

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 2025

Fiscal Year	Total	Oral	Written, Signed ¹		Written, Reasoned Unsigned ¹		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
2025	25,969	1	3,253	4,825	167	14,903	12	1,157	20,885	85.9
2020	32,796	-	3,631	5,570	251	19,202	15	1,402	26,174	87.0
2015	34,244	1	3,794	5,667	290	17,741	30	4,099	27,507	87.0
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
1995	27,772	99	6,118	3,814	566	14,233	5	2,937	20,984	75.9
1990 ²	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.

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.

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