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# Preface

The enclosed report represents the culmination of a ten-month effort to provide summary statistics and corresponding analysis for the Supreme Court’s 2024 Term (October 2024 to **MONTH** 2025), which we hope to replicate for future terms.

Our goal was to provide a comprehensive overview of the term while recognizing that much of what we offer remains surface-level data. In recent years, some have taken exception to how data such as these are used, particularly as it relates to drawing generalizable claims of the Court and its Justices. We would like to take the time to state our position on these concerns:

First, we fully recognize that our data provides only surface-level inferences. As many have pointed out, the Court retains considerable discretion with respect to the size and scope of its docket. Indeed, a considerable majority of the Court’s decision-making is determining which appeals will *not* receive review, rather than what will. It is not lost on us that the population of orally argued and decided cases in the 2024 term are not fully emblematic of the Court’s broader decision-making. While we do provide statistics on the docket more generally, we advise pursuing additional scholarship focusing on this area.

Second, our summary analyses do not make distinctions between cases of varying importance to the national discourse. Not because we fail to recognize that these distinctions obviously exist, but because our goal is to provide an overview of the Justices’ most observable decision-making behaviors – irrespective of the broader importance some of these decisions may have compared to others. In short, they are numbers – nothing more, nothing less. There is no underlying agenda in our decision to present topline statistics.

Finally, we recognize that these data do not belong to us in perpetuity. Once we have published our report, any person, outlet, or entity are free to use them - just as we have been facilitating open access to our data throughout the term. Nonetheless, we ask those who read our report to be conscientious of the fact that we cannot control - nor do we particularly wish to control - how they are used. The Supreme Court retains special significance in our national discourse, and its decisions can surely draw considerable divisions among observers. Some readers may take exception to how others choose to interpret these data. We ask that you not hold it against us.

We would like to thank all of those who aided in the development of this report – particularly **REVIEWERS** – who offered guidance, research assistance, and constructive criticism.

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## Data Availability & Disclosure

We are particularly grateful to the organized efforts of those maintaining the [Supreme Court Database](#), which is principally hosted by Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>3</sup> Their data was pivotal for constructing longitudinal analyses that place the Justices' decision-making during the 2023 term into the broader scope of history.

Apart from data used to develop longitudinal analyses, this report was compiled independently and drew on a multitude of resources to sufficiently track developments and behaviors expressed in the Court's oral arguments, decisions, and docket, among other things. These include, but are not limited to, the Supreme Court's [Official Website](#), [Oyez](#), and [Justia](#), among others.

All data used to compile this report will be available [HERE](#). There you will find a collection of CSV (.csv) files containing data relevant to the accompanying analyses on *Decisions* and *Oral Arguments* provided in this report.

We are, of course, happy to provide any additional insights and guidance on replication of data and other analysis in this report. For help, please [Contact Us](#).

We ask that any publication incorporating these data or other material from our report provide a corresponding citation acknowledging the authors, EmpiricalSCOTUS, and any relevant data sources indicated with the enclosed tabular information.

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<sup>3</sup>Harold J. Spaeth, Lee Epstein, et al. 2022 Supreme Court Database, Version 2022 Release 1. URL: [HERE](#).

# Oral Arguments



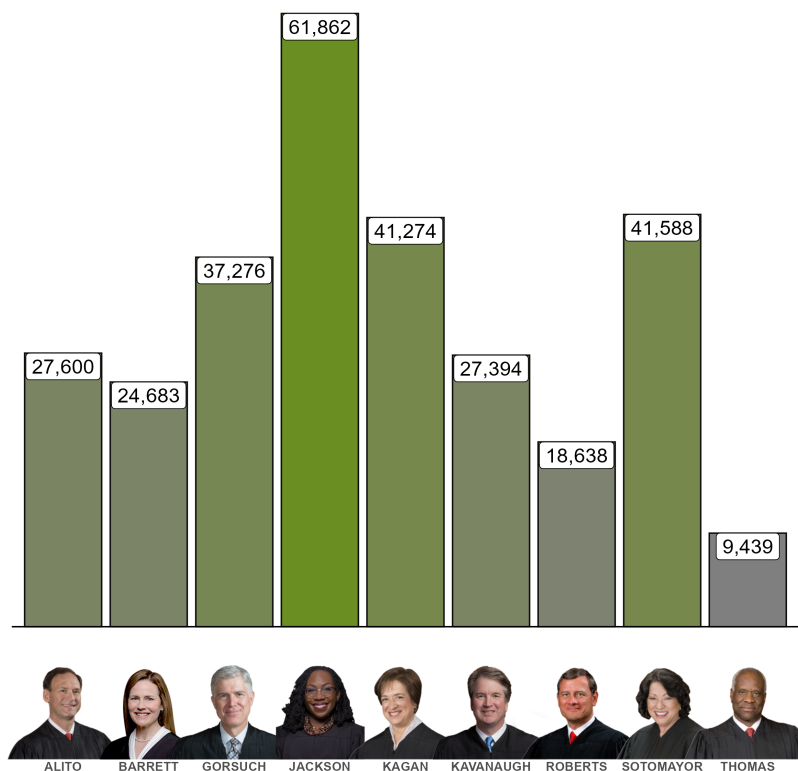
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Table 1: What's Included (Oral Arguments)

