

# Texas Supreme Court By the Numbers

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## Last Year's Talk Was About Patterns

**"What Are the Odds?"**  
Texas Supreme Court Docket Update 2020  
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### I. SCOPE

This paper examines the Texas Supreme Court's docket as of May 31, 2020. The statistics provided are unofficial numbers, compiled by the authors with assistance from public data, case docket sheets, and data compiled on Don Cruse's website <https://scotxblog.com>.

Of the 86 deciding opinions issued in the term ended August 31, 2019, 15 opinions, or 18%, were per curiam opinions. In the current term, as of May 31, 2020, the Court has issued 28 per curiam opinions.

Days from Oral Argument to Decision
173
157
111
121
114
115 days (5 months)

Year	Percentage
2018	57%
2019	47%
2020	48%
2019	39%

2020 YTD: 322  
2019: 39%

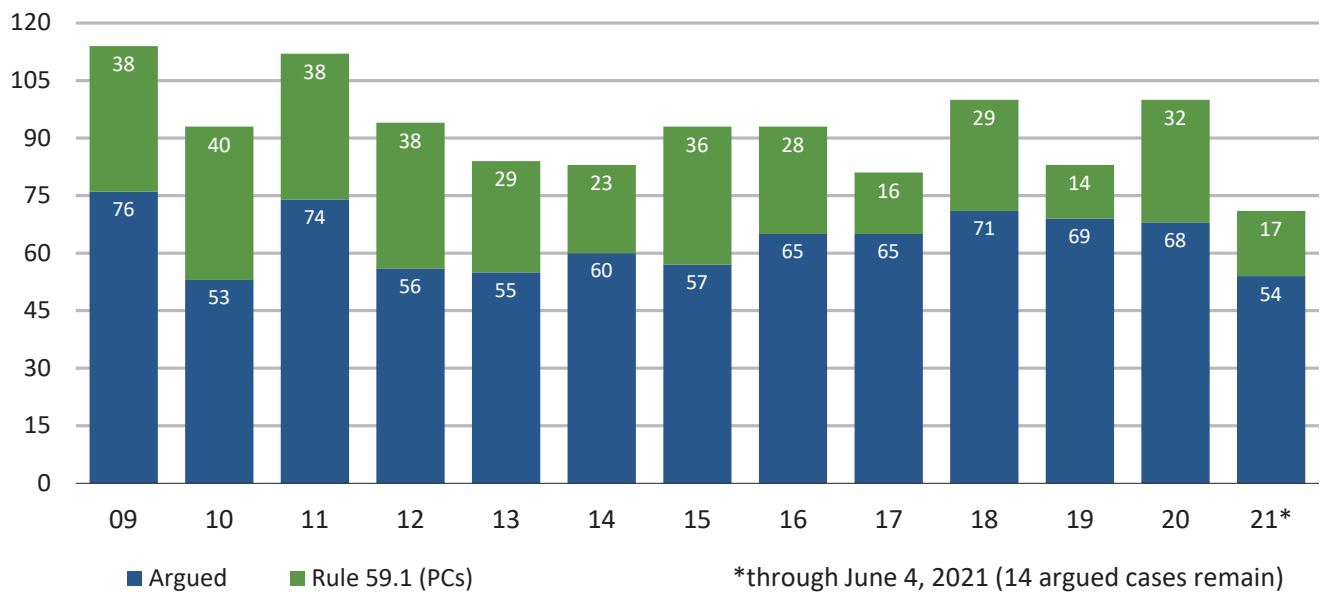
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## The Court has adhered to its seasonal patterns during COVID

