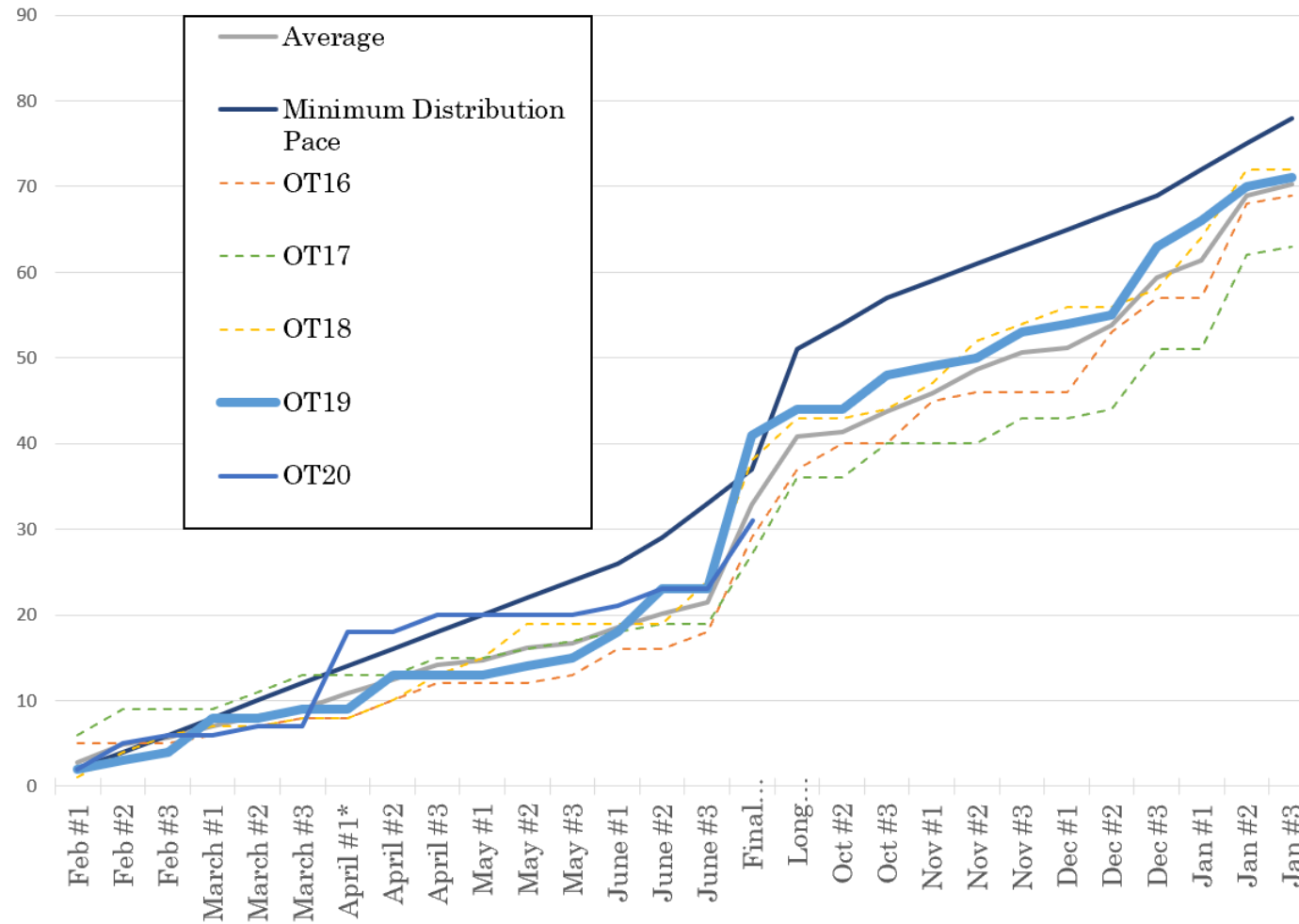


Pace of Grants

The following chart plots the pace at which the court fills its merits docket for a given term. Each date marker represents the conference within a given sitting. For instance, Feb #1 is the first February conference, which, during OT19, took place on February 21, 2020. Categorizing grants by their conference within a given sitting ensures more accurate cross-term comparisons.



