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**STATISTICS FOR THE SUPREME COURT'S
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INTRODUCTION

This compilation of Supreme Court statistics provides a summary view of the recently completed Supreme Court term by reporting how the Court disposed of cases, as well as the degree to which the Justices agreed with each other. Readers are cautioned, however, that these statistics can give only the broadest overview of the term and cannot in any sense replace serious study of the Court's individual decisions.

STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF PUBLISHED OPINIONS

Decided Cases: Method of Disposition					
After argument and by signed opinion	73	After argument and without signed opinion	1	On the briefs	3

Splits in Decided Cases							
Unanimous	25	9-0	7	8-1 or 7-1	3	7-2 or 6-2	12
6-3 or 5-3	11	5-4	19	4-4	0	Other	0

Treatment of the Lower Court							
Lower court reversed or vacated	45	Lower court affirmed	30	Lower court reversed or vacated in part and affirmed in part	1	Other	1

OPINION AUTHORSHIP

Opinion Authorship: Total Number of Opinions									
Rehnquist	16	Stevens	33	O'Connor	15	Scalia	27	Kennedy	19
Souter	23	Thomas	21	Ginsburg	18	Breyer	23		
Opinion Authorship: Majority or Plurality Opinions									
Per Curiam	4	Rehnquist	9	Stevens	7	O'Connor	8	Scalia	8
Kennedy	10	Souter	8	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	8	Breyer	7
Opinion Authorship: Concurring Opinions									
Rehnquist	0	Stevens	7	O'Connor	6	Scalia	8	Kennedy	5
Souter	5	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	4	Breyer	7		
Opinion Authorship: Dissenting Opinions									
Rehnquist	5	Stevens	18	O'Connor	1	Scalia	9	Kennedy	4
Souter	10	Thomas	5	Ginsburg	5	Breyer	6		
Opinion Authorship: Unanimous Majority Opinions									
Per Curiam	4	Rehnquist	1	Stevens	0	O'Connor	1	Scalia	3
Kennedy	3	Souter	5	Thomas	2	Ginsburg	4	Breyer	2

DISSENTING VOTES

Dissenting Votes: Total Number									
Rehnquist	9	Stevens	27	O'Connor	4	Scalia	15	Kennedy	10
Souter	20	Thomas	12	Ginsburg	23	Breyer	18		
Dissenting Votes: Number of Times the only Dissenter in a Case									
Rehnquist	1	Stevens	1	O'Connor	0	Scalia	1	Kennedy	0
Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0		

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FIVE-TO-FOUR CASES

Number of cases (either entirely 5-4 or 5-4 on a major issue)		21							
Five-to-Four Cases: Alignments									
WHR, SOC, AS, AMK, CT		14							
WHR, SOC, AS, AMK, SGB		1							
WHR, SOC, DS, RBG, SGB		1							
JPS, SOC, DS, CT, RBG		1							
JPS, SOC, DS, RBG, SGB		1							
JPS, AS, DS, CT, SGB		1							
JPS, AS, DS, CT, RBG		1							
JPS, AMK, DS, CT, RBG		1							
Five-to-Four Cases: Authorship of the Opinion									
Rehnquist	5	Stevens	2	O'Connor	4	Scalia	1	Kennedy	3
Souter	0	Thomas	3	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	3		
Five-to-Four Cases: Membership in the Majority									
Rehnquist	16	Stevens	5	O'Connor	18	Scalia	17	Kennedy	16
Souter	6	Thomas	18	Ginsburg	5	Breyer	4		

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	Stevens	O'Connor	Scalia	Kennedy	Souter	Thomas	Ginsburg	Breyer
Rehnquist	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
	36 - 47%	67 - 87%	54 - 70%	61 - 79%	43 - 56%	57 - 74%	44 - 57%	46 - 60%
	6 - 55%	5 - 94%	8 - 81%	7 - 88%	9 - 68%	5 - 81%	9 - 69%	9 - 71%
	3 - 58%	1 - 95%	4 - 86%	1 - 90%	3 - 71%	2 - 83%	0 - 69%	4 - 77%
	32 - 42%	4 - 5%	11 - 14%	8 - 10%	22 - 29%	13 - 17%	24 - 31%	18 - 23%
Stevens	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
	37 - 48%	28 - 36%	40 - 52%	59 - 77%	35 - 45%	58 - 75%	54 - 70%	
	10 - 61%	8 - 47%	5 - 58%	8 - 87%	6 - 53%	7 - 84%	8 - 81%	
	3 - 65%	7 - 56%	5 - 65%	2 - 90%	4 - 58%	2 - 87%	0 - 81%	
	27 - 35%	34 - 44%	27 - 35%	8 - 10%	32 - 42%	10 - 13%	15 - 19%	
O'Connor	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
	49 - 64%	63 - 82%	46 - 60%	53 - 69%	48 - 62%	49 - 64%		
	10 - 77%	5 - 88%	10 - 73%	8 - 79%	10 - 75%	9 - 75%		
	5 - 83%	2 - 91%	3 - 77%	4 - 84%	0 - 75%	4 - 81%		
	13 - 17%	7 - 9%	18 - 23%	12 - 16%	19 - 25%	15 - 19%		
Scalia	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
	52 - 68%	32 - 42%	62 - 81%	32 - 42%	36 - 47%			
	12 - 83%	10 - 55%	8 - 91%	11 - 56%	9 - 58%			
	4 - 88%	5 - 61%	2 - 94%	3 - 60%	8 - 69%			
	9 - 12%	30 - 39%	5 - 6%	31 - 40%	24 - 31%			
Kennedy	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
	41 - 53%	55 - 71%	44 - 57%	42 - 55%				
	8 - 64%	9 - 83%	6 - 65%	8 - 65%				
	3 - 68%	3 - 87%	1 - 66%	5 - 71%				
	25 - 32%	10 - 13%	26 - 34%	22 - 29%				
Souter	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
	39 - 51%	62 - 81%	58 - 75%					
	8 - 61%	6 - 88%	6 - 83%					
	4 - 66%	2 - 91%	3 - 87%					
	26 - 34%	7 - 9%	10 - 13%					
Thomas	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
	38 - 49%	36 - 47%						
	10 - 62%	7 - 56%						
	2 - 65%	7 - 65%						
	27 - 35%	27 - 35%						
Ginsburg	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
	56 - 73%							
	6 - 81%							
	3 - 84%							
	12 - 16%							

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Total No. of Cases Together	
No. and % of Times Agreed in Full	
No. of Times Agreed in Part & % of Times Agreed in Full or in Part	
No. of Times Agreed in the Judgment & % of Times Agreed in Full, in Part, or in the Judgment	
No. and % of Times Disagreed Completely	