

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Fiscal Year	Total	Oral	Written, Signed ¹		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned ¹		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		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	68.41
1995	27,772	99	6,118	3,814	566	14,233	5	2,937	20,984	75.91
2000	27,516	63	5,099	4,281	427	16,510	32	1,104	21,895	79.80
2006	34,580	1	5,082	7,277	353	20,763	71	1,033	29,073	84.08
2007	31,717	2	4,844	5,997	305	19,607	72	890	26,494	83.54
2008	29,608	0	4,949	5,870	388	17,399	40	962	24,231	81.84
2009	30,160	0	4,598	6,210	442	17,726	15	1,169	25,105	83.24
2010	30,914	0	4,452	6,238	355	18,051	143	1,675	25,964	83.99

Note: This table does not include data for the U.S. Courts 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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