



# Wisconsin Court of Appeals 2025 Annual Report



**2025**  
**COURT OF APPEALS - CASE LOAD STATISTICS**

<b>District</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>II</b>	<b>III</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Filings</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>2715</b>
Civil	359	365	384	506	1614
Criminal	259	306	262	274	1101
<b>Average filings per judge</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Three-Judge</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>2143</b>
<b>One-Judge</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>589</b>
<b>No Merit Filings</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Writs Filed</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>271</b>
<i>Granted</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>28</i>
<b>Leaves to Appeal Filed</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>160</b>
<i>Granted</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>21</i>
<b>Matter of Right</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>1929</b>

<b>Submission*</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>878</b>
<b>Cases on Briefs</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>864</b>
Civil	105	123	99	126	453
Criminal	118	130	72	91	411
<b>Percentage on briefs</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Oral Argument Scheduled</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>
Civil	4	2	0	0	6
Criminal	3	0	3	2	8
<b>Percentage of Oral Arguments Scheduled</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

\* These figures reflect consolidated cases as one.

<b>Total Terminations</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>2545</b>
<b>Average terminations per judge</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>159</b>





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**Termination by Other Means (Orders):**

<b><u>Summary Dispositions</u></b>	<b><u>169</u></b>	<b><u>214</u></b>	<b><u>110</u></b>	<b><u>139</u></b>	<b><u>632</u></b>
Affirmance	59	102	43	63	267
Reversals	2	10	2	9	23
No Merits	102	91	55	53	301
Rejected No Merits	14	8	12	8	42
Dismissals	2	2	4	2	10
Other	4	9	6	12	31
<b><u>Memo Opinions</u></b>	<b><u>201</u></b>	<b><u>190</u></b>	<b><u>191</u></b>	<b><u>285</u></b>	<b><u>867</u></b>
Jurisdiction	56	27	7	27	117
Dismissals	18	54	96	111	279
Other	39	0	5	0	44
Writs Denied, etc.	46	54	44	101	245
Writs Granted	7	3	2	16	28
Leaves Denied, etc.	35	52	37	30	154
<b><u>Other</u></b>	<b><u>71</u></b>	<b><u>96</u></b>	<b><u>101</u></b>	<b><u>97</u></b>	<b><u>365</u></b>
Voluntary Dismissals	31	53	41	50	175
Dismissals	0	0	0	0	0
Stipulations	0	0	2	0	2
Other	40	43	58	47	188

**Motions and Petitions:**

<b>Motions Filed</b>	<b>5681</b>	<b>5267</b>	<b>4595</b>	<b>5199</b>	<b>20742</b>
Writs Terminated	53	57	46	117	273
Writs Granted	7	3	2	16	28
Leaves Terminated	37	58	48	32	175

**Pending Cases:**

<b>12-31-2025</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>2412</b>
<b>12-31-2024</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>2124</b>

**SUPREME COURT ACTIVITY**  
Consolidated Cases Counted as One

Certifications Filed	0	1	1	1	3
Certifications Granted	0	0	1	1	2
Bypasses Granted	1	0	0	0	1

Ct. App. Opinions Released	118	184	140	155	597
Petitions filed on Opns.	56	88	51	56	251
Percentage Filed	47%	48%	36%	36%	42%
<u>Petitions Filed*</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>602</u>
Civil*	75	79	43	80	277
Criminal*	69	127	59	70	325
Petitions Acted Upon*	122	143	76	89	430
<u>Granted*</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>
Civil*	3	6	1	0	10
Criminal*	3	4	1	0	8
SC Opinions on Petitions	4	11	1	5	21
<u>Affirmed</u>	3	4	0	3	10 48%
Civil	0	2	0	2	7 33%
Criminal	0	2	0	1	3 14%
<u>Reversed</u>	0	5	1	2	8 38%
Civil	0	5	0	1	6 29%
Criminal	0	0	1	1	2 10%
<u>Other**</u>	1	2	0	0	3 14%
Civil	1	2	0	0	3 14%
Criminal	0	0	0	0	0 0%

\*Consolidated NOT counted as one in Petitions Filed, Petitions Acted Upon and Petitions Granted.

\*\*Affirmed in part, reversed in part.