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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

AUGUST 2026

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

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 52 opinions, 49 summary dispositions, and 104 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:

AUGUST 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Terminated	43	44	53	65	205
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	7	4	11	5	27
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	3	2	10	10	25
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	6	4	4	7	21
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	9	9	3	7	28
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	8	10	7	12	37
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	1	4	5	9	19
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	3	10	8	13	34
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	6	1	5	2	14

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 517 opinions, 515 summary dispositions, and 894 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	433	547	427	519	1,926
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	84	52	81	93	310
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	47	52	52	56	207
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	49	64	34	56	203
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	80	113	54	65	312
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	86	102	78	118	384
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	37	24	27	54	142
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	38	106	72	67	283
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	12	34	29	10	85

The table below presents the total number of Court of Appeals dispositions for year-to-date (*i.e. January to August 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	1,488	1,697	1,618	1,739	1,926
<i>By Opinion – Civil</i>	225	242	261	240	310
<i>By Opinion – Criminal</i>	167	244	187	223	207
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Civil</i>	126	154	117	157	203
<i>By Summ. Disp. – Criminal</i>	370	391	274	252	312
<i>By Memo Opinion – Civil</i>	266	298	329	383	384
<i>By Memo Opinion – Criminal</i>	130	120	160	219	142
<i>By Other – Civil</i>	136	192	236	205	283
<i>By Other – Criminal</i>	68	56	54	60	85

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 251 appeals were filed during the month.

<i>AUGUST 2026</i>	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	54	63	61	73	251
<i>Civil</i>	34	38	37	59	168
<i>Criminal</i>	20	25	24	14	83

So far this year, a total 1,942 appeals have been filed.

Year-to-Date	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Filed	397	531	465	549	1,942
<i>Civil</i>	223	339	292	356	1,210
<i>Criminal</i>	174	192	173	193	732

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

Year-to-Date Comparison	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Cases Filed	1,407	1,530	1,677	1,864	1,942
<i>Civil</i>	763	897	941	1,067	1,210
<i>Criminal</i>	644	633	736	797	732

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,545 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

AUGUST 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cases Pending	660	552	708	625	2,545
<i>Civil</i>	306	284	381	359	1,330
<i>Criminal</i>	354	268	327	266	1,215

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 29 and disposed of 16 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

AUGUST 2026	<i>Dist. I</i>	<i>Dist. II</i>	<i>Dist. III</i>	<i>Dist. IV</i>	<i>Total</i>
Supervisory Writs Filed	5	10	3	11	29
Supervisory Writs Terminated	5	6	2	3	16
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	5	6	2	3	16
Supervisory Writs Pending	13	18	21	31	83

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

Year-to-Date Comparison	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Supervisory Writs Filed	75	100	127	180	187
Supervisory Writs Terminated	108	100	116	176	173

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 13 and disposed of 11 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

AUGUST 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	2	2	4	5	13
Petitions Terminated	1	2	5	3	11
<i>Granted</i>	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Denied, Dismissed, Other</i>	1	2	4	3	10
Petitions Pending	1	7	7	6	21

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

Year-to-Date Comparison	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	110	77	118	138	134
Petitions Terminated	103	75	114	134	134

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 58 petitions for review of decisions of the Court of Appeals, two petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals, and one request for certification this month.

AUGUST 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	20	10	16	58
<i>Civil</i>	8	10	3	7	28
<i>Criminal</i>	4	10	7	9	30
Petitions for Bypass Filed	1	1	0	0	2
<i>Civil</i>	1	1	0	0	2
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	0	0	0
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Civil</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Criminal</i>	0	0	1	0	1