The Minimum Distribution Pace presented in this chart reflects the number of petitions that must be granted to fill the court's docket for oral argument while giving the litigants in each case a complete or near-complete briefing schedule. The pace also reflects the number of petitions raised at each conference and other factors affecting the certiorari process.

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Pace of Grants – Per Conference

	October Term															Average		Range (OT06-OT19)	Calendar Weeks Covered	Grants Per Weeks Covered (OT06-OT19)
	'06	'07	'08	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13	'14	'15	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	(OT 06-OT19)	(OT06-OT19)			
Feb #1	4	2	8	9	3	7	6	4	0	1	5	6	1	2	2	4.1	6.7	0-9	4	1.0
Feb #2	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	5	2	0	3	3	1	3	1.7		0-5	1	1.7
Feb #3	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0.9		0-3	1	0.9
Mar #1	0	0	8	0	4	2	2	3	1	2	1	0	1	4	0	2.0	4.3	0-8	2	1.0
Mar #2	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	1	1.2		0-3	1	1.2
Mar #3	1	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	1.1		0-2	1	1.1
April #1	3	0	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	11*	1.4	4.3	0-4	2	0.7
April #2	0	1	2	3	2	0	0	1	2	2	2	0	2	4	0	1.5		0-4	1	1.5
April #3	1	1	0	4	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	3	0	2	1.4		0-4	1	1.4
May #1	4	0	1	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1.1	4.1	0-4	2	0.6
May #2	0	3	0	1	5	1	1	5	1	3	0	1	4	1	0	1.9		0-5	1	1.9
May #3	1	4	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1.1		0-4	1	1.1
June #1	4	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	0	3	3	1	0	3	1	1.6	16.2	0-4	1	1.6
June #2	1	3	3	4	4	4	2	1	2	2	0	1	0	5	2	2.3		0-5	1	2.3
June #3	2	1	3	3	3	4	1	4	3	1	2	0	5	0	0	2.3		0-5	1	2.3
June #4	5	5	9	7	7	13	10	12	13	9	11	8	14	18	8**	10.1		5-18	1	10.1
Oct #1	9	17	10	11	13	7	9	8	12	13	8	9	5	3		9.6	13.7	3-17	13	0.7
Oct #2	2	0	1	5	7	2	7	2	0	0	3	0	0	0		2.1		0-7	2	1.0
Oct #3	1	2	1	2	1	4	1	2	3	3	0	4	1	4		2.1		0-4	1	2.1
Nov #1	4	2	2	3	5	1	4	1	0	1	5	0	3	1		2.3	6.4	0-5	2	1.2
Nov #2	2	1	1	0	0	5	1	0	4	7	1	0	5	1		2.0		0-7	1	2.0
Nov #3	0	1	5	1	2	3	4	2	2	2	0	3	2	3		2.1		0-5	1	2.1
Dec #1	0	3	2	3	3	4	3	4	2	0	0	0	2	1		1.9	8.6	0-4	1	1.0
Dec #2	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	4	7	1	0	1		2.3		1-7	2	1.2
Dec #3	5	6	2	3	3	5	5	2	3	7	4	7	2	8		4.4		2-8	1	4.4
Jan #1	7	6	4	1	5	1	3	8	0	1	0	0	6	3		3.2	9.7	0-8	4	0.8
Jan #2	4	4	6	5	0	0	6	3	6	4	11	11	8	4		5.1		0-11	1	5.1
Jan #3	7	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	3	1	1	0	1		1.4		0-7	1	1.4
Total	72	73	79	81	79	76	76	77	73	76	69	63	72	71	31	74.1		63-81	52	1.4

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**This total includes four cases granted on July 9, 2020, after an additional conference on July 8, 2020.