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Workers' Compensation Advisory Council July 11, 2025 Statistical Report

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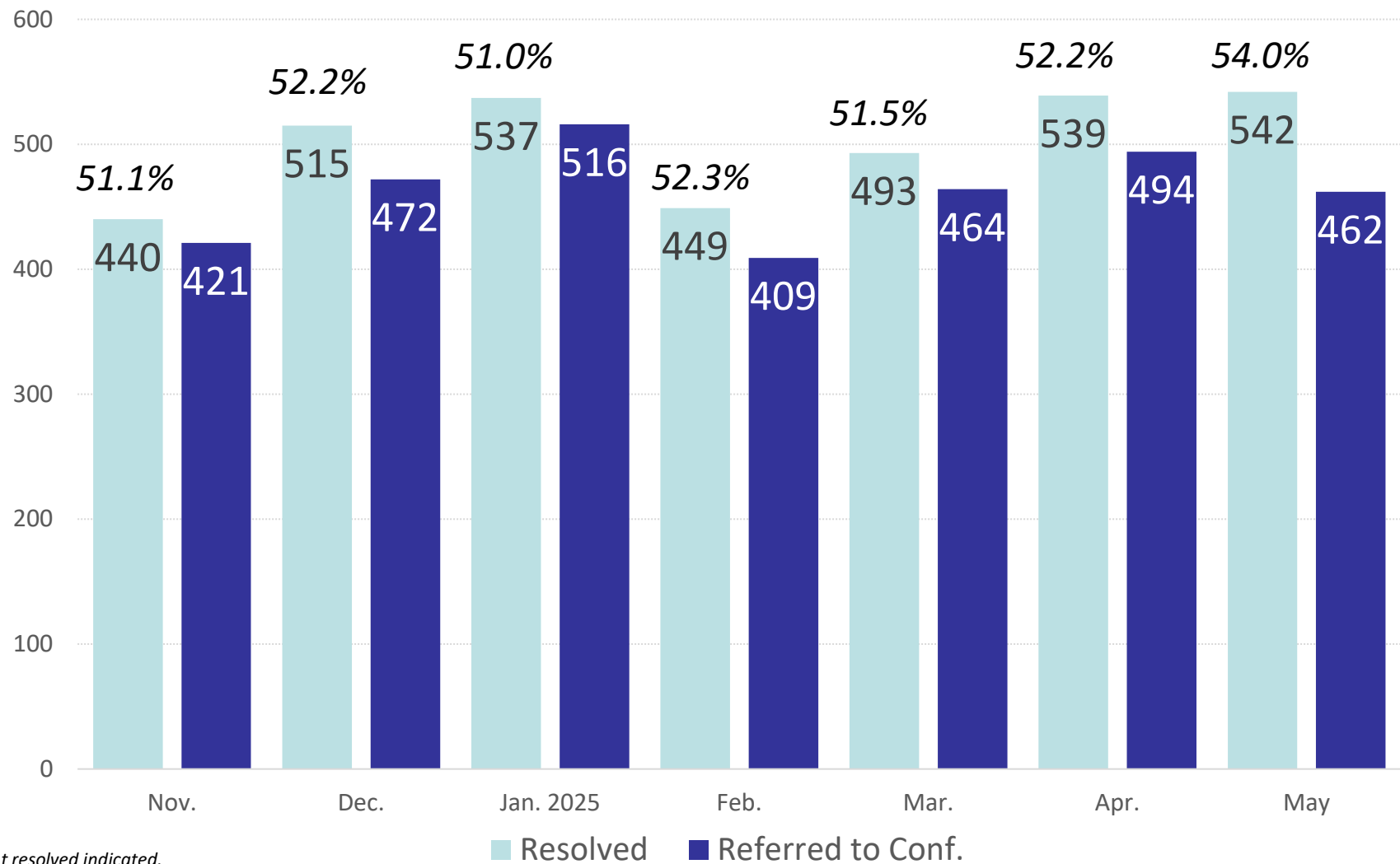
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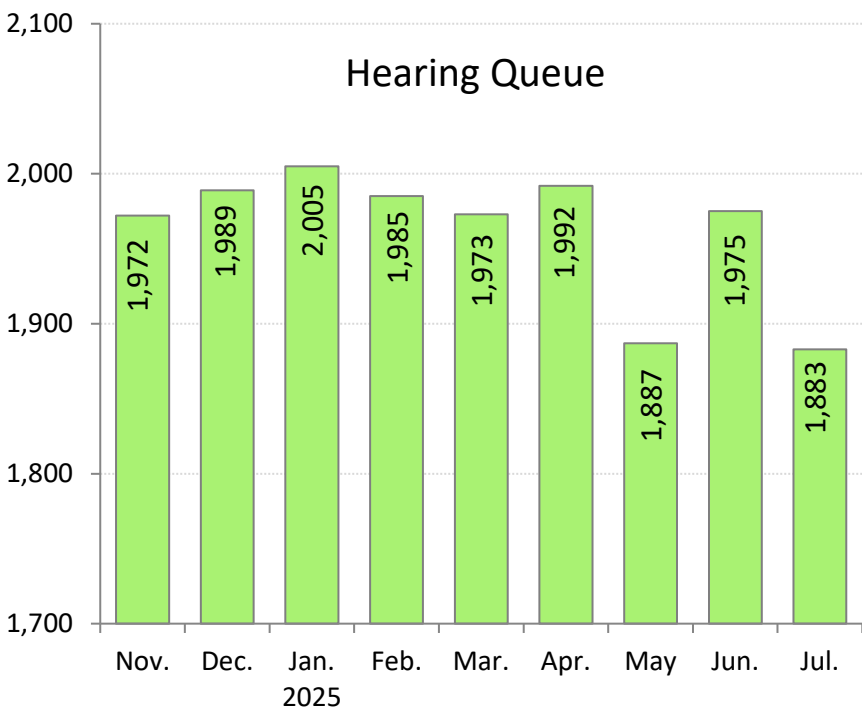
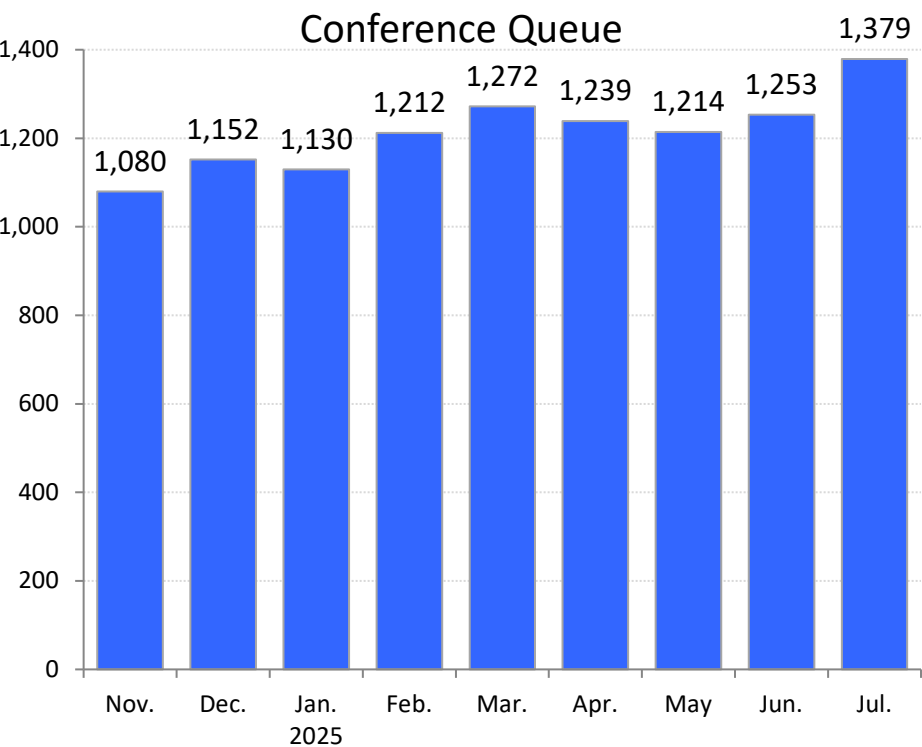
Conciliations Resolved v. Referred to Conference





