

Texas Supreme Court By the Numbers

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Per Curiam Opinions Issued

Year	Per Curiam Opinions Issued
10	40
11	38
12	34
13	30
14	29
15	36
16	38
17	36
18	29
19	15
20**	28

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.

Days from Oral Argument to Decision

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173
157
111
121
114
115 days (5 months)

338 days

2020 YTD* 322
2019 39%

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August 31
2018 57%
2019 47%

68% 48%

45% 39%

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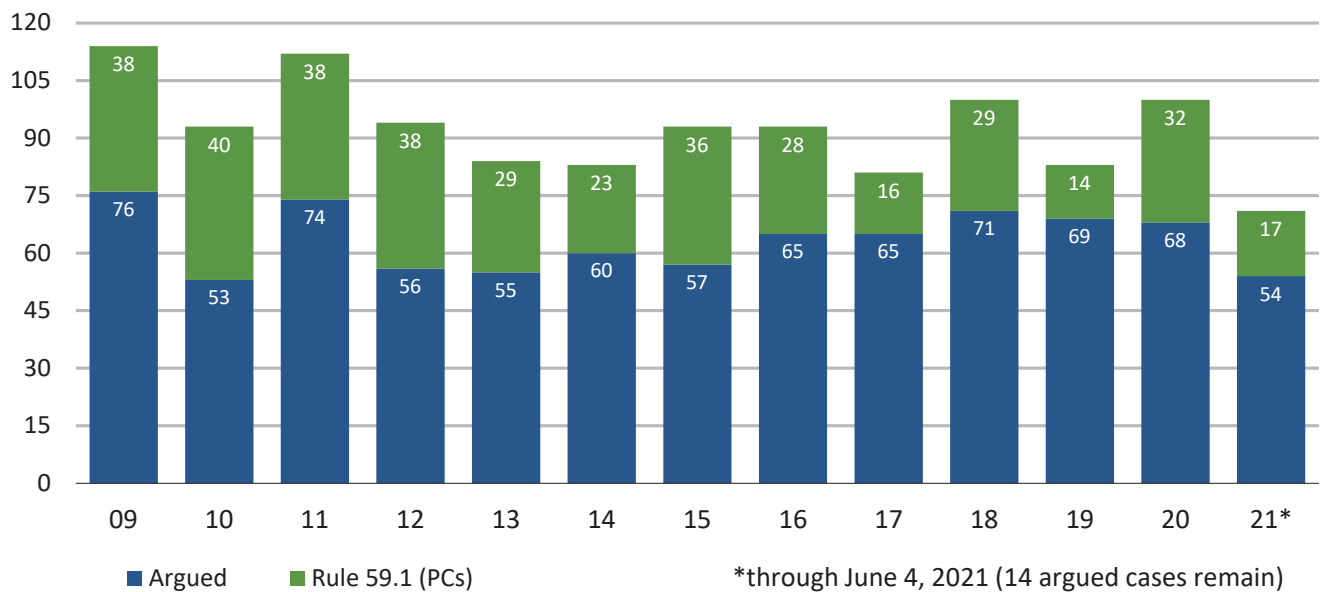
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The Court has adhered to its seasonal patterns during COVID

