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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

DECEMBER 2025

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of December and to-date for the year that began on January 1, 2025.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 48 opinions, 48 summary dispositions, and 106 other written decisions this month. Opinions include three-judge and one-judge authored opinions and per curiam opinions. Summary dispositions include opinions issued in the form of a court order after the court has reviewed the briefs and the record and, generally, following a screening and decision conference. Other written decisions include memorandum opinions, issued before a screening and decision conference, and miscellaneous orders terminating cases (e.g., voluntary dismissals and stipulations to dismiss). The breakdown by district and type of disposition is as follows:

DECEMBER 2025	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	37	68	38	59	202
<i>By Opinion - Civil</i>	5	9	4	11	29
<i>By Opinion - Criminal</i>	1	11	5	2	19
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	3	6	1	10	20
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i>	2	15	9	2	28
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	11	10	9	20	50
<i>By Memo Opinion - Criminal</i>	12	9	2	5	28
<i>By Other - Civil</i>	2	7	7	9	25
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	1	1	1	0	3

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 663 opinions, 631 summary dispositions, and 1,251 other written decisions.

<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	575	708	557	705	2,545
<i>By Opinion -Civil</i>	76	95	84	98	353
<i>By Opinion -Criminal</i>	55	107	70	78	310
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	64	71	43	70	248
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	105	143	66	69	383
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	142	120	125	198	585
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	59	71	66	88	284
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	54	76	81	84	295
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	20	25	22	20	87

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 259 appeals were filed during the month.

<i>DECEMBER 2025</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	61	67	60	71	259
<i>Civil</i>	44	39	41	52	176
<i>Criminal</i>	17	28	19	19	83

So far this year, a total 2,715 appeals have been filed.

<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	618	671	646	780	2,715
<i>Civil</i>	359	365	384	506	1,614
<i>Criminal</i>	259	306	262	274	1,101

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,443 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

<i>DECEMBER 2025</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	682	535	636	590	2,443
<i>Civil</i>	328	255	323	331	1,237
<i>Criminal</i>	354	280	313	259	1,206

Petitions for Supervisory Writ

A petition for supervisory writ asks the Court of Appeals to order the circuit court to take a certain action in a case. The Court of Appeals received 37 and disposed of 22 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

DECEMBER 2025	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	6	5	8	18	37
Supervisory Writs Terminated	2	4	2	14	22
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	0	9	9
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	2	4	2	5	13
Supervisory Writs Pending	18	14	10	12	54

Petitions for Leave to Appeal

A petition for leave to appeal asks the Court of Appeals to invoke its discretionary jurisdiction and accept the appeal of a case in which a final order has not been issued. The Court of Appeals received 14 and disposed of 13 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

DECEMBER 2025	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	4	2	4	4	14
Petitions Terminated	4	5	2	2	13
<i>Granted</i>	1	0	0	1	2
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	3	5	2	1	11
Petitions Pending	4	4	4	9	21

Petitions for Review, Petitions for Bypass, and Certifications to the Supreme Court

In a petition for bypass, a party requests that the Supreme Court take jurisdiction of an appeal or other proceeding pending in the Court of Appeals. In a request for certification, the Court of Appeals asks the Supreme Court to exercise its appellate jurisdiction before the Court of Appeals hears the matter. The Supreme Court received 60 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, no petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and no requests for certification this month.

DECEMBER 2025	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review Filed	14	17	8	21	60
<i>Civil</i>	9	8	1	7	25
<i>Criminal</i>	5	9	7	14	35
Petitions for Bypass Filed	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	0	0