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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

JANUARY 2026

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of January. The statistical year began on January 1, 2026.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 42 opinions, 55 summary dispositions, and 144 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:

JANUARY 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	47	66	66	62	241
<i>By Opinion - Civil</i>	3	3	12	10	28
<i>By Opinion - Criminal</i>	4	1	6	3	14
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	10	10	1	8	29
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i>	7	5	8	6	26
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	10	27	20	14	71
<i>By Memo Opinion - Criminal</i>	4	3	4	7	18
<i>By Other - Civil</i>	8	13	13	14	48
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	1	4	2	0	7

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 42 opinions, 55 summary dispositions, and 144 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	47	66	66	62	241
<i>By Opinion -Civil</i>	3	3	12	10	28
<i>By Opinion -Criminal</i>	4	1	6	3	14
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	10	10	1	8	29
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	7	5	8	6	26
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	10	27	20	14	71
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	4	3	4	7	18
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	8	13	13	14	48
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	1	4	2	0	7

The table below presents the total number of Court of Appeals dispositions for year-to-date (i.e. *January only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026. The figures reflect opinions and orders issued by the court and how cases were terminated.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>
Cases Terminated	140	176	216	200	241
<i>By Opinion -Civil</i>	17	22	25	24	28
<i>By Opinion -Criminal</i>	13	38	28	26	14
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Civil</i>	14	11	14	17	29
<i>By Summ. Disp. - Criminal</i>	32	38	37	30	26
<i>By Memo Opinion - Civil</i>	28	30	41	36	71
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	15	6	32	30	18
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	12	25	28	24	48
<i>By Other - Criminal</i>	9	6	11	13	7

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 258 appeals were filed during the month.

<i>JANUARY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	52	72	69	65	258
<i>Civil</i>	32	50	53	42	177
<i>Criminal</i>	20	22	16	23	81

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<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	52	72	69	65	258
<i>Civil</i>	32	50	53	42	177
<i>Criminal</i>	20	22	16	23	81

The table below presents total number of appeals filed in the Court of Appeals for year-to-date (*i.e. January only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>
Cases Filed	138	188	166	187	258
<i>Civil</i>	79	118	87	110	177
<i>Criminal</i>	59	70	79	77	81

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,473 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

<i>JANUARY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	689	556	640	588	2,473
<i>Civil</i>	331	260	333	327	1,251
<i>Criminal</i>	358	296	307	261	1,222

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 27 and disposed of 34 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

<i>JANUARY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	4	8	12	3	27
Supervisory Writs Terminated	5	10	13	6	34
<i>Granted</i>	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	4	10	13	6	33
Supervisory Writs Pending	18	12	9	8	47

The table below presents total number of Petitions for Supervisory Writ filed and terminated in the Court of Appeals year-to-date (*i.e. January only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	7	8	13	14	27
Supervisory Writs Terminated	14	8	14	13	34

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 33 and disposed of 30 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

JANUARY 2026	<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	3	19	4	7	33
Petitions Terminated	2	17	4	7	30
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	1	1	2
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	2	17	3	6	28
Petitions Pending	5	6	4	9	24

The table below presents total number of Petitions for Leave filed and terminated in the Court of Appeals for year-to-date (*i.e. January only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

Year-to-Date Comparison	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	9	10	13	14	33
Petitions Terminated	11	9	14	13	30

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 36 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, two petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and no requests for certification this month.

JANUARY 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review Filed	5	12	7	12	36
<i>Civil</i>	0	2	2	9	13
<i>Criminal</i>	5	10	5	3	23
Petitions for Bypass Filed	0	2	0	0	2
<i>Civil</i>	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Criminal</i>	0	1	0	0	1
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	0	0