

**STATISTICS FOR THE SUPREME COURT'S
OCTOBER TERM 2000**

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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. More detailed statistics on the justices' voting relationships will appear in a later issue.

STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF PUBLISHED OPINIONS

Decided Cases: Method of Disposition							
After argument and by signed opinion	77	After argument and without signed opinion	2	On the briefs	6		

Splits in Decided Cases							
Unanimous	25	9-0 or 8-0	11	8-1	7	7-2 or 5-2	6
6-3	10	5-4	26				

Treatment of the Lower Court							
Lower court reversed or vacated	51	Lower court affirmed	26	Lower court reversed or vacated in part and affirmed in part	4	Other	4

OPINION AUTHORSHIP

Opinion Authorship: Total Number of Opinions									
Rehnquist	14	Stevens	31	O'Connor	17	Scalia	28	Kennedy	14
Souter	19	Thomas	22	Ginsburg	20	Breyer	24		
Opinion Authorship: Majority Opinions									
Per Curiam	8	Rehnquist	9	Stevens	9	O'Connor	9	Scalia	8
Kennedy	8	Souter	8	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	9	Breyer	9
Opinion Authorship: Plurality or Plurality-Like Opinions									
Per Curiam	0	Rehnquist	0	Stevens	0	O'Connor	0	Scalia	0
Kennedy	0	Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0
Opinion Authorship: Concurring Opinions									
Rehnquist	2	Stevens	6	O'Connor	3	Scalia	10	Kennedy	5
Souter	6	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	6	Breyer	3		
Opinion Authorship: Dissenting Opinions									
Rehnquist	3	Stevens	16	O'Connor	5	Scalia	10	Kennedy	1
Souter	5	Thomas	6	Ginsburg	6	Breyer	12		
Opinion Authorship: Unanimous Majority Opinions									
Per Curiam	5	Rehnquist	2	Stevens	1	O'Connor	1	Scalia	2
Kennedy	2	Souter	2	Thomas	2	Ginsburg	5	Breyer	3

DISSENTING VOTES

Dissenting Votes: Total Number									
Rehnquist	14	Stevens	25	O'Connor	8	Scalia	18	Kennedy	7
Souter	17	Thomas	17	Ginsburg	20	Breyer	22		
Dissenting Votes: Number of Times the only Dissenter in a Case									
Rehnquist	0	Stevens	4	O'Connor	0	Scalia	1	Kennedy	0
Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	1	Breyer	1		

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FIVE-TO-FOUR CASES

Number of cases (either entirely 5-4 or 5-4 on a major issue)		26							
Five-to-Four Cases: Alignments									
WHR, SOC, AS, AMK, CT		14							
JPS, SOC, DS, RBG, SGB		5							
JPS, AMK, DS, RBG, SGB		3							
WHR, JPS, AS, AMK, CT		1							
WHR, AS, AMK, DS, CT		1							
WHR, SOC, AMK, DS, RBG		1							
AS, DS, CT, RBG, SGB		1							
Five-to-Four Cases: Authorship of the Opinion									
Rehnquist	5	Stevens	2	O'Connor	3	Scalia	3	Kennedy	5
Souter	4	Thomas	1	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	2	PC	1
Five-to-Four Cases: Membership in the Majority									
Rehnquist	17	Stevens	9	O'Connor	20	Scalia	17	Kennedy	20
Souter	11	Thomas	17	Ginsburg	10	Breyer	9		

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VOTING RELATIONSHIPS FOR ALL CASES

