

Supreme Court Activity: FY 2020 - 2024

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Causes/Cases Added					
Regular Causes ¹	110	99	123	103	143
Other Than Regular Causes	1,215	1,211	1,228	1,305	1,184
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	3	4	5	3	6
Motions	2,483	2,624	2,510	1,980	2,048
Dispositions					
Regular Causes	111	117	117	108	129
Other Than Regular Causes	1,260	1,145	1,208	1,305	1,306
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	8	2	5	4	5
Motions	2,501	2,598	2,516	1,980	2,059
Pending at the End of the Fiscal Year					
Regular Causes	48	30	36	31	45
Other Than Regular Causes	375	477	464	515	391
<i>Disciplinary Appeals</i>	1	3	3	3	4

NOTE: Data for prior fiscal years are from the respective *Annual Reports of the Texas Judicial System*.

¹ "Regular causes" involve cases in which four or more of the Supreme Court justices have decided in conference that a petition for review, petition for writ of mandamus or habeas corpus, or parental notification appeal should be reviewed. Regular causes also include direct appeals the Court has agreed to review and questions of law certified to it by a federal appellate court that the Court has agreed to answer.

Supreme Court Activity Detail: FY 2023

	<i>Pending: 9/1/2023²</i>	<i>Causes Added</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2024</i>
REGULAR CAUSES					
By Petition for Review	23	80	103	67	36
By Petition for Review 59.1	0	38	38	38	0
By Set to Argue Mandamus Petition	2	6	8	5	3
By Granted Mandamus Petition 52.8	0	7	7	7	0
By Reinstatement	0	4	4	4	0
By U.S. Certified Question	4	5	9	5	4
By Direct Appeal Filed	2	2	4	3	1
By Disciplinary Appeal	0	1	1	0	1
Total for Regular Causes	31	143	174	129	45
	<i>Pending: 9/1/2023²</i>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>Total on Docket</i>	<i>Dispositions</i>	<i>Pending 8/31/2024</i>
OTHER THAN REGULAR CAUSES					
Petitions for Review	427	752	1,179	891	288
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	60	248	308	234	74
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	1	6	7	6	1
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	1	4	5	5	0
Certified Questions	0	4	4	4	0
Direct Appeals	1	1	2	2	0
U.S. Certified Questions	0	2	2	1	1
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Temporary Injunctions	0	0	0	0	0
Petition for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Request for Suspension of Judge	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Stays	12	156	168	152	16
Multidistrict Litigation	8	5	13	6	7
Total for Other than Regular Causes	513	1,184	1,697	1,306	391
MOTIONS					
Rehearing of Causes	18	16	34	30	4
Petitions for Review	22	150	172	158	14
Mandamus: Civil	3	28	31	29	2
Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0
Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	1	1	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0
Certified Questions	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	1	1	2	1	1
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	5	5	5	0
Motion for Extension of Time to File	8	810	818	803	15
Miscellaneous Motions	---	1,037	---	1,032	---
Total for Motions	52	2,048	2,100	2,059	36
OTHER ACTIONS					
Disciplinary Actions	3	6	9	5	4
TOTAL FOR ALL	599	3,381	3,980	3,499	476

² Cases pending at the beginning of the fiscal year (September 1) may not equal cases pending at the end of the previous fiscal year (August 31) due to docket adjustments.

