

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 2021**

Fiscal Year	Total	Oral	Written, Signed ¹		Written, Reasoned Unsigned ¹		Written, Unsigned, Without Comment		Total Unpublished	Percent Unpublished
			Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished	Published	Unpublished		
2021	30,600	-	3,684	5,286	203	17,679	14	1,619	24,584	86.3
2020	32,796	-	3,631	5,570	251	19,202	15	1,402	26,174	87.0
2019	32,086	-	3,583	5,173	260	19,469	27	1,226	25,868	87.0
2018	33,672	-	3,443	5,035	243	21,314	11	1,362	27,711	88.2
2017	36,992	-	3,753	5,494	250	21,745	18	2,785	30,024	88.2
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.

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