	Stevens	O'Connor	Scalia	Kennedy	Souter	Thomas	Ginsburg	Breyer
Rehnquist	84	83	85	85	84	85	85	84
	40 - 48%	61 - 73%	59 - 69%	70 - 82%	44 - 52%	59 - 69%	42 - 49%	41 - 49%
	10 - 60%	10 - 86%	16 - 88%	8 - 92%	13 - 68%	16 - 88%	11 - 62%	9 - 60%
	4 - 64%	0 - 86%	4 - 93%	1 - 93%	1 - 69%	5 - 94%	2 - 65%	3 - 63%
	30 - 36%	12 - 14%	6 - 7%	6 - 7%	26 - 31%	5 - 6%	30 - 35%	31 - 37%
Stevens	83	84	84	83	84	84	83	83
	46 - 55%	30 - 36%	45 - 54%	58 - 70%	31 - 37%	63 - 75%	62 - 75%	62 - 75%
	10 - 67%	14 - 52%	11 - 67%	9 - 81%	17 - 57%	4 - 80%	7 - 83%	7 - 83%
	3 - 71%	6 - 60%	4 - 71%	4 - 86%	3 - 61%	4 - 85%	4 - 88%	4 - 88%
	24 - 29%	34 - 40%	24 - 29%	12 - 14%	33 - 39%	13 - 15%	10 - 12%	10 - 12%
O'Connor	83	83	82	83	83	83	82	82
	45 - 54%	60 - 72%	48 - 59%	46 - 55%	51 - 61%	51 - 62%	51 - 62%	51 - 62%
	18 - 76%	9 - 83%	15 - 77%	18 - 77%	12 - 76%	11 - 76%	11 - 76%	11 - 76%
	4 - 81%	2 - 86%	1 - 78%	4 - 82%	2 - 78%	2 - 78%	2 - 78%	2 - 78%
	16 - 19%	12 - 14%	18 - 22%	15 - 18%	18 - 22%	18 - 22%	18 - 22%	18 - 22%
Scalia	85	84	85	85	85	85	84	84
	52 - 61%	36 - 43%	65 - 76%	36 - 42%	34 - 40%	34 - 40%	34 - 40%	34 - 40%
	18 - 82%	17 - 63%	13 - 92%	14 - 59%	14 - 57%	14 - 57%	14 - 57%	14 - 57%
	3 - 86%	3 - 67%	6 - 99%	3 - 62%	5 - 63%	5 - 63%	5 - 63%	5 - 63%
	12 - 14%	28 - 33%	1 - 1%	32 - 38%	31 - 37%	31 - 37%	31 - 37%	31 - 37%
Kennedy	84	85	85	84	85	84	84	84
	52 - 62%	55 - 65%	47 - 55%	45 - 54%	45 - 54%	45 - 54%	45 - 54%	45 - 54%
	11 - 75%	15 - 82%	12 - 69%	11 - 67%	11 - 67%	11 - 67%	11 - 67%	11 - 67%
	1 - 76%	4 - 87%	2 - 72%	3 - 70%	3 - 70%	3 - 70%	3 - 70%	3 - 70%
	20 - 24%	11 - 13%	24 - 28%	25 - 30%	25 - 30%	25 - 30%	25 - 30%	25 - 30%
Souter	84	84	83	84	83	83	83	83
	37 - 44%	66 - 79%	59 - 71%	59 - 71%	59 - 71%	59 - 71%	59 - 71%	59 - 71%
	16 - 63%	13 - 94%	12 - 86%	12 - 86%	12 - 86%	12 - 86%	12 - 86%	12 - 86%
	4 - 68%	0 - 94%	4 - 90%	4 - 90%	4 - 90%	4 - 90%	4 - 90%	4 - 90%
	27 - 32%	5 - 6%	8 - 10%	8 - 10%	8 - 10%	8 - 10%	8 - 10%	8 - 10%
Thomas	85	84	84	85	84	84	84	84
	32 - 38%	32 - 38%	32 - 38%	32 - 38%	32 - 38%	32 - 38%	32 - 38%	32 - 38%
	17 - 58%	16 - 57%	16 - 57%	16 - 57%	16 - 57%	16 - 57%	16 - 57%	16 - 57%
	5 - 64%	6 - 64%	6 - 64%	6 - 64%	6 - 64%	6 - 64%	6 - 64%	6 - 64%
	31 - 36%	30 - 36%	30 - 36%	30 - 36%	30 - 36%	30 - 36%	30 - 36%	30 - 36%
Ginsburg	84	84	84	84	84	84	84	84
	68 - 81%	68 - 81%	68 - 81%	68 - 81%	68 - 81%	68 - 81%	68 - 81%	68 - 81%
	7 - 89%	7 - 89%	7 - 89%	7 - 89%	7 - 89%	7 - 89%	7 - 89%	7 - 89%
	4 - 94%	4 - 94%	4 - 94%	4 - 94%	4 - 94%	4 - 94%	4 - 94%	4 - 94%
	5 - 6%	5 - 6%	5 - 6%	5 - 6%	5 - 6%	5 - 6%	5 - 6%	5 - 6%

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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