

Table 2.5
U.S. Courts of Appeals—Opinions and Orders Filed, by Type, in Cases Terminated on the Merits After Oral Hearing or Submission on Briefs

Fiscal Year	Total	Oral	Written, Signed ¹		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned ¹		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
1990 ²	21,006	103	5,942	2,540	689	9,507	4	2,221	14,268	68.4
1995	27,772	99	6,118	3,814	566	14,233	5	2,937	20,984	75.9
2000	27,516	63	5,099	4,281	427	16,510	32	1,104	21,895	79.8
2005	29,913	3	5,043	5,211	396	18,254	60	946	24,411	81.6
2011	30,290	0	4,190	5,501	345	17,911	21	2,322	25,734	85.0
2012	37,806	1	3,966	7,068	312	18,692	34	5,022	30,782	81.4
2013	37,820	0	3,850	6,737	292	19,684	23	4,716	31,137	82.3
2014	36,851	0	3,880	6,225	293	18,925	33	4,758	29,908	81.2
2015	34,244	1	3,794	5,667	290	17,741	30	4,099	27,507	80.3

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

¹ Includes only those opinions and orders that expound on the law as applied to the facts of each case and that detail the judicial reasons upon which the judgment is based.

² Twelve-month period ending June 30.

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