Area	Topic	Description
Justice Participation	Justices (Words)	Aggregate (term-level) bar chart and sitting-level breakdowns re: volume of words uttered by Justice.
	Justices (Time)	Aggregate bar chart and sitting-level breakdowns re: extent of time speaking by Justice.
Attorney Participation	Attorneys (Words)	Aggregate bar chart and sitting-level breakdowns re: volume of words uttered by arguing attorneys.
	Attorneys (Time)	Aggregate bar chart and sitting-level breakdowns re: extent of time speaking by arguing attorneys.
Justice-Attorney Interaction	Engagement	Sitting-level breakdowns of Attorney-Justice interactions.
Supplemental Information	Attorney Profiles	Summary information on attorneys who argued during the 2024 Term. This includes statistics re: Supreme Court clerkships, demographics, experience in (or with) the Office of the Solicitor General (USG), and law school attendance

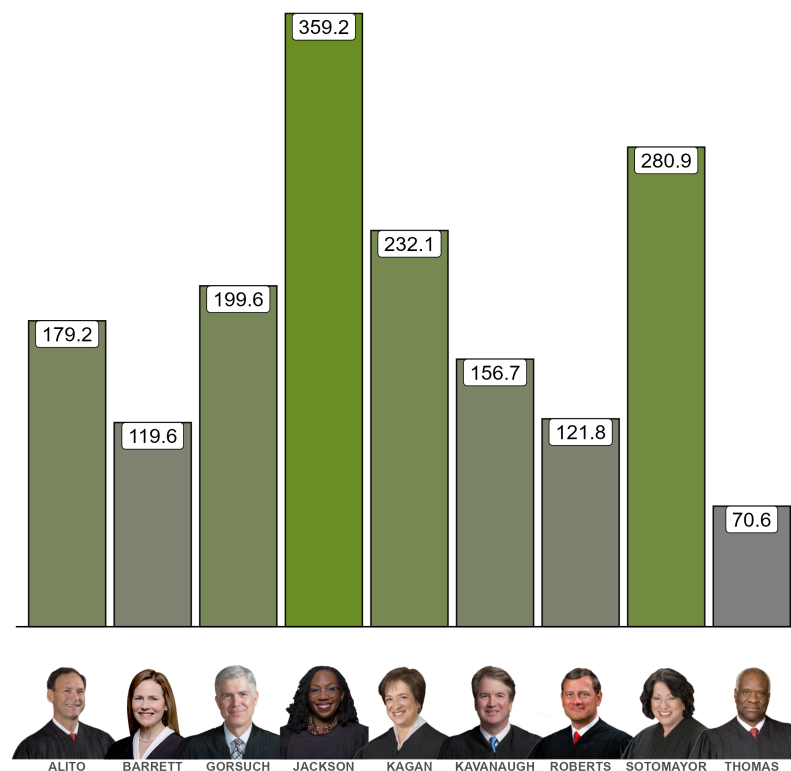
## Justice Words & Time

Figure 1: Total Number of Words Uttered by Each Justice During Oral Arguments (October Term 2024)



Compiled using `scotustext` (R) and data from [Oyez.com](https://www.oyez.com)

Figure 2: Total Elapsed Time Speaking by Each Justice During Oral Arguments (October Term 2024)



Compiled using `scotustext` (R) and data from [Oyez.com](https://www.oyez.com)

Table 2: October Sitting Word Counts by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Glossip v. Oklahoma	304	631	675	1749	1503	0	180	385	1865
Williams v. Washington	486	119	600	1031	973	743	677	658	1074
Medical Marijuana Inc. v. Horn	358	82	408	584	845	506	905	267	1161
Bouarafa v. Mayorkas	340	97	230	342	539	638	23	101	952
Lackey v. Stinnie	845	116	334	970	1023	1108	266	376	1428
Royal Canin v. Wullschleger	321	160	438	475	1068	366	651	577	1003
Bufkin v. McDonough	390	48	640	787	704	1251	262	107	1436
San Francisco v. EPA	640	170	431	1521	1517	837	1307	144	1267
Garland v. Vanderstok	203	173	633	753	330	836	235	402	943