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Fluctuations in the conference and hearing queues may vary by region and depend on the number of cases being referred from conciliation, conference order appeals, judicial schedules, and continuance requests. There have been 6,806 continuances as of June 30, 2025. 6,730 continuance requests were received in FY24. These are a rolling total, not a cumulative total.



Currently, the average waiting period for a conference is 12 to 26 weeks.

June 2025 <i>Estimated</i>			
Conf. Sched.:	661	Hear. Sched.:	462
Orders issued:	220	Appeals to RB:	5
	% Claimants rcv. WC		% Claimants rcv. WC.
	<u>benefits– 110 filed</u>		<u>benefits– no 110 filed</u>
Conference	52%		86%
Hearing	80%		80%



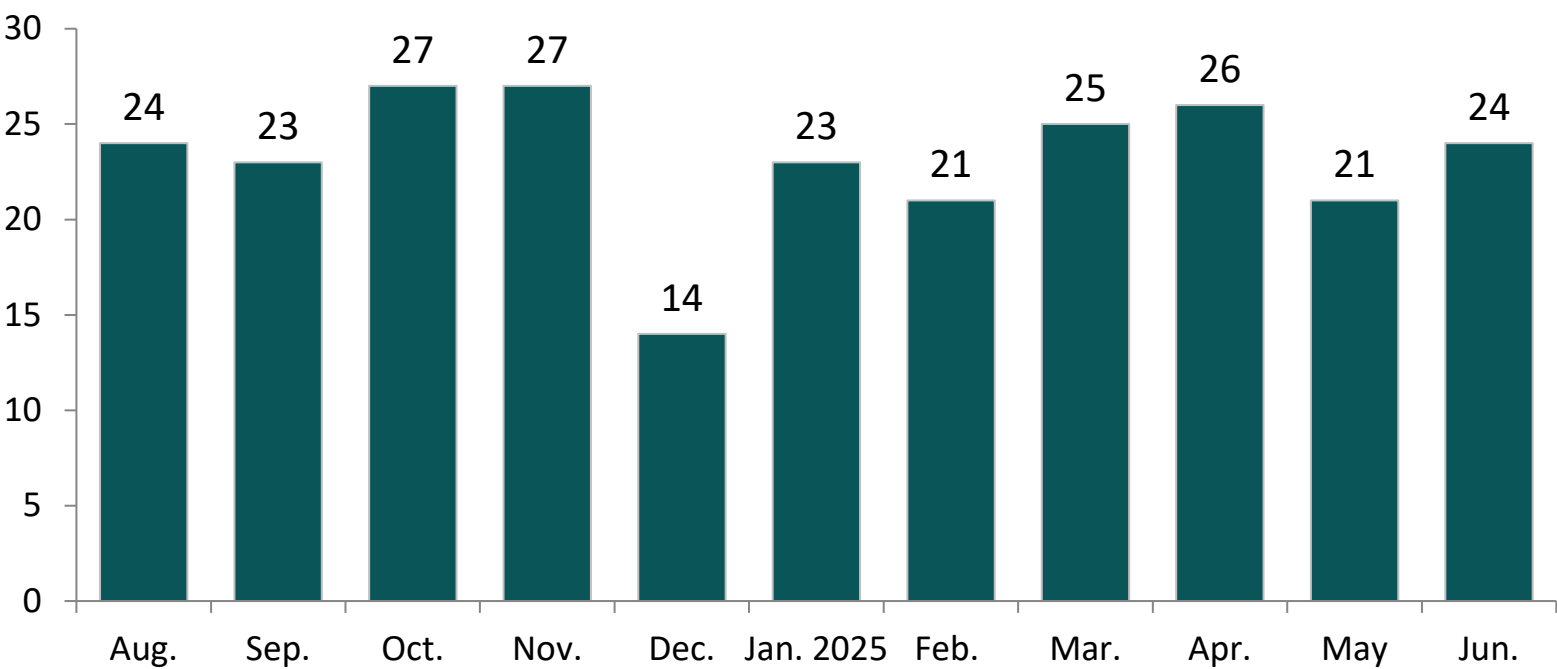
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Pending Hearing Decisions	Apr.	May	Jun.
6 to 9 months post hearing	4	3	4
9 to 12 months post hearing	0	1	2
1 year post hearing	2	3	3
2 years post hearing	0	1	1
3+ years post hearing	0	0	0
Total	6	8	10



