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## Frequency in the Majority

The charts below measure how frequently each Justice has voted with the majority in October Term 2009 cases decided on the merits. They do not include dismissed cases (*Pottawattamie County v. McGhee*, *Health Care Service Corp. v. Pollitt*, *Sullivan v. Florida*, *Robertson v. United States ex rel. Watson*); *Briscoe v. Virginia* and *Weyhrauch v. United States*, which were vacated after oral argument in onesentence opinions; or *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, which we classify as an October Term 2008 case. They do include fourteen *per curiam* opinions: eleven summary dispositions (*Corcoran, Bobby, Wong, Porter, Fisher, Presley, Wellons, Thaler, Wilkins, Jefferson*, and *Sears*); the reversal before oral argument in *McDaniel v. Brown*; *Kiyemba v. Obama*, which was vacated before oral argument, with an opinion; and *United States v. Juvenile*, which certified a question to a state court.

The first chart includes votes in all cases, the second only in divided cases with at least one dissent.

## **All Cases**

Justice	Majority Votes	Total Votes	Percent in the Majority	OT08 Final	OT07 Final
Kennedy	78	86	91%	92%	86%
Roberts	78	86	91%	81%	90%
Scalia	75	86	87%	84%	81%
Alito	73	84	87%	81%	82%
Sotomayor	67	80	84%		
Thomas	71	86	83%	81%	75%
Ginsburg	69	86	80%	70%	75%
Breyer	66	85	78%	75%	79%
Stevens	63	85	74%	65%	75%

## **Divided Cases**

Justice	Majority Votes	Total Votes	Percent in the Majority	OT08	ОТ07
				Final	Final
Kennedy	38	46	83%	89%	79%
Roberts	38	46	83%	72%	73%
Scalia	35	46	76%	76%	65%
Alito	34	45	76%	72%	75%
Sotomayor	29	42	69%		
Thomas	31	46	67%	72%	85%
Ginsburg	29	46	63%	55%	65%
Breyer	26	45	58%	62%	68%
Stevens	24	46	52%	47%	65%

†Chief Justice Roberts and Justice Breyer each wrote a concurrence in part and dissent in part in *Alabama v. North Carolina*; Justice Thomas joined the Chief Justice's opinion. For these charts, all three of their votes are counted as dissents. For this chart and all others in this document, the case's vote is listed as 7-2, as all substantive parts of the opinion had 7 votes.