	23	792	617	COLR	1
1,866	NJ	из	1,866	1,866	COLR	2
ИJ	939	NA	939		COLR	1
319	26	NA	345		COLR	1
396	422	NA	818		COLR	1
428 B	(B)	NA	428		COLR	2
590	13	NA	603		COLR	1
NJ	2,686	1,165	2,686	1,165	COLR	1
271	NJ	NJ	271	271	COLR	1

TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

			Total	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed		Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions filed granted	
State/Court name:	Total mandatory cases filed	Total discretionary petitions filed	discretionary petitions filed granted	Number	Filed per judge	Number	Filed per judge
	State	s with one cour	t of last resort ar	nd two interme	diate appellate co	ourts	
ALABAMA							
Supreme Court	1,254	1,130	NA	2,384	265		
Court of Civil Appeals	1,293	NJ	NJ	1,293	259	1,293	259
Court of Criminal Appeals	2,648	NJ	NJ	2,648	530	2,648	530
State Total	5,195	1,130		6,325	333		
INDIANA							
Supreme Court	241	748	NA	989	198		
Court of Appeals	2,055	NA	261			2,316	154
Tax Court	141	NJ	NJ	141	9	141	9
State Total	2,437						
NEW YORK							
Court of Appeals	292	3.986	NA	4.278	611		
Appellate Div. of Sup. Ct.	10.019 B	(B)	NA	10.019	179		
Appellate Terms of Sup. Ct.	2.089 B	(B)	NA	2.089	139		
State Total	12,400 *			16,386	210		
PENNSYLVANIA							
Supreme Court	532	2.701	NA	3.233	462		
Superior Court	8,160	NJ	NJ	8,160	544	8,160	544
Commonwealth Court	4.722 A	63	NA	4,785	532		
State Total	13,414 *			16,178	522		
TENNESSEE							
Supreme Court	173	1,056	79	1,229	246	252	50
Court of Criminal Appeals	1,111	133	24	1,244	104	1,135	95
Court of Appeals	1,042	269	51	1,311	109	1,093	91
State Total	2,326	1,458	154	3,784	130	2,480	86

### COURT TYPE:

COLR = Court of last resort IAC = Intermediate appellate court

POINTS AT WHICH CASES ARE COUNTED:

1 = At the notice of appeal
2 = At the filing of trial record
3 = At the filing of trial record and complete briefs
4 = At transfer
5 = Other
6 = Varies

#### TOTAL CASES DISPOSED

Total mandatory cases disposed	Total discretionary petitions disposed	Total discretionary petitions granted disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions disposed	Sum of mandatory cases and discretionary petitions granted disposed	Courttype	Point at which cases are counted
1,334	1,193	NA	2,527		COLR	1
1,306	иJ	NJ	1,306	1,306	IAC	1
2,748 5.388	ИJ	NJ	2,748 6.581	2,748	IAC	,
3,300			0,361			
307	796	95	1,103	402	COLR	6
1,980	NA	261		2,241	IAC	6
132	ИJ	NJ	132	132	IAC	6
2,419		356		2,775		
176	4,076	117	4,252	293	COLR	1
19,109 B	(B)	NA	19,109		IAC	2
1,928 B	(B)	NA	1,928		IAC	2
21,213 *			25,289			
742	2,763	NA	3,505		COLR	6
8,150	MJ	NJ	8,150	8,150	IAC	1
4,753 A 13,645 *	NA.	NA			IAC	1
255	1,014	NA	1,269		COLR	1
1,178	126	NA	1,304		IAC	1
1,265	239	NA	1,504		IAC	1
2,698	1,379		4,077			

#### NOTE:

NA = Indicates that the data are unavailable. Blank spaces indicate that a calculation is inappropriate.

NJ = This case type is not handled in this court.

<sup>(</sup>B) = Mandatory and discretionary jurisdiction cases cannot be separately identified. Data are reported within the jurisdiction where the court has the majority of its caseload.

#### TABLE 2: Reported Total Caseload for All State Appellate Courts, 2002 (continued)

#### QUALIFYING FOOTNOTES:

An absence of a qualifying footnote indicates that the data are complete.

- \* See the qualifying footnote for each court within the state. Each footnote has an effect on the state's total.
- \*\* Total mandatory cases filed in the Mississippi Supreme Court represent all mandatory cases filed for the state.
- \*\*\* Oktahoma Supreme Court and Court of Appeals data were not available for 2002. Data are repeated from 1998.
- \*\*\*\* Wyoming appellate data were not available for 2002. Data are repeated from 2001.
- A: The following courts' data are incomplete:
  - Arkansas—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data do not include mandatory attorney disciplinary cases and certified questions from the federal courts.

    California—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions granted filed data do not include original proceedings.

    Colorado—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data do not include some reopened cases, some disciplinary matters, and some

  - some reopened cases, some disciplinary matters, and some interlocutory decisions.