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Review Board Inventory



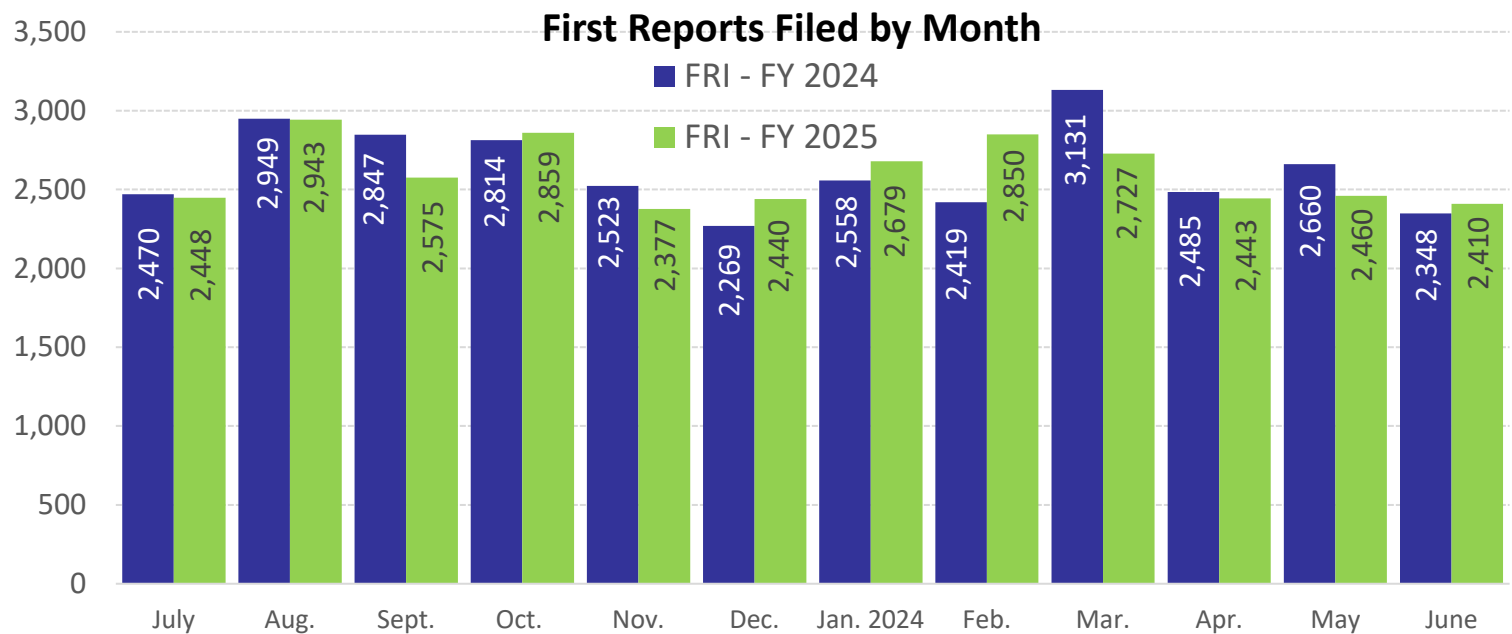
Other Figures

	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023
Fee Waivers Granted:	66	77	78
Exam Fees Collected:	\$ 1,579,064	\$ 1,776,947	\$ 1,504,226
Attorneys' Fees (all proceedings)	\$ 94,204,883	\$90,947,160	\$94,666,107
Referral Fees	\$ 3,840,216	\$ 4,416,932	\$ 3,964,110
Sec. 7 & 8 Penalties	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 0

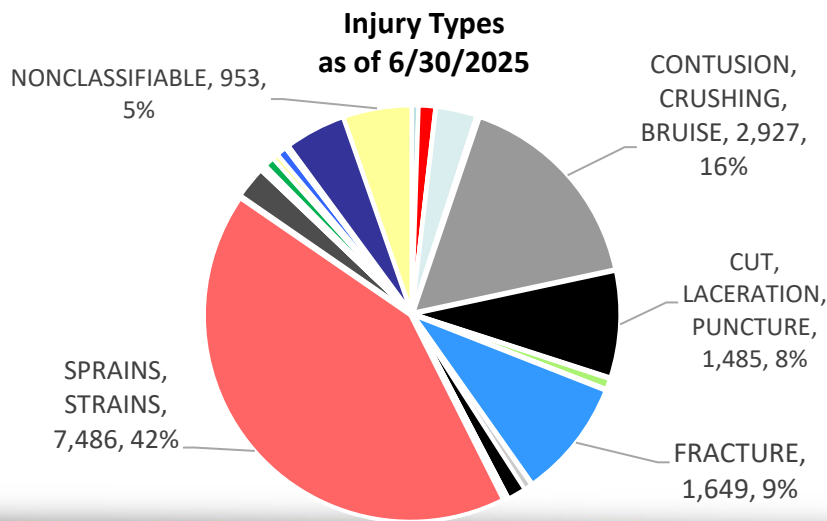
Note: Attorneys Fees are not paid by the DIA. These fees are paid by the insurer to the injured worker's counsel at certain stages of the dispute resolution process as outlined in c. 152.



