

**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.

SUMMARY INFORMATION REGARDING THE TERM

Status of Cases			
Decided	81	Argued but not decided	4

Decided Cases: Method of Disposition			
After argument and by signed opinion	75	After argument and without signed opinion	1
		On the briefs	5

Splits in Decided Cases							
Unanimous	26	9-0	8	8-1	5	7-2 or 6-2	7
6-3	14	5-4	21	4-4	0	Other	0

Treatment of the Lower Court							
Lower court reversed or vacated	59	Lower court affirmed	20	Lower court reversed or vacated in part and affirmed in part	2	Other	0

OPINION AUTHORSHIP

Opinion Authorship: Total Number of Opinions									
Rehnquist	15	Stevens	24	O'Connor	22	Scalia	27	Kennedy	16
Souter	17	Thomas	24	Ginsburg	17	Breyer	22		
Opinion Authorship: Majority Opinions									
Per Curiam	6	Rehnquist	10	Stevens	8	O'Connor	7	Scalia	8
Kennedy	7	Souter	8	Thomas	7	Ginsburg	9	Breyer	9
Opinion Authorship: Plurality or Plurality-Like Opinions									
Per Curiam	0	Rehnquist	0	Stevens	0	O'Connor	1	Scalia	0
Kennedy	1	Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0
Opinion Authorship: Concurring Opinions									
Rehnquist	0	Stevens	3	O'Connor	7	Scalia	10	Kennedy	6
Souter	3	Thomas	8	Ginsburg	3	Breyer	6		
Opinion Authorship: Dissenting Opinions									
Rehnquist	5	Stevens	13	O'Connor	7	Scalia	9	Kennedy	2
Souter	6	Thomas	9	Ginsburg	9	Breyer	7		
Opinion Authorship: Unanimous Majority Opinions									
Per Curiam	6	Rehnquist	4	Stevens	2	O'Connor	2	Scalia	3
Kennedy	2	Souter	2	Thomas	1	Ginsburg	3	Breyer	1

DISSENTING VOTES

Dissenting Votes: Total Number									
Rehnquist	13	Stevens	23	O'Connor	10	Scalia	22	Kennedy	9
Souter	18	Thomas	17	Ginsburg	17	Breyer	18		
Dissenting Votes: Number of Times the only Dissenter in a Case									
Rehnquist	1	Stevens	3	O'Connor	0	Scalia	1	Kennedy	0
Souter	0	Thomas	0	Ginsburg	0	Breyer	0		

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					8				
JPS, SOC, DS, RBG, SGB					4				
WHR, JPS, SOC, AMK, SGB					1				
WHR, JPS, AS, AMK, CT					1				
JPS, DS, CT, RBG, SGB					1				
SOC, AS, AMK, DS, CT					1				
WHR, JPS, DS, RBG, SGB					1				
WHR, SOC, AS, AMK, SGB					1				
Five-to-Four Cases: Authorship of the Opinion									
Rehnquist	4	Stevens	0	O'Connor	2	Scalia	3	Kennedy	3
Souter	2	Thomas	3	Ginsburg	1	Breyer	1	PC	0
Five-to-Four Cases: Membership in the Majority									
Rehnquist	15	Stevens	8	O'Connor	17	Scalia	14	Kennedy	15
Souter	7	Thomas	14	Ginsburg	6	Breyer	9		

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VOTING RELATIONSHIPS FOR ALL CASES

	Stevens	O'Connor	Scalia	Kennedy	Souter	Thomas	Ginsburg	Breyer
Rehnquist	81	77	80	81	81	81	81	80
	44 - 54%	55 - 71%	58 - 73%	66 - 81%	46 - 57%	59 - 73%	47 - 58%	48 - 60%
	4 - 59%	3 - 75%	5 - 79%	3 - 85%	3 - 60%	7 - 81%	2 - 60%	5 - 66%
	1 - 60%	3 - 79%	4 - 84%	2 - 88%	2 - 63%	4 - 86%	5 - 67%	2 - 69%
	32 - 40%	16 - 21%	13 - 16%	10 - 12%	30 - 37%	11 - 14%	27 - 33%	25 - 31%
Stevens	77	80	81	81	81	81	81	80
	46 - 60%	29 - 36%	46 - 57%	62 - 77%	33 - 41%	67 - 83%	63 - 79%	
	5 - 66%	9 - 48%	6 - 64%	6 - 84%	9 - 52%	3 - 86%	7 - 88%	
	4 - 71%	5 - 54%	1 - 65%	1 - 85%	6 - 59%	2 - 89%	1 - 89%	
	22 - 29%	37 - 46%	28 - 35%	12 - 15%	33 - 41%	9 - 11%	9 - 11%	
O'Connor	76	77	77	77	77	77	76	
	46 - 61%	55 - 71%	50 - 65%	43 - 56%	47 - 61%	49 - 64%		
	4 - 66%	3 - 75%	3 - 69%	4 - 61%	4 - 66%	4 - 70%		
	5 - 72%	6 - 83%	5 - 75%	8 - 71%	6 - 74%	6 - 78%		
	21 - 28%	13 - 17%	19 - 25%	22 - 29%	20 - 26%	17 - 22%		
Scalia	80	80	80	80	80	80	79	
	56 - 70%	34 - 43%	66 - 83%	30 - 38%	30 - 38%			
	4 - 75%	6 - 50%	4 - 88%	6 - 45%	8 - 48%			
	7 - 84%	7 - 59%	4 - 93%	10 - 57%	7 - 57%			
	13 - 16%	33 - 41%	6 - 7%	34 - 43%	34 - 43%			
Kennedy	81	81	81	81	80			
	51 - 63%	59 - 73%	50 - 62%	49 - 61%				
	5 - 69%	5 - 79%	4 - 67%	6 - 69%				
	1 - 70%	8 - 89%	4 - 72%	4 - 74%				
	24 - 30%	9 - 11%	23 - 28%	21 - 26%				
Souter	81	81	80					
	41 - 51%	70 - 86%	63 - 79%					
	5 - 57%	3 - 90%	5 - 85%					
	8 - 67%	3 - 94%	3 - 89%					
	27 - 33%	5 - 6%	9 - 11%					
Thomas	81	80						
	35 - 43%	33 - 41%						
	7 - 52%	9 - 53%						
	11 - 65%	8 - 63%						
	28 - 35%	30 - 38%						
Ginsburg	80							
	65 - 81%							
	3 - 85%							
	4 - 90%							
	8 - 10%							

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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	