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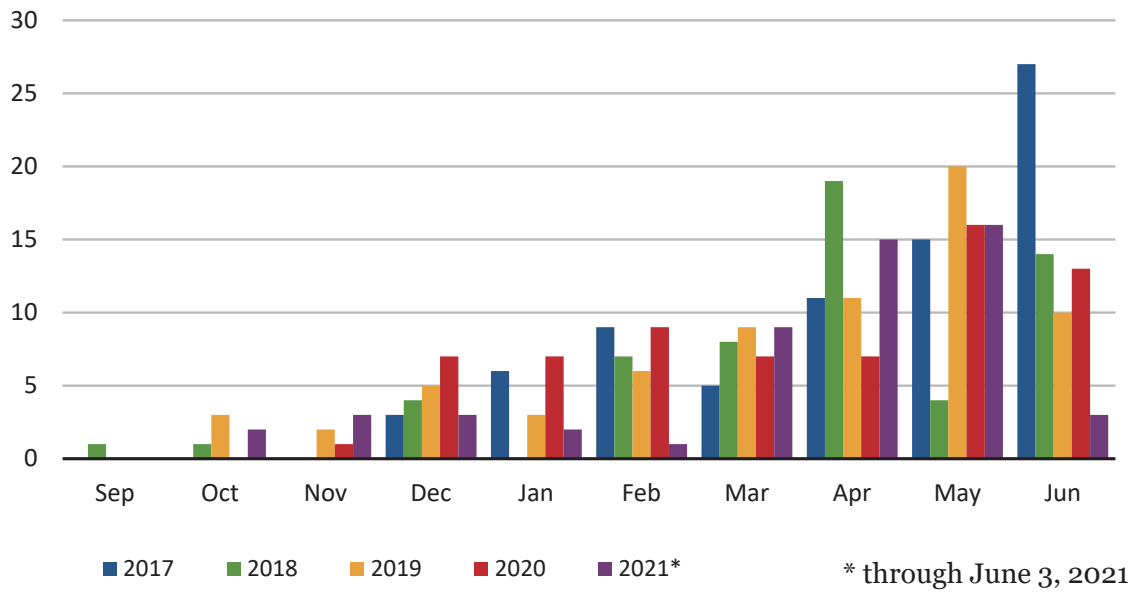
## Opinion Output Is Steady



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# When are opinions issued?

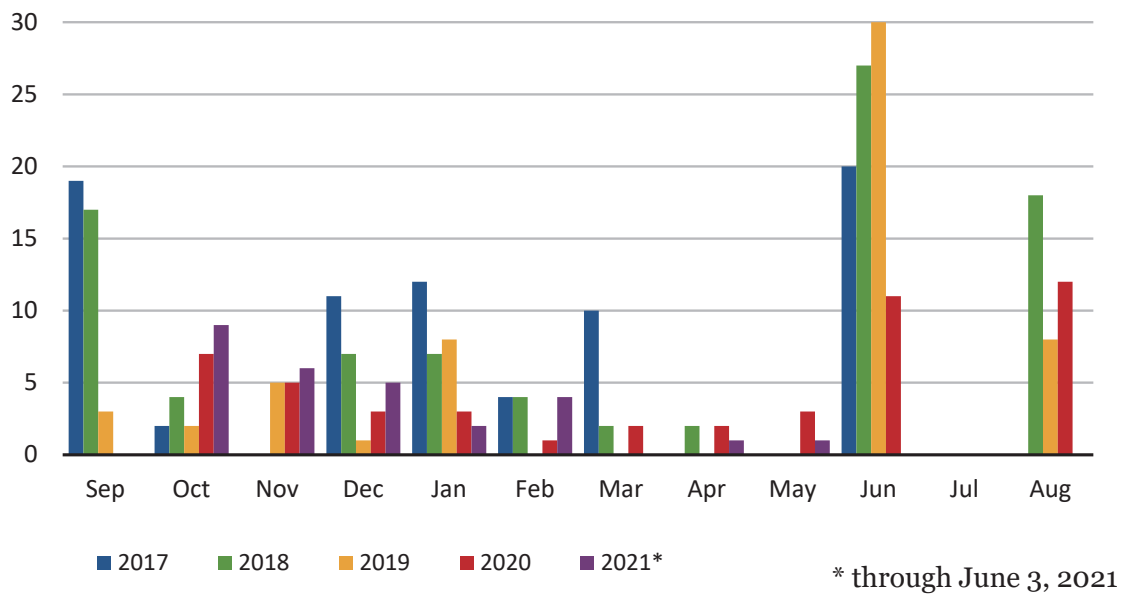
Excluding Rule 59.1 cases and “corrected” opinions



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# When are grants of review made?

Petitions for review only



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