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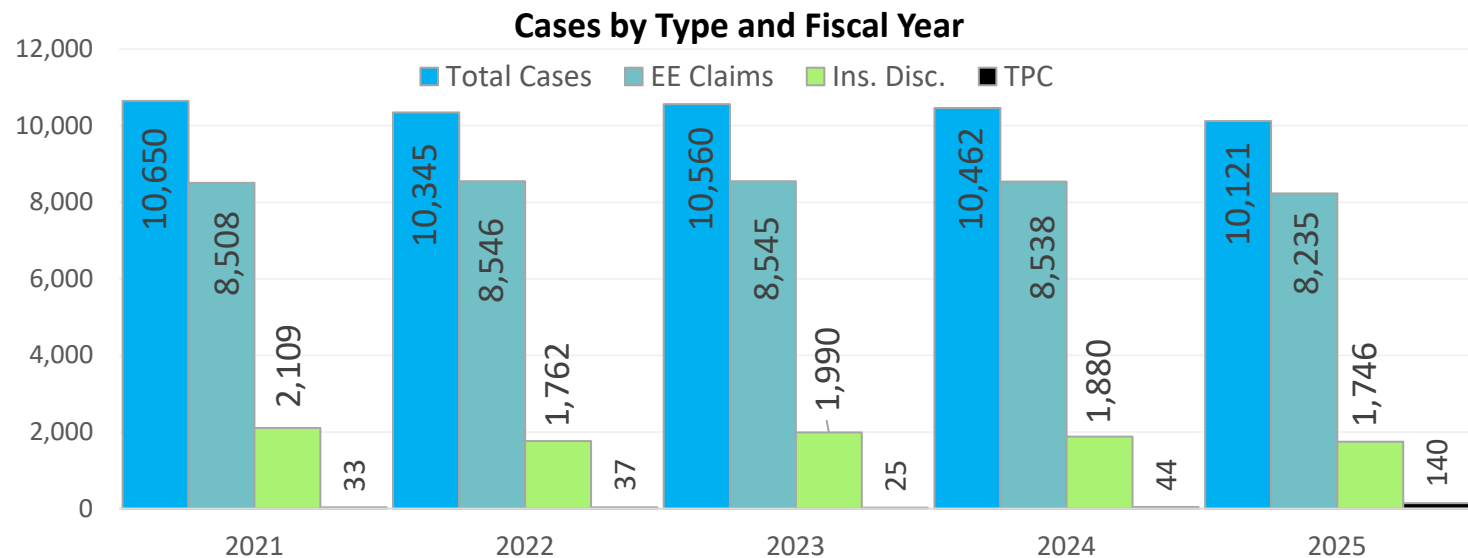
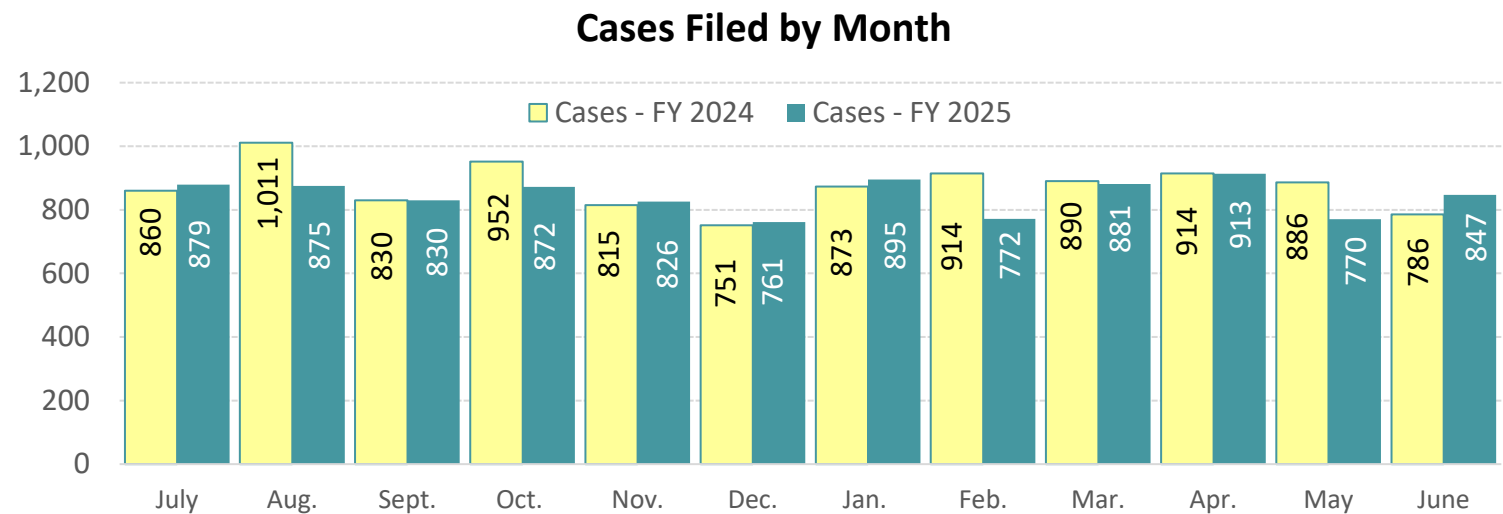


Total FROIs filed in FY 2025 are 31,211. The total FROIs filed in FY 2024 were 31,473. This represented 0.85% of the working population in MA.





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847 cases were filed in June.