Final Disposition of Regular Causes: FY 2024

Granted Petitions for Review		Vacated & dismissed	2
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>		Vacated & remanded	2
Abated	2	Vacated & remanded to trial court	2
Affirmed	9	Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	3
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	2	TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review 59.1	38
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1		
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	1	Set to Argue Mandamus Petition	
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	1	Conditionally granted	1
Dismissed	2	Conditionally granted in part	1
Reversed & remanded	13	Dismissed	3
Reversed & remanded to trial court	9	TOTAL: Set to Argue Mandamus	5
Reversed & rendered	13		
Reversed, rendered in part & remanded in part	1	Granted Mandamus Petition	
Reversed & trial court judgment affirmed or reinstated	3	Conditionally granted	7
Vacated & dismissed	1	TOTAL: Granted Mandamus	7
Vacated & remanded to trial court	1		
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	8	By Reinstatement	
TOTAL: Granted Petitions for Review	67	Dismissed	3
		Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	1
		TOTAL: Reinstatement	4
Granted Petitions for Review 59.1			
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>		By Direct Appeal	
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	1	Abated	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	1	Trial court order reversed and vacated	1
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	1	Trial court order vacated in part and remanded to trial court	1
Reversed & remanded	15	TOTAL: Direct Appeal	3
Reversed & remanded to trial court	7		
Reversed & rendered	1	U. S. Certified Question	
Reversed & trial court judgment reinstated	1	Answered	5
Reversed, rendered & remanded to trial court	1	TOTAL: U.S. Certified Question	5
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	1		

TOTAL DISPOSITIONS: 129

Disposition of Other than Regular Causes: FY 2024

	<i>Initial Review Granted / Accepted</i>	<i>Set to Argue</i>	<i>Review Refused/ Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Consoli- dated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Trans- ferred</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review	130	0	733	14	9	0	5	0	0	891
Petitions for Writs of Mandamus	8	6	187	22	8	0	3	0	0	234
Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Petitions for Writs of Prohibition & Injunction	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Direct Appeals	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Certified Questions	4 ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
U.S. Certified Questions	1 ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Petitions for Certiorari	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Temporary Injunction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parental Notification Appeals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions for Writ of Quo Warranto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multidistrict Litigation	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Emergency Stays	47	0	83	22	0	0	0	0	0	152
Appeals from Board of Disciplinary Appeals	2 ⁴	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	5
TOTAL FOR ALL	198	6	1,014	61	18	0	8	0	1	1,306

³ Answered ⁴ Affirmed

Disposition of Motions: FY 2024

	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Abated</i>	<i>Consoli- dated</i>	<i>Struck</i>	<i>Trans- ferred</i>	<i>With- drawn</i>	<i>Total</i>
Rehearing of Causes	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Petitions for Review	2	154	1	0	0	0	0	1	158
Mandamus: Civil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Habeas Corpus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Direct Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prohibition & Injunction	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Multidistrict Litigation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Motions for Extension of Time to File	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Motion for Extension of Time to File	777	16	5	4	0	1	0	0	803
Miscellaneous Motions	952	46	34	0	0	0	0	0	1,032
TOTAL	1,732	251	40	4	0	1	0	1	2,029

Opinions Delivered by the Supreme Court: FY 2024

<i>Justices</i>	<i>Majority Opinions</i>	<i>Per Curiam Opinions</i>	<i>Concurring Opinions</i>	<i>Dissenting Opinions</i>	<i>Concurring and Dissenting</i>	<i>Petitions or Appeals Denied With Per Curiam</i>	<i>On Motion for Rehearing</i>	<i>Other Opinions</i>	<i>Total</i>
Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht	8	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	13
Justice Debra H. Lehrmann	6	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	13
Justice Jeffrey S. Boyd	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	11
Justice John P. Devine	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	10
Justice James D. Blacklock	7	10	5	1	0	0	0	2	25
Justice J. Brett Busby	7	4	4	0	1	2	1	3	22
Justice Jane N. Bland	8	7	1	0	0	2	0	1	19
Justice Rebeca A. Huddle	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	15
Justice Evan A. Young	7	7	5	5	0	0	0	7	31
TOTAL	64	42	18	12	1	6	1	15	159

