

**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 During the 12-Month Periods Ending June 30, 1990, and September 30, 1995 Through 2016**

Fiscal Year	Total	Oral	Written, Signed <sup>1</sup>		Written, Reasoned Unsigned <sup>1</sup>		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
2016	39,252	-	3,801	5,978	292	23,625	19	2,832	32,435	88.7
2015	34,244	1	3,794	5,667	290	17,741	30	4,099	27,507	87.0
2014	36,851	-	3,880	6,225	293	18,925	33	4,758	29,908	87.7
2013	37,820	-	3,850	6,737	292	19,684	23	4,716	31,137	88.2
2012	37,806	1	3,966	7,068	312	18,692	34	5,022	30,782	87.7
2010	33,107	-	4,452	6,238	355	18,051	143	1,675	25,964	84.0
2005	32,153	3	5,043	5,211	396	18,254	60	946	24,411	81.6
2000	30,231	63	5,099	4,281	427	16,510	32	1,104	21,895	79.8
1995	27,772	99	6,118	3,814	566	14,233	5	2,937	20,984	75.9
1990 <sup>2</sup>	21,006	103	5,942	2,540	689	9,507	4	2,221	14,268	68.4

Note: Due to a change in methodology, numbers for years prior to 2015 may not match numbers previously published in this table. This table does not include data for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table B-12, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.