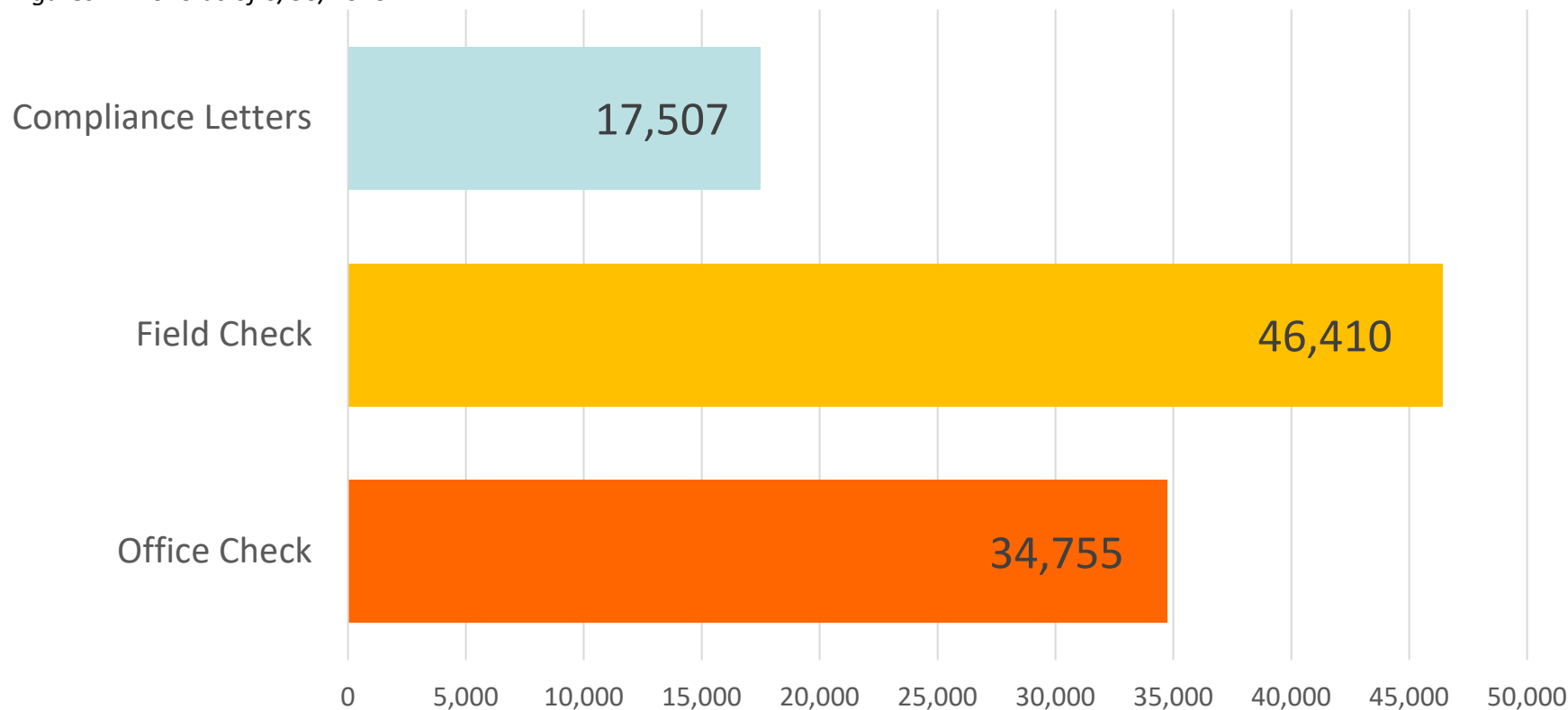


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Office of Investigations

Compliance & Enforcement

Total Figures FY 2025 as of 6/30/2025

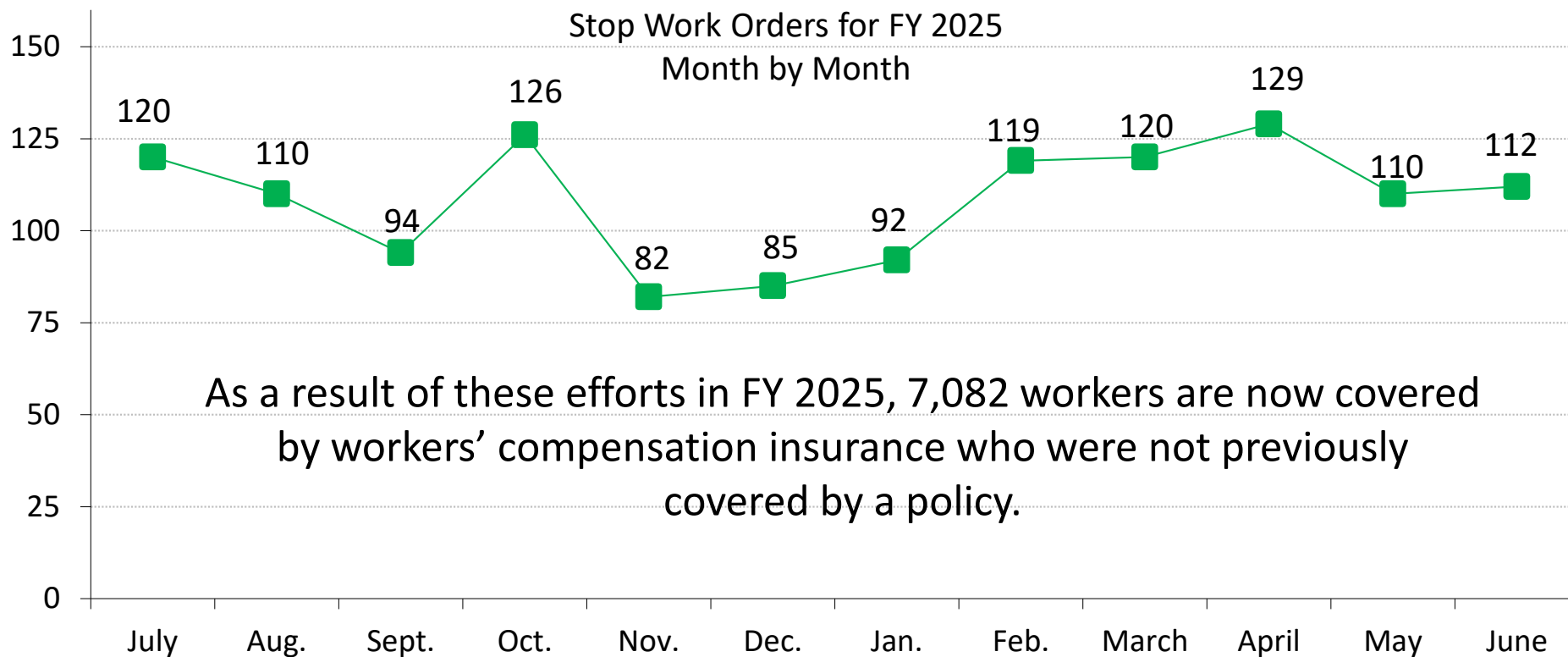


6,184 compliance checks, 296 field investigations were conducted, 393 more employees are newly covered by WC insurance and 1,295 compliance letters were sent in June. FY 2024, yielded 79,550 compliance checks with 4,124 employees covered by WC insurance. Please note, that one employer found out of compliance has 1,000 employees.