**Action by the Supreme Court
in Granted Petitions for Review & Rehearing of Causes
By Court of Appeals: FY 2024**

	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH	5 TH	6 TH	7 TH	8 TH	9 TH	10 TH	11 TH	12 TH	13 TH	14 TH	Total
OPINIONS ISSUED															
<i>Court of Appeals ruling is:</i>															
Affirmed	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	9
Affirmed & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Affirmed in part, reversed in part & rendered	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Reversed & remanded	3	3	4	1	6	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	3	28
Reversed & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	2	2	0	3	1	3	0	0	1	1	3	16
Reversed & rendered	0	0	3	1	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	14
Reversed, rendered & remanded to trial court	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed, rendered in part & remanded in part	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reversed & trial court judgment affirmed or reinstated	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Reversed in part, rendered in part & remanded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Vacated & dismissed	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Vacated & remanded	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vacated & remanded to trial court	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Disposed along with other petition(s) by one opinion	0	2	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
TOTAL	5	7	16	13	15	1	7	10	5	3	0	2	4	13	101

Petitions for Review Filed by County: FY 2024

<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Number</i>
Anderson	2	Glasscock	1	Loving	2	Uvalde	1
Atascosa	1	Grayson	5	Lubbock	5	Van Zandt	1
Bastrop	3	Gregg	3	Madison	1	Victoria	1
Bell	3	Grimes	1	Martin	2	Waller	1
Bexar	52	Guadalupe	2	McLennan	3	Ward	1
Blanco	1	Hall	1	McMullen	1	Webb	3
Bosque	1	Harris	166	Medina	2	Wharton	1
Brazoria	7	Hays	2	Midland	3	Wichita	2
Brazos	4	Hemphill	2	Mitchell	1	Wilbarger	2
Brown	2	Henderson	4	Montague	1	Williamson	12
Burnet	2	Hidalgo	6	Montgomery	13	Wise	1
Callahan	1	Hill	3	Moore	2	Wood	4
Cameron	17	Hockley	1	Navarro	3	Zavala	1
Chambers	2	Hood	1	Nueces	12		
Cherokee	1	Hopkins	1	Orange	1		
Coleman	1	Howard	2	Palo Pinto	1		
Collin	21	Hunt	4	Parker	6		
Comal	4	Hutchinson	3	Pecos	2		
Comanche	1	Jack	1	Potter	4		
Cooke	2	Jasper	1	Randall	6		
Coryell	1	Jefferson	5	Reeves	9		
Dallas	74	Jim Wells	4	Refugio	2		
Denton	17	Johnson	1	Robertson	1		
Ector	4	Jones	1	Rockwall	2		
El Paso	18	Karnes	1	Rusk	1		
Ellis	2	Kendall	1	San Jacinto	1		
Erath	2	Kerr	3	Smith	1		
Fannin	1	Kinney	1	Starr	1		
Fayette	2	Lamar	1	Tarrant	48		
Fort Bend	13	Lamb	2	Taylor	7		
Freestone	1	Lee	1	Titus	1		
Galveston	9	Leon	1	Travis	62		
Gillespie	6	Liberty	1	Tyler	1		
Total = 752*							

*Two petitions were not associated with a county.

**Petitions for Review Filed and Disposed by
Court of Appeals: FY 2024**

Court of Appeals	Total Filed in FY 2024	Total Disposed in FY 2024					Percentage of Petitions Granted
		<i>Granted</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Dismissed</i>	<i>Other Disposition</i>	<i>Total Disposed</i>	
1 st Houston	91	11	92	1	1	106	10.4%
2 nd Fort Worth	75	7	65	2	1	75	9.3%
3 rd Austin	67	21	63	1	0	85	24.7%
4 th San Antonio	67	15	72	1	1	89	16.9%
5 th Dallas	104	20	94	3	1	118	16.9%
6 th Texarkana	18	1	26	0	2	29	3.4%
7 th Amarillo	46	8	34	1	0	45	17.8%
8 th El Paso	42	14	43	0	0	57	24.6%
9 th Beaumont	22	3	28	0	1	32	9.4%
10 th Waco	16	3	18	1	0	22	13.6%
11 th Eastland	28	0	33	0	0	33	0.0%
12 th Tyler	10	1	10	0	0	11	9.1%
13 th Corpus Christi	49	9	51	3	0	63	14.3%
14 th Houston	116	15	103	1	7	126	11.9%
Not associated with a court of appeals	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Totals	752	128	732	14	14	891	14.4%