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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

JULY 2026

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

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 78 opinions, 83 summary dispositions, and 122 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:

JULY 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	64	79	43	77	263
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	9	13	8	21	51
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	5	11	5	6	27
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	8	5	7	8	28
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	16	24	5	10	55
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	13	10	6	11	40
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	8	2	3	9	22
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	4	10	6	9	29
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	1	4	3	3	11

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 465 opinions, 466 summary dispositions, and 790 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	390	503	374	454	1,721
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	77	48	70	88	283
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	44	50	42	46	182
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	43	60	30	49	182
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	71	104	51	58	284
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	78	92	71	106	347
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	36	20	22	45	123
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	35	96	64	54	249
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	6	33	24	8	71

The table below presents the total number of Court of Appeals dispositions for year-to-date (i.e. *January to July 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	1,316	1,278	1,396	1,519	1,721
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	199	172	220	212	283
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	143	181	164	193	182
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	109	123	100	140	182
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	329	315	251	227	284
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	242	213	268	331	347
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	113	76	144	187	123
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	125	160	204	174	249
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	56	38	45	55	71

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 243 appeals were filed during the month.

<i>JULY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	54	60	52	77	243
<i>Civil</i>	35	42	32	51	160
<i>Criminal</i>	19	18	20	26	83

So far this year, a total 1,690 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	343	467	404	476	1,690
<i>Civil</i>	189	300	255	298	1,042
<i>Criminal</i>	154	167	149	178	648

The table below presents total number of appeals filed in the Court of Appeals for year-to-date (*ie. January to July 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	1,224	1,126	1,472	1,639	1,690
<i>Civil</i>	649	648	847	928	1042
<i>Criminal</i>	575	478	625	711	648

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,488 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

<i>JULY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	645	531	698	614	2,488
<i>Civil</i>	292	271	373	336	1,272
<i>Criminal</i>	353	260	325	278	1,216

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 15 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

<i>JULY 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	5	2	15	27
Supervisory Writs Terminated	7	6	1	1	15
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	7	6	1	1	15
Supervisory Writs Pending	14	10	19	23	66

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 July 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	69	86	117	159	158
Supervisory Writs Terminated	102	85	89	151	157

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 19 and disposed of 21 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

<i>JULY 2026</i>	<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	0	6	8	5	19
Petitions Terminated	8	3	1	9	21
<i>Granted</i>	2	0	0	0	2
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	6	3	1	9	19
Petitions Pending	0	7	8	4	19

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 July 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>
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	89	67	103	123	121
Petitions Terminated	88	68	102	116	108

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

<i>JULY 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Petitions for Review Filed	12	14	7	18	51
<i>Civil</i>	5	6	3	9	23
<i>Criminal</i>	7	8	4	9	28
Petitions for Bypass Filed	0	1	0	2	3
<i>Civil</i>	0	1	0	2	3
<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