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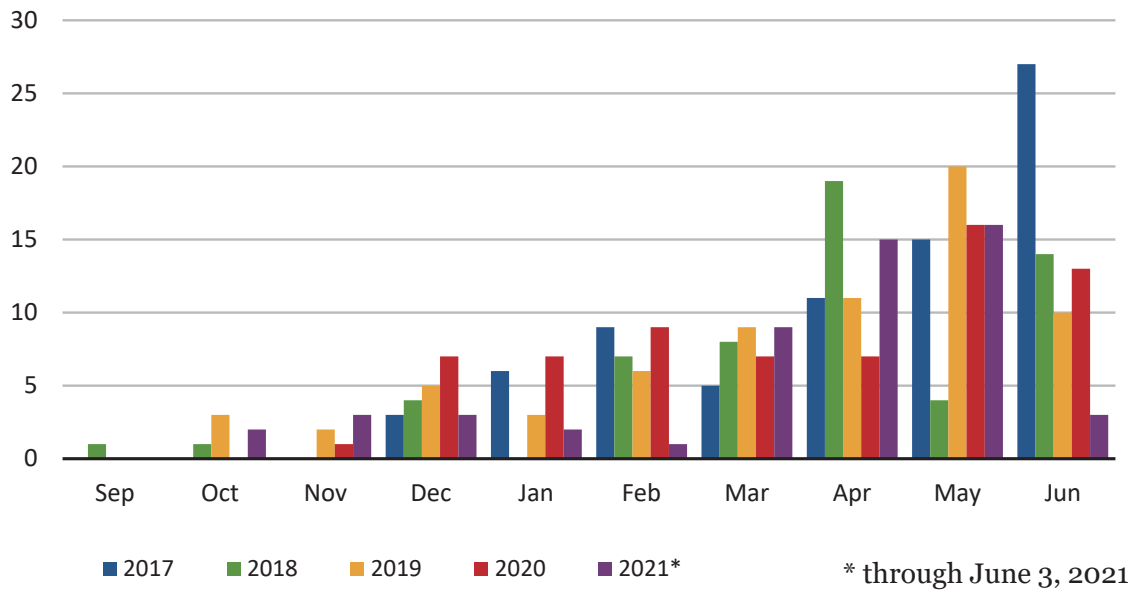
Opinion Output Is Steady



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When are opinions issued?

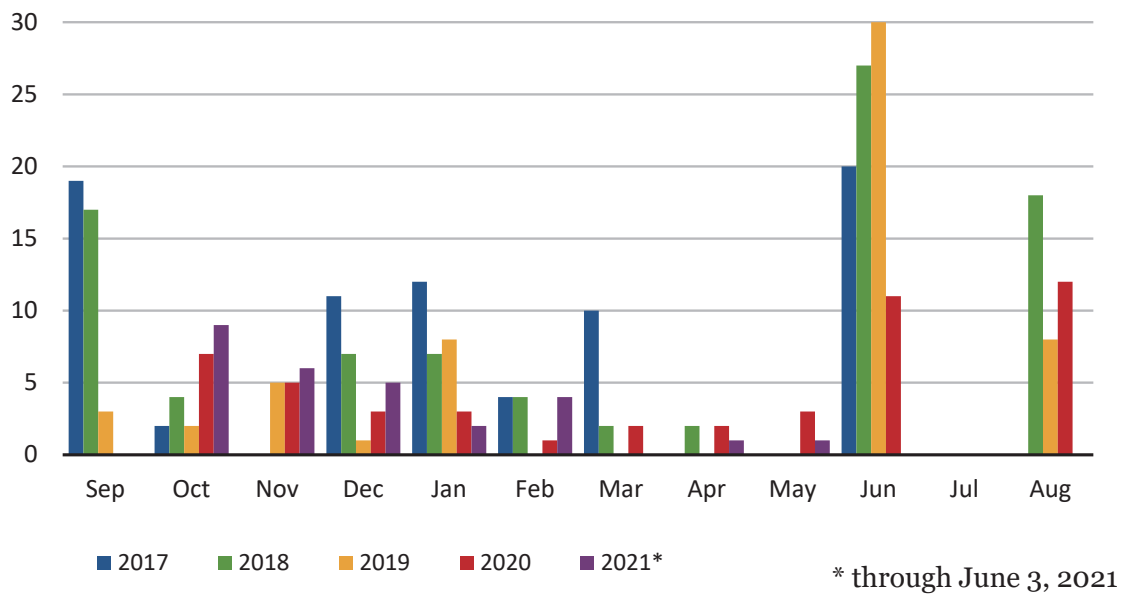
Excluding Rule 59.1 cases and “corrected” opinions



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When are grants of review made?

Petitions for review only



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