



Joseph M. Donald
Chief Judge

WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

110 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 215

P.O. BOX 1688

MADISON, WISCONSIN 53701-1688

(608) 266-1880

CLERK@WICOURTS.GOV

WWW.WICOURTS.GOV/COURTS/OFFICES/CLERK.HTM

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of the Court of
Appeals

WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

MAY 2026

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

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 70 opinions, 52 summary dispositions, and 74 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:

| MAY 2026 | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cases Terminated | 44 | 57 | 42 | 53 | 196 |
| <i>By Opinion – Civil</i> | 17 | 6 | 13 | 14 | 50 |
| <i>By Opinion – Criminal</i> | 3 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 20 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i> | 3 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 25 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i> | 3 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 27 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i> | 7 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 24 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i> | 6 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| <i>By Other – Civil</i> | 4 | 18 | 1 | 5 | 28 |
| <i>By Other – Criminal</i> | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 10 |

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 312 opinions, 327 summary dispositions, and 560 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 | 272 | 354 | 272 | 301 | 1,199 |
| <i>By Opinion – Civil</i> | 60 | 24 | 48 | 51 | 183 |
| <i>By Opinion – Criminal</i> | 37 | 33 | 32 | 27 | 129 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i> | 33 | 51 | 21 | 33 | 138 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i> | 44 | 66 | 36 | 43 | 189 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i> | 47 | 72 | 56 | 74 | 249 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i> | 23 | 15 | 17 | 29 | 84 |
| <i>By Other – Civil</i> | 25 | 70 | 49 | 40 | 184 |
| <i>By Other – Criminal</i> | 3 | 23 | 13 | 4 | 43 |

The table below presents the total number of Court of Appeals dispositions for year-to-date (*i.e. January to May 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 | 896 | 1,040 | 1,014 | 1,047 | 1,199 |
| <i>By Opinion – Civil</i> | 123 | 130 | 164 | 138 | 183 |
| <i>By Opinion – Criminal</i> | 98 | 154 | 123 | 138 | 129 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i> | 71 | 105 | 66 | 99 | 138 |
| <i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i> | 217 | 263 | 190 | 156 | 189 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i> | 182 | 180 | 188 | 221 | 249 |
| <i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i> | 70 | 51 | 117 | 135 | 84 |
| <i>By Other – Civil</i> | 90 | 125 | 132 | 124 | 184 |
| <i>By Other – Criminal</i> | 45 | 32 | 34 | 36 | 43 |

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 215 appeals were filed during the month.

| <i>MAY 2026</i> | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cases Filed | 46 | 70 | 53 | 46 | 215 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 26 | 41 | 27 | 31 | 125 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 20 | 29 | 26 | 15 | 90 |

So far this year, a total 1,195 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 | 241 | 351 | 271 | 332 | 1,195 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 137 | 221 | 177 | 203 | 738 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 104 | 130 | 94 | 129 | 457 |

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

| <i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i> | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cases Filed | 871 | 938 | 1,020 | 1,113 | 1,195 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 462 | 554 | 570 | 629 | 738 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 409 | 384 | 450 | 484 | 457 |

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,491 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

| <i>MAY 2026</i> | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Cases Pending | 657 | 554 | 661 | 619 | 2,491 |
| <i>Civil</i> | 308 | 270 | 355 | 337 | 1,270 |
| <i>Criminal</i> | 349 | 284 | 306 | 282 | 1,221 |

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 21 and disposed of 11 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

| <i>MAY 2026</i> | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Supervisory Writs Filed | 6 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 21 |
| Supervisory Writs Terminated | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| <i>Granted</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i> | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| Supervisory Writs Pending | 24 | 20 | 19 | 9 | 72 |

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

| <i>Year-to-Date Comparison</i> | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Supervisory Writs Filed | 50 | 67 | 67 | 105 | 117 |
| Supervisory Writs Terminated | 75 | 57 | 56 | 97 | 113 |

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 9 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

| MAY 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 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 12 |
| Petitions Terminated | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 9 |
| <i>Granted</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>3</i> |
| <i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>6</i> |
| Petitions Pending | 2 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 17 |

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

| Year-to-Date Comparison | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed | 58 | 51 | 81 | 92 | 82 |
| Petitions Terminated | 58 | 46 | 84 | 84 | 86 |

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 56 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.

| MAY 2026 | <i>Dist. I</i> | <i>Dist. II</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>Dist. IV</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Petitions for Review Filed | 12 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 56 |
| <i>Civil</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>30</i> |
| <i>Criminal</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>26</i> |
| Petitions for Bypass 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> |
| 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> |