    Maryland—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed data do not include some civil, criminal, and original proceedings. Pennsylvania—Commonwealth Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data do not include some administrative agency cases and some original proceedings.

    South Datos—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed data do not include some advancy opinions, which are reported with mandatory jurisdiction cases.

    Washington—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions filed and disposed data do not include some civil and criminal discretionary petitions that are reported with mandatory jurisdiction cases.
- B: The following courts' data are overindusive:
  - Colorado-Supreme Court-Total discretionary petitions disposed data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.

    Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions Connecticut—Supreme Court—Total discretionary petitions disposed data include all mandatory instituctions assess—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include discretionary petitions.

    Illinots—Appellate Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

    Iowa—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data include all discretionary petitions.

    Kanasa—Supreme Court—Total mandatory disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

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    —Court of Appeals—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.
    Nebraska—Court of Appeals—Total discretionary petitions disposed data include all mandatory jurisdiction cases.
    New Mexico—Court of Appeals—Total mandatory disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

- New York—Appellate Divisions of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include all discretionary petitions.

  —Appellate Terms of Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed
- and disposed data include discretionary petitions.

  South Dakota—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed data include discretionary advisory opinions. Total mandatory disposed data include all discretionary petitions that were disposed.

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- Utah—Supreme Court Total mandatory filed data include all discretionary petitions.

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  Washington—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include some discretionary petitions.

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- C: The following courts' data are both incomplete and overinclusive:
  - Idaho—Supreme Court—Total mandatory filed and disposed data include discretionary original proceedings, but do not include mandatory interlocutory decisions or advisory opinions.

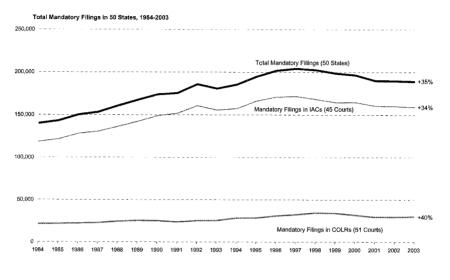
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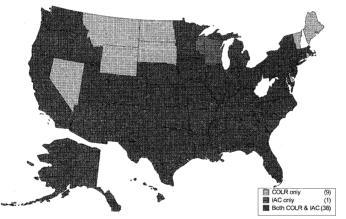
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7 CONNECTICUT Supreme Court	COLR	88	28	28	8	98	274											Z	63	4	43	
8 DELAWARE Supreme Court	COLR	331	406	417	397	473	517											656	285	715	68	
9 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Court of Appeals	COLR	1,810	1,770	1,556	1,500	1,624	1,515											1,698	<u>8</u>	1,466	4	
10 FLORIDA Supreme Court	COLR	141	157	191	170	158	191											109	5	43	113	
11 GEORGIA Supreme Court	COLR	993	692	919	940	639	674											633	642	682	610	
12 HAWAII Supreme Court	COLR	471	496	604	616	715	650					_						646	829	819	5	
13 IDAHO Supreme Court	COLR	349	348	288	289	382	366									_		494	460	573	268	
14 ILLINOIS Supreme Court	COLR	118	167	218	176	275	153											877	82	23	683	
15 INDIANA Supreme Court	COLR	604	409	409	409	373	336											285	318	241	183	
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28 NEBRASKA Supreme Court	COLR	1,002	997	1,014	1,196	1,103	1,497					_		_				9	-	2	3	
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44 TENNESSEE Supreme Court	SOI B	218	139	146	170	191	161			_		_	_	_		_		330	8	173	191	
45 TEXAS Supreme Court	COLR	0	-	2	6	6	67						_	_				4	Ξ	9	0	
46 TEXAS Court of Criminal Appeals	COLR	1,959	1,998	2,221	2,450	3,578	3,504					_	٠.	_		_		8,714	6,822	7,177	7,726	
47 UTAH Supreme Court	COLR	3	628	623	474	443	498			_			584	558				<b>9</b>	230	223	55 25	
48 VERMONT Supreme Court	COLR	623	575	220	538	620	619	230		610		634	_	_				\$5	285	514	553	
49 VIRGINIA Supreme Court	COLR	5	5	13	5	5	5		8		82	7	29	88	83	127	<del>2</del> 5	2	0	0	12	
50 WASHINGTON Supreme Court	COLR	228	\$	162	135	117	5	148	137	126	146	113	Ξ	Ξ					2	2	20	
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Total Mandatory COLR Filings		21,488	21,659	22,090	22,647	24,366	25,242	25,026	3,667	25,160 25	,332 28	3,308 28	.494 3.	3,880	•	4,383	14,138		29,663	29,704		40.4%