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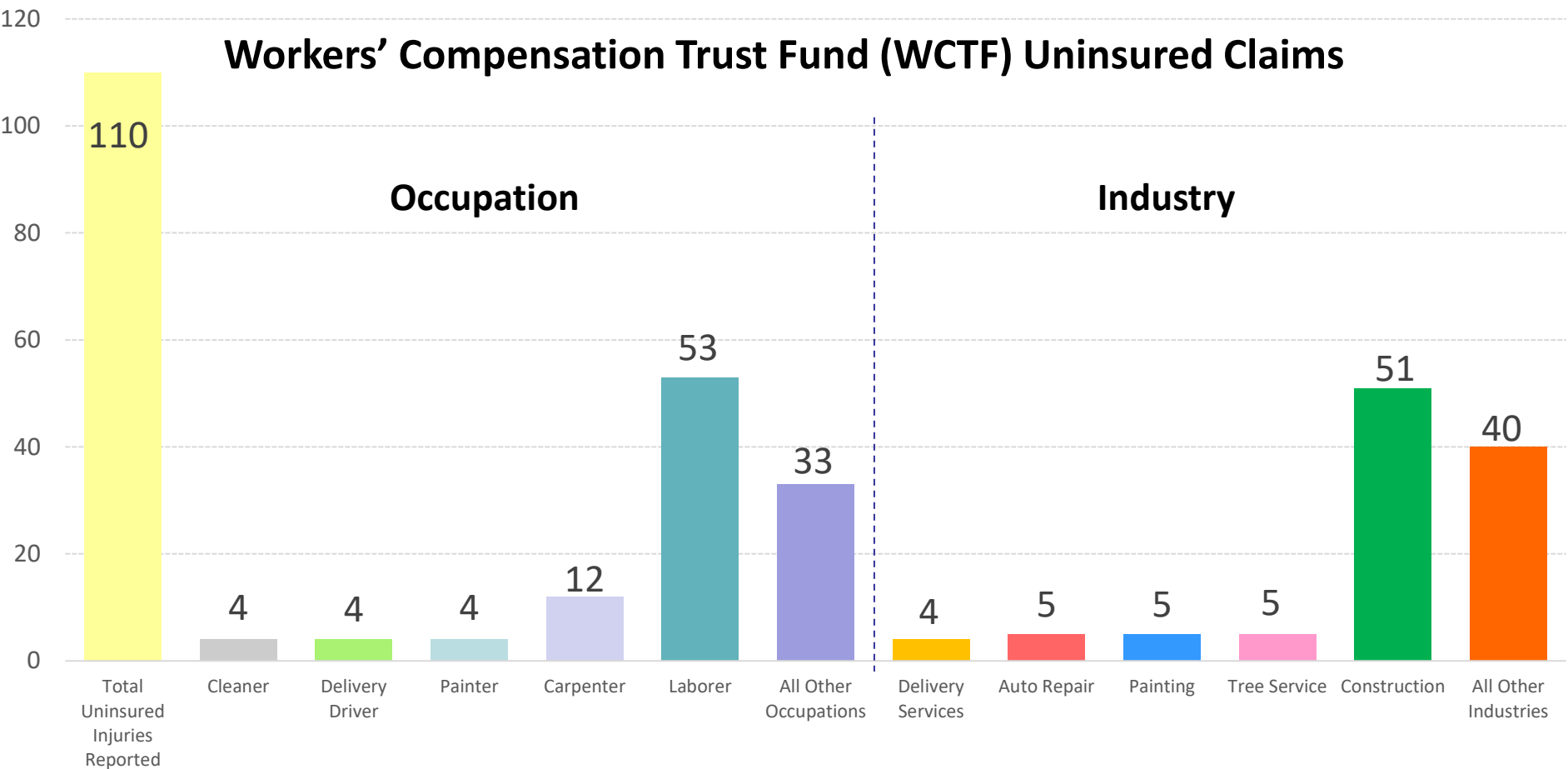


Last month 112 Stop Work Orders (SWO) were issued and 2 employers defaulted on an SWOs that were previously issued. 1,299 SWOs have been issued year-to-date with total fine collections to date of \$821,049. FY 2024 yielded a total of 1,342 SWOs issued, with a total fine collection of \$1,158,659.



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Workers' Compensation Trust Fund (WCTF) Uninsured Claims