Table 3: October Sitting Speaking Times (Minutes) by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Glossip v. Oklahoma	2.24	4.17	4.85	11.17	8.27	0	1.1	1.88	10.29
Williams v. Washington	2.57	0.8	3.96	6.47	5.36	4.05	3.84	3.23	6.5
Medical Marijuana Inc. v. Horn	2.26	0.61	2.71	3.86	4.4	2.67	4.82	1.18	6.09
Bouarafa v. Mayorkas	1.74	0.57	1.54	2.01	3.12	3.39	0.11	0.4	5.56
Lackey v. Stinnie	4.55	0.93	2.24	5.64	5.64	5.74	1.4	1.68	7.85
Royal Canin v. Wullschleger	2.17	1.29	2.96	3.14	5.86	2.05	3.52	2.72	6.27
Bufkin v. McDonough	2.31	0.3	4.33	5.19	4.05	6.59	1.5	0.51	7.92
San Francisco v. EPA	3.43	1.76	2.8	10.42	9.08	4.72	7.46	0.67	8.8
Garland v. Vanderstok	1.29	1.23	3.93	5.18	1.93	4.46	1.4	2.12	5.43



Table 4: November Sitting Word Counts by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Advocate Christ Medical Center v. Becerra	75	103	183	499	1037	353	1127	243	1512
Delligatti v. United States.	257	195	104	213	566	1372	100	279	1299
Velazquez v. Garland	291	128	399	774	888	652	246	302	1090
NVIDIA Corp. v. E. Ohman J:or Fonder AB	664	111	611	843	858	728	365	193	1198
Facebook v. Amalgamated Bank	533	397	1213	628	1103	882	950	761	1211

Table 5: November Sitting Speaking Times (Minutes) by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Advocate Christ Medical Center v. Becerra	0.63	0.8	1.11	3.35	5.84	1.83	6.23	1.19	8.38
Delligatti v. United States.	1.66	1.45	0.56	1.12	3.14	7.58	0.58	1.34	7.29
Velazquez v. Garland	1.9	0.97	2.43	5.32	5.08	3.33	1.45	1.43	6.61
NVIDIA Corp. v. E. Ohman J:or Fonder AB	4.19	0.75	4.25	5.32	4.47	3.97	2.07	0.9	7.02
Facebook v. Amalgamated Bank	3.61	3.02	6.76	4.45	6.51	5.27	5.16	3.66	7.39

Table 6: December Sitting Word Counts by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
FDA v. Wages and White Lion Investments	281	103	480	446	857	877	848	442	1227
United States v. Skrmetti	886	361	1677	1380	846	0	1678	1338	2492
Feliciano v. Department of Transportation.	596	90	340	763	398	703	610	393	494
Hungary v. Simon	783	242	423	805	692	649	462	719	1206
Kousisis v. United States	449	205	659	429	674	944	282	542	1126
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County	540	111	106	1271	1022	0	593	720	1748
United States v. Miller	51	36	0	221	377	612	63	761	1091

Table 7: December Sitting Speaking Times (Minutes) by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
FDA v. Wages and White Lion Investments	1.93	0.77	3.13	2.97	4.89	4.41	4.96	1.97	6.74
United States v. Skrmetti	6.31	2.79	12.05	9.77	4.98	0	10.24	6.62	13.87
United States v. Miller	0.52	0.24	0	1.43	1.93	3.26	0.37	3.9	6.5
Feliciano v. Department of Transportation.	3.27	0.63	2.3	5.25	2.17	3.76	3.6	2.02	2.83
Hungary v. Simon	5.03	1.89	3.13	5.12	4.3	3.92	2.86	3.62	6.84
Kousisis v. United States	2.52	1.47	4.33	2.73	3.46	4.85	1.45	2.48	6.48
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County	3.39	0.75	0.68	9.13	5.33	0	3.58	3.33	10.28

Table 8: January Sitting Word Counts by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Hewitt v. United States	213	105	865	1164	811	791	1343	293	1342
Cunningham v. Cornell University	224	57	1160	1084	571	581	1071	33	1117
Thompson v. United States.	632	91	803	812	1039	1080	345	773	1273
Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton	422	317	1394	1443	999	959	1301	1154	2080
FDA v. R.J. Reynolds Vapor Co.	312	113	168	792	830	414	395	553	1425
McLaughlin Chiropractic v. McKesson Corp	99	222	320	771	809	1182	89	5	836
Barnes v. Felix	275	231	612	994	564	489	721	405	1143
Stanley v. City of Sanford	204	100	1458	978	744	0	237	0	1022
Waetzig v. Halliburton Energy Services	385	45	0	528	373	761	0	0	754

