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Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals

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AT A GLANCE

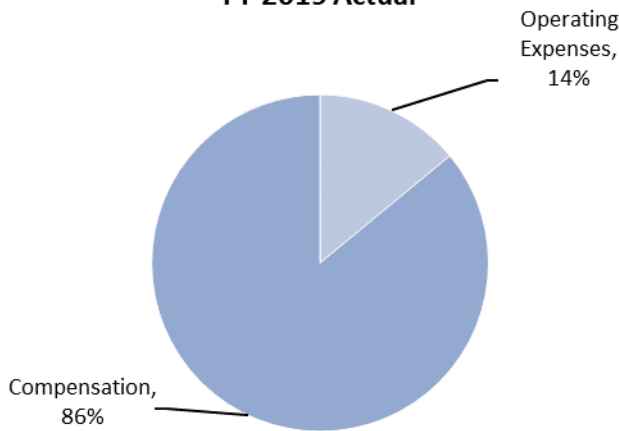
- Five appellate judges, who sit as panels of three or five.
- Budget 100% funded by the Workers Compensation Fund.
- We review workers' compensation appeals from the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Department of Labor & Industry and union workers' compensation arbitration.
- We also decide petitions to reopen workers' compensation settlements.
- Our website provides information, rules and searchable text of decisions of the court.
- Appeals from our decisions proceed directly to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

PURPOSE

The Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals' mission is to provide equal access to fair and timely review of disputed workers' compensation issues which affect entitlement to and delivery of workers' compensation wage loss and medical benefits.

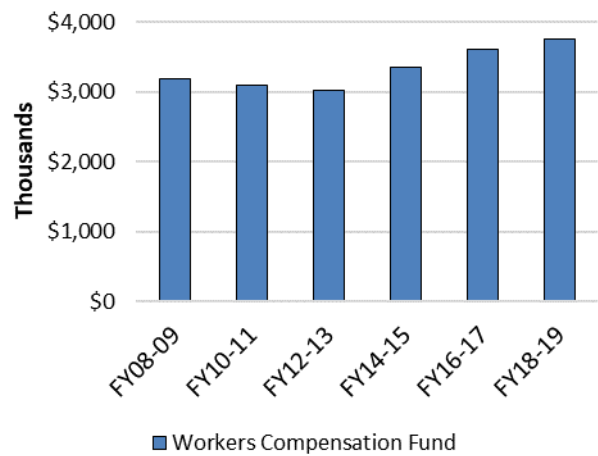
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2019 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

STRATEGIES

We work to provide equal access to fair and timely review of disputes before us by:

- Reviewing the evidentiary record created by the initial decision making body;
- Presiding over oral arguments;
- Conducting necessary legal research;
- Deciding the issues; and
- Issuing appropriate written orders, decisions and memoranda.

RESULTS

We decide disputes before us promptly under our statutory mandate to:

- Ensure the quick and efficient delivery of benefits to injured workers at a reasonable cost to employers;
- Maintain economic stability for injured workers and their families;
- Provide for appropriate medical treatment of work-related illnesses and injuries;
- Support a competitive business climate for Minnesota employers by reducing the amount of litigation; and
- Support employers in creating safe and healthy work environments.

Decisions are written to inform the parties and the public of the basis for the court's decisions and to create a consistent body of law interpreting and applying the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act. Our decisions are provided to the public both in published volumes and at: <https://mn.gov/workcomp/decisions/>.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Cases processed by the WCCA	107	108	FY 2018: FY 2019
Quality	Average number of days between case assignment and issuance of decision	72	71	FY 2018: FY 2019
Results	Percent of WCCA decisions reversed by Supreme Court	1%	4%	FY 2018: FY 2019

The legal authority for the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals is provided by Minn. Stat. Chapters 175A and 176 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=175A>; <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=176>).

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Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
2830 - Workers Compensation	1,815	1,938	2,047	2,458	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283
Total	1,815	1,938	2,047	2,458	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283
Biennial Change				751		61		61
Biennial % Change				20		1		1
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

Expenditures by Program

Workers Compensation Court of Appeals	1,815	1,938	2,047	2,458	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283
Total	1,815	1,938	2,047	2,458	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	1,572	1,667	1,794	1,903	2,012	2,016	2,012	2,016
Operating Expenses	243	272	248	550	271	267	271	267
Other Financial Transaction			5	5				
Total	1,815	1,938	2,047	2,458	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283

Full-Time Equivalent

	10.99	10.92	11.42	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
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Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals

Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base FY22 FY23		Governor's Recommendation FY22 FY23	
2830 - Workers Compensation								
Balance Forward In		117		175				
Direct Appropriation	1,913	1,948	2,222	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283
Cancellations		127						
Balance Forward Out	98		175					
Expenditures	1,815	1,938	2,047	2,458	2,283	2,283	2,283	2,283
Biennial Change in Expenditures				751		61		61
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				20		1		1
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	10.99	10.92	11.42	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00

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Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
<i>Direct</i>				
Fund: 2830 - Workers Compensation				
FY2021 Appropriations	2,283	2,283	2,283	4,566
Forecast Base	2,283	2,283	2,283	4,566
Total Governor's Recommendations	2,283	2,283	2,283	4,566