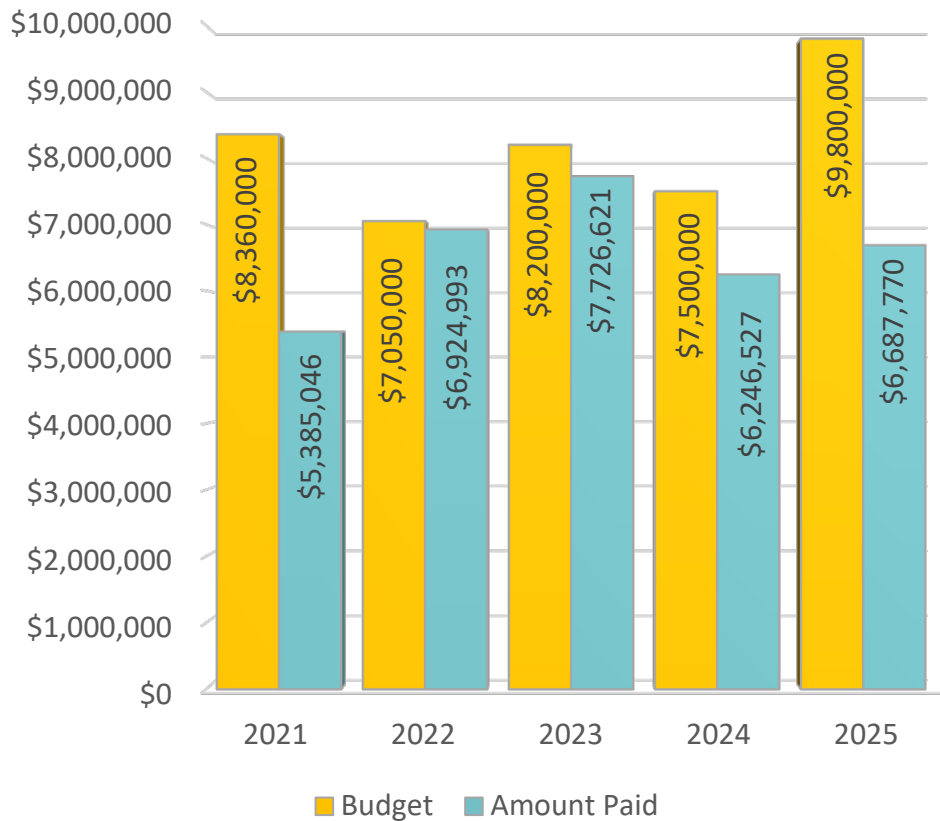


As of June 30th, 110 uninsured injuries have been reported to the WCTF for FY25. Please note, claims may be determined to be insured or uninsured after filing. The WCTF received 104 newly reported claims in FY24.



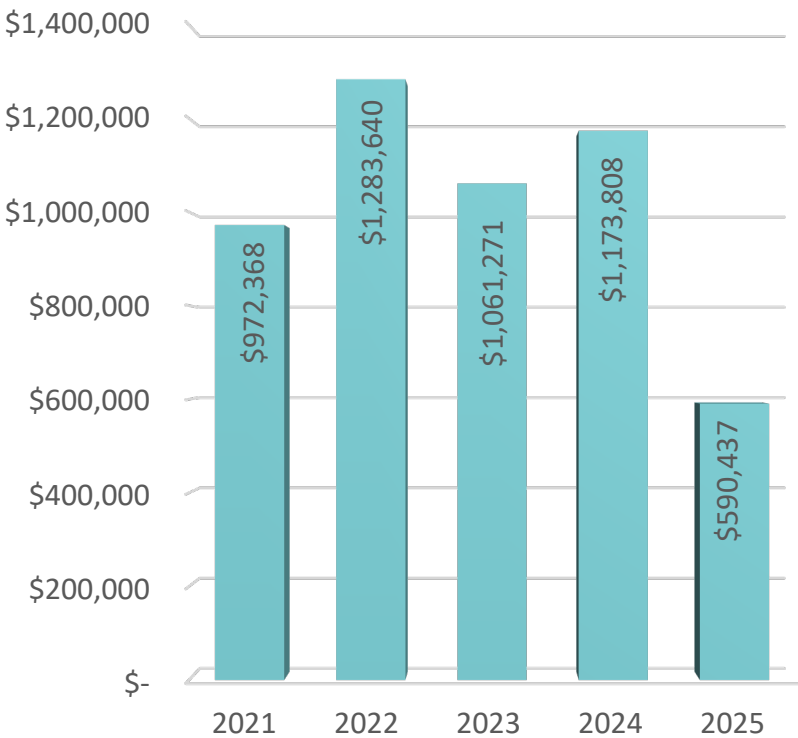
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WCTF Fiscal Year Payments



Represents payments on all open claims to include those made in prior years.