Table 9: January Sitting Speaking Times (Minutes) by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Hewitt v. United States	1.67	0.67	5.64	8.05	4.62	4.26	7.79	1.32	7.64
Cunningham v. Cornell University	1.62	0.43	7.23	7.66	3.16	3.36	6.13	0.15	6.7
Thompson v. United States.	3.47	0.61	4.9	5.88	5.81	6.05	1.82	3.68	7.56
Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton	3.17	2.5	9.49	9.84	5.32	5.12	8.17	5.75	11.95
FDA v. R.J. Reynolds Vapor Co.	2.07	0.81	1.14	5.43	4.6	2.23	2.67	2.79	8.3
McLaughlin Chiropractic v. McKesson Corp	0.98	1.58	2.2	5.24	4.52	5.98	0.47	0.06	4.94
Barnes v. Felix	2.07	1.72	4.16	5.82	3.19	2.68	3.57	1.96	6.36
Waetzig v. Halliburton Energy Services	2.5	0.28	0	3.86	1.85	4.01	0	0	4.17
Stanley v. City of Sanford	1.42	0.76	8.9	6.2	4.37	0	1.36	0	5.99

Table 10: February Sitting Word Counts by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Ames v. OH Dept. of Youth Services	324	114	308	256	474	761	417	486	525
Smith and Wesson v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos	597	413	348	720	769	482	453	440	1696
CC/Devas v. Antrix Corp.	87	83	38	367	247	446	0	0	606
BLOM Bank SAL v. Honickman	50	99	93	377	639	631	129	199	1273
NRC v. Texas	262	312	339	865	829	1088	507	0	1170
Perttu v. Richards	146	98	991	1217	801	913	172	796	1263
Esteras v. United States	282	54	704	752	796	847	503	333	1564
Gutierrez v. Saenz	233	273	1127	1410	1089	808	1518	1084	1603

Table 11: February Sitting Speaking Times (Minutes) by Justice










									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Ames v. OH Dept. of Youth Services	2.2	0.78	2.28	1.7	2.53	4.31	2.15	2.25	2.78
Smith and Wesson v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos	3.52	3.09	2.33	5.28	4.48	2.47	2.58	2.26	9.82
CC/Devas v. Antrix Corp.	1	0.71	0.2	2.34	1.22	2.09	0	0	3.63
BLOM Bank SAL v. Honickman	0.48	0.65	0.73	2.52	3.78	3.37	0.72	0.97	6.8
NRC v. Texas	2.06	2.4	2.3	5.39	4.33	6.29	3.35	0	6.65
Perttu v. Richards	1.16	0.91	5.99	8.41	4.79	4.96	1.01	3.81	7.28
Esteras v. United States	1.95	0.39	4.09	5.03	4.32	4.62	2.93	1.6	9.33
Gutierrez v. Saenz	1.63	1.98	7.32	9.22	6.23	4.7	8	5.65	9.58



Table 12: March Sitting Word Counts by Justice



















									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
EPA v. Calumet Shreveport Refining	183	293	489	1015	1044	1471	961	524	951
Riley v. Bondi	334	260	252	704	531	455	44	169	459
Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic	204	200	318	1009	1120	377	852	1006	1638
Rivers v. Guerrero	78	75	115	687	0	288	133	96	695
Lousiana v. Callais	197	167	681	840	1280	545	459	503	1181
Catholic Charities Bureau v. WI Labor and Industry Review	489	375	397	519	997	1204	548	1118	1728
Fuld v. PLO	280	229	805	1143	699	1632	558	1235	1215
FCC v. Consumers' Research	293	264	989	1480	1895	2033	1194	1104	1778
Oklahoma v. EPA	147	87	0	153	494	404	273	0	824

Table 13: March Sitting Speaking Times (Minutes) by Justice

									
Case	Roberts	Thomas	Alito	Sotomayor	Kagan	Gorsuch	Kavanaugh	Barrett	Jackson
Oklahoma v. EPA	0.98	0.58	0	1.11	3.02	2.18	1.52	0	4.99
EPA v. Calumet Shreveport Refining	1.41	2.15	2.85	7.07	5.85	7.45	5.14	2.56	5.7
Riley v. Bondi	2.68	2.02	1.7	4.94	2.96	2.48	0.21	0.81	3.12
Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic	1.49	1.61	2	7.3	6.18	2	5.11	4.82	9.16
Rivers v. Guerrero	0.97	0.45	0.62	4.45	0	1.62	0.73	0.44	4.17
Lousiana v. Callais	1.45	1.32	4.68	5.57	7.23	3.14	2.98	2.38	6.98
Catholic Charities Bureau v. WI Labor and Industry Review	3.49	2.83	2.48	3.42	5.85	6.03	2.93	5.39	10.57
Fuld v. PLO	1.97	1.89	4.97	7.99	4.15	8.39	3.32	6.34	7.48
FCC v. Consumers' Research	2.03	2.35	6.55	10.95	11.19	10.46	6.48	5.22	9.99