

**Table 2.5****U.S. Courts of Appeals—Types of Opinions or Orders Filed In Cases Terminated on the Merits After Oral Hearings or Submission on Briefs**

Fiscal Year	Total	Oral	Written, Signed*		Written, Reasoned, Unsigned*		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
1990**	21,022	94	6,008	2,374	712	9,669	4	2,161	14,204	68.01
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
2004	27,438	20	4,782	4,468	366	16,973	54	775	22,216	81.04
2005	29,913	3	5,043	5,211	396	18,254	60	946	24,411	81.62
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

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

\* 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.

\*\* Twelve-month period ending June 30.

Source: Table S-3, *Annual Report of the Director: Judicial Business of the United States Courts*.