Table B: Mandatory Filings in Intermediate Appellate Courts, 1984 - 2003

| IAC     |          |  |   | 529   |  |  | _  
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   | 1,437   
  | 404,   | 1,301                                  | 1,293   | 1,182  
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   | 2,513   
  | 2,630  | 2,704                                  | 2,648   | 2,291  
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| AC      |          |  |   | 435   |  | _  |  
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   |   
   | 301   
  | 295  | 272                                    | 286   | 202  
   |  |
| AC 2,   |          |  |   | 3,902   |  |  |  
   |   |  |   | _  | _   
   |   
   | 3,553   
  | 3,354  | 3.367                                  | 3.608   | 3.644  
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| IAC     |          |  |   | 899   |  |  | _  
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   | 1300  
  | 1,355  | 1.158                                  | 345   | 1381   
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| IAC 10, |          |  |   | 10,954  |  |  |  
   |   | _  |   | _  |   
   |   
   | 16.186  
  | 16.143   | 14.728                                 | 13.925  | 13.437   
   |  |
| IAC 1   |          |  |   | 1.946   |  | _  |  
   |   | _  |   | _  | _   
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   | 2 F47   
  | 2 502  | 2335                                   | 2,673   | 2 589  
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| AC -    |          |  |   | 995   |  |  |  
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   | 1.182   
  | 1204   | 1.109                                  | 1.148   | 1.163  
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| IAC 11. |          | _  |   | 14.195  |  |  | _  
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   | 17 424  
  | 18,983   | 19.183                                 | 19 228  | 19 729   
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| IAC 2.  |          |  |   | 2,306   |  |  |  
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   | 2.916   
  | 2.974  | 2,900                                  | 2 825   | 2 991  
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  | 239  | 32                                     | 8   | 231  
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  | 427  | 261                                    | 491   | 603  
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   | 9.212   
  | 8.856  | 9.266                                  | 8.676   | 8.633  
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   | 2.053   
  | 2.160  | 1.938                                  | 2 055   | 2 299  
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  | 131  | 108                                    | 141   | 8  
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   | 873   
  | 88   | 1068                                   | 1,061   | 1.008  
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|         |          |  |   | 1,176   |  |  |  
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   | 1.899   
  | 1.845  | 1.745                                  | 1,635   | 1,598  
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|         |          |  |   | 2,665   |  | _  |  
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   | 3,064   
  | 2,882  | 2.690                                  | 2.553   | 2.690  
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|         |          |  |   | 3.967   |  |  | _  
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   | 4 220   
  | 4.557  | 3 733                                  | 3.494   | 3.141  
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|         |          |  |   | 1,754   |  |  |  
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   | 1.962   
  | 1,998  | 1.893                                  | 1.926   | 1.978  
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|         |          |  |   | 1,394   |  | _  |  
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   | 2 298   
  | 2 164  | 1,731                                  | 161   | 1,630  
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|         |          |  |   | 8.559   |  | _  |  
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  | 4 093  | 4 0 7 4                                | 4 100   | 4 345  
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  | 7.10   | 140                                    | 2,0   | 210  
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   | 3,678   
  | 3 724  | 3 644                                  | 27.5  | 3.778  
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   | 196,  
  | 7,286  | 7,182                                  | 590'/   | S :  
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  | 862  | 833                                    | 781   | 8  
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| AC.     |          |  |   | 10,740  |  |  | _  
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   | _   
   | 11,745  
  | 11,110   | 10,023                                 | 10,019  | 9,967  
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| AC 2.   |          |  |   | 2,192   |  |  |  
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   | 2,250   
  | 2,078  | 1,843                                  | 2,089   | 2,017  
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| AC<br>T |          |  |   | 1,351   |  |  |  
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   | 1,719   
  | 1,592  | 1,618                                  | 1,620   | 1,747  
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   | 11,079  
  | 10,394   | 10,760                                 | 10,745  | 11,202   
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|         |          |  |   | 1,362   |  |  |  
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   | 4,024   
  | 3,977  | 4,084                                  | 3,277   | 3,314  
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|         |          |  |   | 6,439   |  |  | _  
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   | 7,299   
  | 8,131  | 7,839                                  | 8,160   | 8,195  
   |  |
|         |          |  |   | 3,164   |  |  |  
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   | 4,490   
  | 4,210  | 4,447                                  | 4,722   | 4,540  
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   | 1,410   
  | 1,550  | 1,382                                  | 1,576   | 53   
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  | 8  | 1,413                                  | 1,458   | 1,414  
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|         |          |  |   | \$  |  | _  | _  
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   | 1,182   
  | 1,143  | 1,167                                  | 1.1   | 1,114  
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   | 1,278   
  | 1,161  | 1,119                                  | 1,042   | <b>6</b>   
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   | 12,291  
  | 12,343   | 11,700                                 | 11,984  | 10,559   
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  | 796  | 732                                    | 735   | 830  
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   | 3,613   
  | 3,797  | 3,756                                  | 3,927   | 3,975  
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   | 3,279   
  | 3,472  | 3,421                                  | 3,342   | 3,452  
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