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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

APRIL 2026

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

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 68 opinions, 68 summary dispositions, and 129 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:

APRIL 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	36	97	47	85	265
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	11	7	6	14	38
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	4	10	8	8	30
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	1	14	5	8	28
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	6	21	4	9	40
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	8	13	13	26	60
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	4	1	3	8	16
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	2	23	5	11	41
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	0	8	3	1	12

* Correction made from previous report.

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 242 opinions, 275 summary dispositions, and 486 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	228*	297	230	248	1,003*
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	43	18	35	37	133
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	34	28	27	20	109
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	30	46	16	21	113
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	41	54	29	38	162
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	40	67	49	69	225
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	17	15	15	25	72
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	21	52	48	35	156
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	2*	17	11	3	33*

The table below presents the total number of Court of Appeals dispositions for year-to-date (*i.e. January to April 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>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cases Terminated	724	816	799	834	1,003*
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	104	105	121	114	133
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	84	120	99	115	109
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	55	74	46	74	113
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	176	210	147	128	162
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	136	141	148	187	225
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	55	46	102	105	72
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	72	94	108	87	156
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	42	26	28	24	33*

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 233 appeals were filed during the month.

APRIL 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	46	71	47	69	233
<i>Civil</i>	19	42	30	36	127
<i>Criminal</i>	27	29	17	33	106

* Correction made from previous report.

So far this year, a total 979 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	194	281	219	285	979
<i>Civil</i>	110	180	153	172	615
<i>Criminal</i>	84	101	66	113	364

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

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cases Filed	688	730	820	873	979
<i>Civil</i>	356	443	443	501	615
<i>Criminal</i>	332	287	377	372	364

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,470 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

<i>APRIL 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	639	565	635	631	2,470
<i>Civil</i>	308	276	337	357	1,278
<i>Criminal</i>	331	289	298	274	1,192

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 22 and disposed of 29 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

<i>APRIL 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	5	9	4	4	22
Supervisory Writs Terminated	1	12	10	6	29
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	2	0	2
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	1	12	8	6	27
Supervisory Writs Pending	22	12	16	8	58

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

<i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i>	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Supervisory Writs Filed	45	52	49	77	97
Supervisory Writs Terminated	58	49	45	82	102

* Correction made from previous report.

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 12 and disposed of 7 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

APRIL 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	1	4	3	4	12
Petitions Terminated	1	3	1	2	7
<i>Granted</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>
Petitions Pending	2	3	4	5	14

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 to April only*) for each year from 2022 to 2026.

Year-to-Date Comparison	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	46	38	74	71	70
Petitions Terminated	46	37	66	68	77

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 87 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.

APRIL 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review Filed	40	19	11	17	87
<i>Civil</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>34</i>
<i>Criminal</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>53</i>
Petitions for Bypass Filed	1	0	1	0	2
<i>Civil</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Criminal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Civil</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Criminal</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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