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WISCONSIN COURT OF APPEALS MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT

APRIL 2025

This statistical report presents information about the case filings and dispositions of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals during the month of April and to-date for the year that began on January 1, 2025.

Opinions and Orders Issued by the Court

The Court of Appeals issued 60 opinions, 36 summary dispositions, and 110 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 2025	Dist. I	Dist. II	Dist. III	Dist. IV	Total
Cases Terminated	51	54	43	58	206
By Opinion -Civil	8	5	11	9	33
By Opinion -Criminal	4	11	5	7	27
By Summ. Disp Civil	7	3	2	4	16
By Summ. Disp Criminal	3	8	5	4	20
By Memo Opinion - Civil	13	8	13	18	52
By Memo Opinion – Criminal	13	7	5	7	32
By Other – Civil	2	11	2	9	24
By Other - Criminal	1	1	0	0	2

So far this year, the Court of Appeals has issued 229 opinions, 202 summary dispositions, and 403 other written decisions.

Year to Date	Dist. I	Dist. II	Dist. III	Dist. IV	Total
Cases Terminated	180	240	175	239	834
By Opinion -Civil	25	31	27	31	114
By Opinion -Criminal	15	44	29	27	115
By Summ. Disp Civil	17	22	11	24	74
By Summ. Disp. – Criminal	28	44	28	28	128
By Memo Opinion - Civil	46	42	32	66	186
By Memo Opinion – Criminal	26	26	24	30	106
By Other – Civil	18	24	17	28	87
By Other - Criminal	5	7	7	5	24

Appeals Filed

An appeal asks the Court of Appeals to review the decision of the circuit court. A total of 257 appeals were filed during the month.

APRIL 2025		Dist. I	Dist. II	Dist. III	Dist. IV	Total
Cases Filed		66	74	54	63	257
	Civil	33	40	32	42	147
	Criminal	33	34	22	21	110

So far this year, a total 873 appeals have been filed.

Year to Date		Dist. I	Dist. II	Dist. III	Dist. IV	Total
Cases Filed		200	212	212	249	873
	Civil	105	112	124	160	501
	Criminal	95	100	88	89	372

Appeals Pending

At the end of the month, a total of 2,244 cases were pending before the Court of Appeals.

APRIL 2025		Dist. I	Dist. II	Dist. III	Dist. IV	Total
Cases Pending		620	535	571	518	2,244
	Civil	278	237	298	281	1,094
	Criminal	342	298	273	237	1,150

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 21 petitions for supervisory writ during the month.

APRIL 2025	Dist. I	Dist. II	Dist. III	Dist. IV	Total
Supervisory Writs Filed	3	6	8	12	29
Supervisory Writs Terminated	5	4	2	10	21
Granted	1	1	0	3	5
Denied, Dismissed, Other	4	3	2	7	16
Supervisory Writs Pending	14	13	11	12	50

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 21 petitions for leave to appeal during the month.

APRIL 2025	Dist. I	Dist. II	Dist. III	Dist. IV	Total
Petitions for Leave to Appeal Filed	3	5	3	1	12
Petitions Terminated	8	5	7	1	21
Granted	0	0	2	0	2
Denied, Dismissed, Other	8	5	5	1	19
Petitions Pending	2	7	3	2	14

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 40 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.

APRIL 2025	Dist. I	Dist. II	Dist. III	Dist. IV	Total
Petitions for Review Filed	7	19	6	9	41
Civil	2	10	1	8	21
Criminal	5	9	5	1	20
Petitions for Bypass Filed	0	0	0	0	0
Civil	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal	0	O	0	0	0
Certification Requests Filed	0	1	0	0	1
Civil	0	1	0	0	1
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0