

AGENCY RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY

During 2020, state agencies filed over 17,000 pages of administrative rules with the office of the code reviser under chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative Procedure Act. Table 1 summarizes this activity and compares it with the volume for past years.

TABLE 1

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	
Emergency rules	280	323	382	458	505	467	478	478	474	432	431	421	393	351	380	349	291	282	290	309	298	280	(filings)
	1152	1172	1193	1278	1592	1359	1281	1188	1458	1662	1353	1711	1233	1025	1427	1547	1298	1424	1097	1168	1110	1210	(pages)
Proposed rules	486	576	645	653	736	705	743	751	724	776	894	869	1039	876	944	1041	844	619	648	605	605	609	(filings)
	2852	2994	3807	3709	3407	4212	3187	3907	3715	4386	4811	5019	5474	5819	5790	7958	8361	5602	5961	5953	7424	7106	(pages)
Adopted rules	396	450	471	506	543	553	546	562	562	555	690	581	778	736	740	741	676	545	555	486	634	638	(filings)
	2653	2383	3083	3135	3135	3237	2997	2745	3806	3643	4021	3765	4272	5354	5440	6279	6822	5585	5343	4168	7109	6615	(pages)
Totals	1162	1349	1498	1617	1784	1725	1767	1791	1760	1763	2015	1871	2210	1963	2064	2131	1811	1446	1493	1400	1537	1527	(filings)
	6657	6549	8083	8122	8134	8808	7465	7840	8979	9691	10185	10495	10979	12198	12657	15784	16481	12611	12401	11289	15643	14931	(pages)
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
Emergency rules	319	355	401	405	442	427	376	403	405	401	459	516	393	383	458	544	447	510	432	403	608		(filings)
	1167	1104	1561	1757	2051	1838	1253	1740	1451	1755	2394	2746	2398	1676	1935	2182	2063	2067	2531	2045	3124		(pages)
Proposed rules	646	585	556	632	716	745	683	636	650	587	663	452	454	429	482	489	545	475	547	441	433		(filings)
	9162	6132	5722	7240	8329	7398	7257	7193	6926	6741	7876	5313	6829	5574	6201	6580	6913	6925	8743	6396	7179		(pages)
Adopted rules	648	571	587	536	590	690	560	594	566	545	589	375	430	430	504	502	546	502	589	444	476		(filings)
	7132	7751	6088	6180	6890	7448	6360	7228	6010	6102	6695	5099	5511	6269	5786	6965	7075	6517	7871	6134	6856		(pages)
Totals	1613	1511	1544	1573	1748	1862	1619	1633	1621	1533	1711	1343	1277	1242	1444	1535	1538	1487	1568	1288	1517		(filings)
	17461	14987	13371	15177	17270	16684	14870	16161	14387	14598	16965	13158	14738	13519	13922	15727	16051	15509	19145	14575	17159		(pages)

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Table 2 summarizes permanent agency action by WAC sections, units that can be compared to RCW sections in approximate length.

TABLE 2
Number of WAC Sections Permanently Affected by Agency Action

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	
Amend existing	1656	1965	1617	1972	2056	1859	2095	2037	2402	3699	2316	1978	2321	1970	1899	1573	3081	2747	2990	1973	
Adopt new	2157	1904	2391	1219	1649	1534	1850	1557	4359	2093	2455	2586	2011	1380	2469	1262	1870	2097	2601	3010	
Repeal existing	1522	1090	1348	608	961	852	1092	1149	3237	1669	958	1810	1131	1168	2392	1878	2688	2206	2621	1914	
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020		
Amend existing	2109	2005	2792	2305	2262	2585	2463	2217	2609	2692	2116	2223	2627	3484	3148	2937	2937	3364	2517	3539	
Adopt new	1859	1925	2664	2441	2780	2464	1572	1217	1438	1410	1129	1808	1372	971	1074	1052	1052	2287	988	861	
Repeal existing	1222	1176	1368	2241	2038	1705	1054	636	1144	1833	867	647	1380	850	696	846	846	1878	785	632	