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MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

OCTOBER 2026

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

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 63 opinions, 61 summary dispositions, and 133 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:

OCTOBER 2026	*Dist. I*	*Dist. II*	*Dist. III*	*Dist. IV*	*Total*
Cases Terminated	73	52	49	83	257
By Opinion – Civil	*19*	*5*	*5*	*15*	*44*
By Opinion – Criminal	*6*	*7*	*5*	*1*	*19*
By Summ. Disp. – Civil	*9*	*7*	*4*	*9*	*29*
By Summ. Disp. – Criminal	*16*	*12*	*0*	*4*	*32*
By Memo Opinion – Civil	*14*	*12*	*27*	*32*	*85*
By Memo Opinion – Criminal	*2*	*1*	*4*	*8*	*15*
By Other – Civil	*5*	*7*	*4*	*13*	*29*
By Other – Criminal	*2*	*1*	*0*	*1*	*4*

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 632 opinions, 648 summary dispositions, and 1,147 other written decisions.

Year-to-Date	*Dist. I*	*Dist. II*	*Dist. III*	*Dist. IV*	*Total*
Cases Terminated	559	677	541	650	2,427
By Opinion – Civil	*106*	*67*	*99*	*115*	*387*
By Opinion – Criminal	*55*	*69*	*62*	*59*	*245*
By Summ. Disp. – Civil	*64*	*80*	*46*	*72*	*262*
By Summ. Disp. – Criminal	*114*	*142*	*59*	*71*	*386*
By Memo Opinion – Civil	*112*	*131*	*112*	*171*	*526*
By Memo Opinion – Criminal	*41*	*32*	*45*	*65*	*183*
By Other – Civil	*52*	*121*	*88*	*86*	*347*
By Other – Criminal	*15*	*35*	*30*	*11*	*91*

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

Year-to-Date Comparison	***2022***	***2023***	***2024***	***2025***	***2026***
Cases Terminated	1,856	2,140	2,079	2,162	2,427
By Opinion – Civil	*279*	*308*	*324*	*297*	*387*
By Opinion – Criminal	*209*	*294*	*235*	*265*	*245*
By Summ. Disp. – Civil	*155*	*185*	*156*	*202*	*262*
By Summ. Disp. – Criminal	*461*	*487*	*349*	*325*	*386*
By Memo Opinion – Civil	*341*	*383*	*422*	*492*	*526*
By Memo Opinion – Criminal	*161*	*169*	*219*	*244*	*183*
By Other – Civil	*175*	*245*	*297*	*256*	*347*
By Other – Criminal	*75*	*69*	*77*	*81*	*91*

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 260 appeals were filed during the month.

OCTOBER 2026	*Dist. I*	*Dist. II*	*Dist. III*	*Dist. IV*	*Total*
Cases Filed	63	55	65	77	260
Civil	*42*	*40*	*30*	*54*	*166*
Criminal	*21*	*15*	*35*	*23*	*94*

So far this year, a total 2,469 appeals have been filed.

Year-to-Date	*Dist. I*	*Dist. II*	*Dist. III*	*Dist. IV*	*Total*
Cases Filed	516	659	583	711	2,469
Civil	*294*	*424*	*368*	*474*	*1,560*
Criminal	*222*	*235*	*215*	*237*	*909*

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

Year-to-Date Comparison	***2022***	***2023***	***2024***	***2025***	***2026***
Cases Filed	1,596	1,764	1,893	2,055	2,209
Civil	*977*	*1,139*	*1,201*	*1,324*	*1,590*
Criminal	*788*	*833*	*945*	*952*	*909*

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,563 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

OCTOBER 2026	*Dist. I*	*Dist. II*	*Dist. III*	*Dist. IV*	*Total*
Cases Pending	664	536	714	649	2,563
Civil	*315*	*283*	*382*	*369*	*1,349*
Criminal	*349*	*253*	*332*	*280*	*1,214*

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 19 and disposed of 39 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

OCTOBER 2026	*Dist. I*	*Dist. II*	*Dist. III*	*Dist. IV*	*Total*
Supervisory Writs Filed	1	2	6	10	19
Supervisory Writs Terminated	2	5	12	20	39
Granted	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Denied, Dismissed, Other	*2*	*5*	*12*	*20*	*39*
Supervisory Writs Pending	10	11	17	18	56

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

Year-to-Date Comparison	***2022***	***2023***	***2024***	***2025***	***2026***
Supervisory Writs Filed	92	121	167	219	213
Supervisory Writs Terminated	130	128	146	230	241

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 26 and disposed of 23 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

OCTOBER 2026	*Dist. I*	*Dist. II*	*Dist. III*	*Dist. IV*	*Total*
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	9	3	5	9	26
Petitions Terminated	8	1	5	9	23
Granted	*0*	*0*	*1*	*0*	*1*
Denied, Dismissed, Other	*8*	*1*	*4*	*9*	*22*
Petitions Pending	2	5	3	6	16

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

Year-to-Date Comparison	***2022***	***2023***	***2024***	***2025***	***2026***
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	126	103	152	163	144
Petitions Terminated	133	94	153	157	175

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 48 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.

OCTOBER 2026	*Dist. I*	*Dist. II*	*Dist. III*	*Dist. IV*	*Total*
Petitions for Review Filed	9	22	9	8	48
Civil	*4*	*10*	*2*	*5*	*21*
Criminal	*5*	*12*	*7*	*3*	*27*
Petitions for Bypass Filed	1	2	0	0	3
Civil	*1*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*3*
Criminal	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Certification Requests Filed	0	0	0	0	0
Civil	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*
Criminal	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*