Civil Litigation Recovery

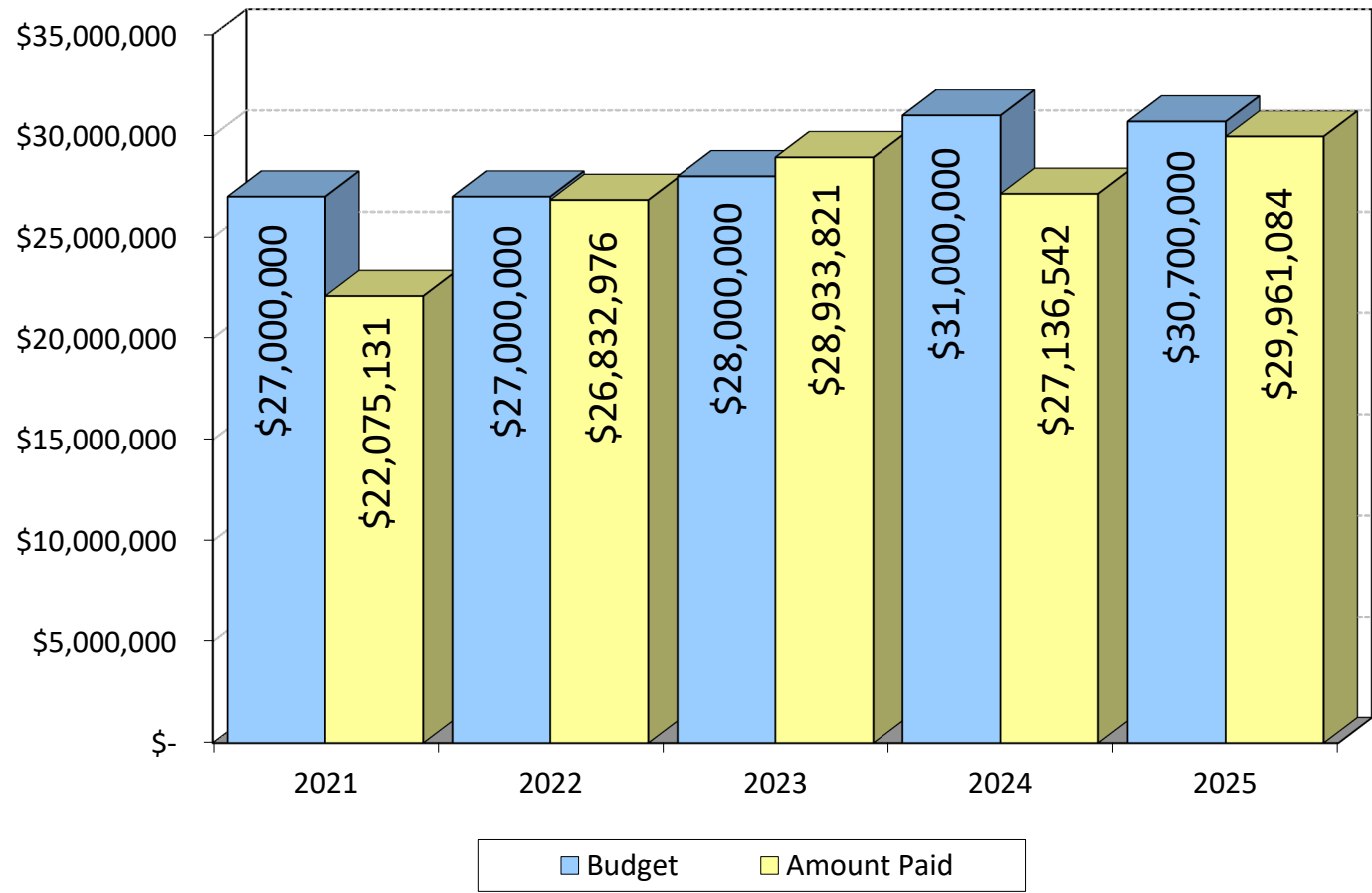


Every effort is made to recover money owed by the uninsured employer pursuant c. 152 § 65 (8).



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Second Injury Fund Budget & Payments

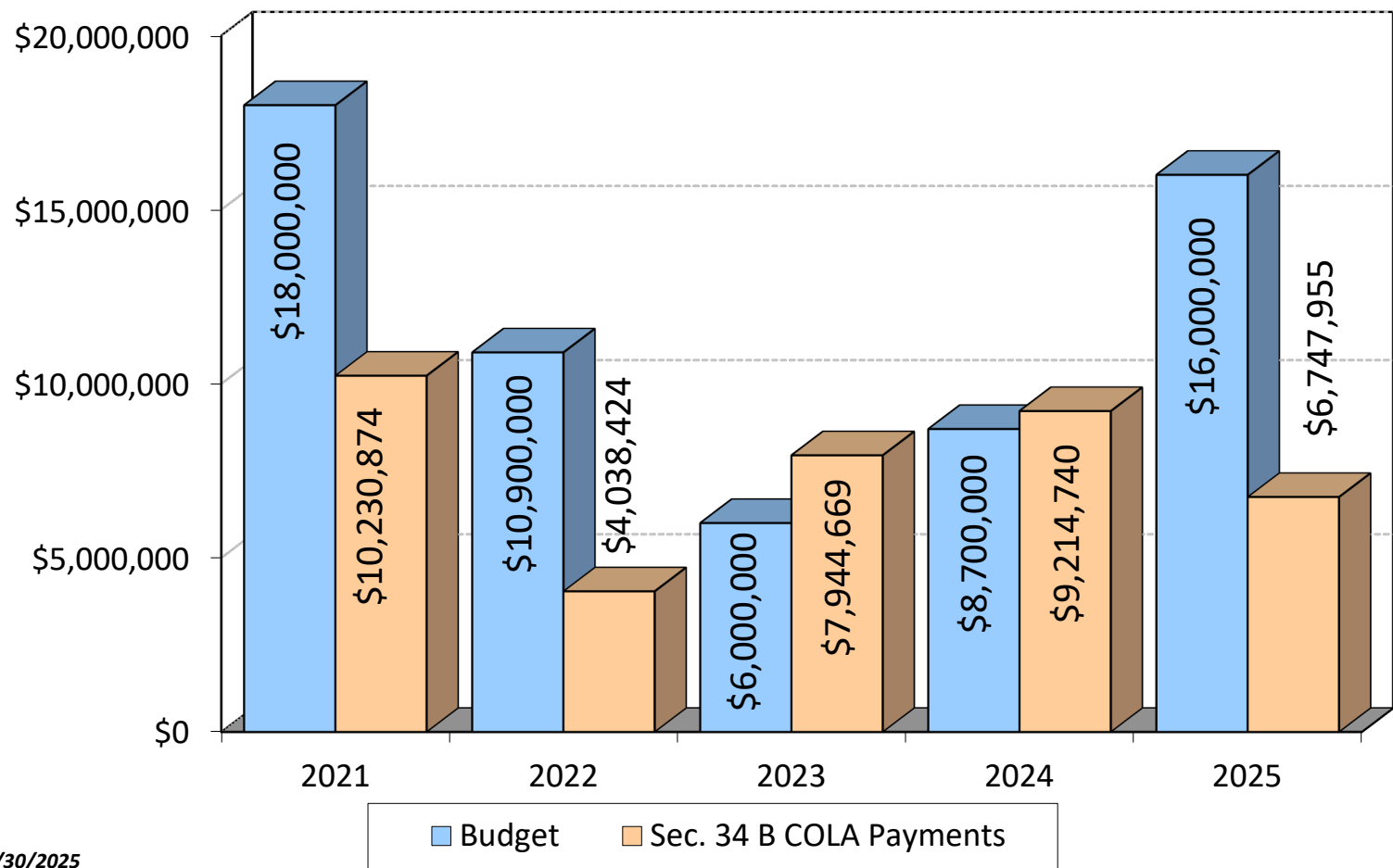


Represents payments made by the WCTF to insurers seeking reimbursement for § 37/37A to include quarterly payments and interest. Additional payments may be in process but have not been registered in MMARS, the state accounting system as the time of this report.



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COLA Reimbursement



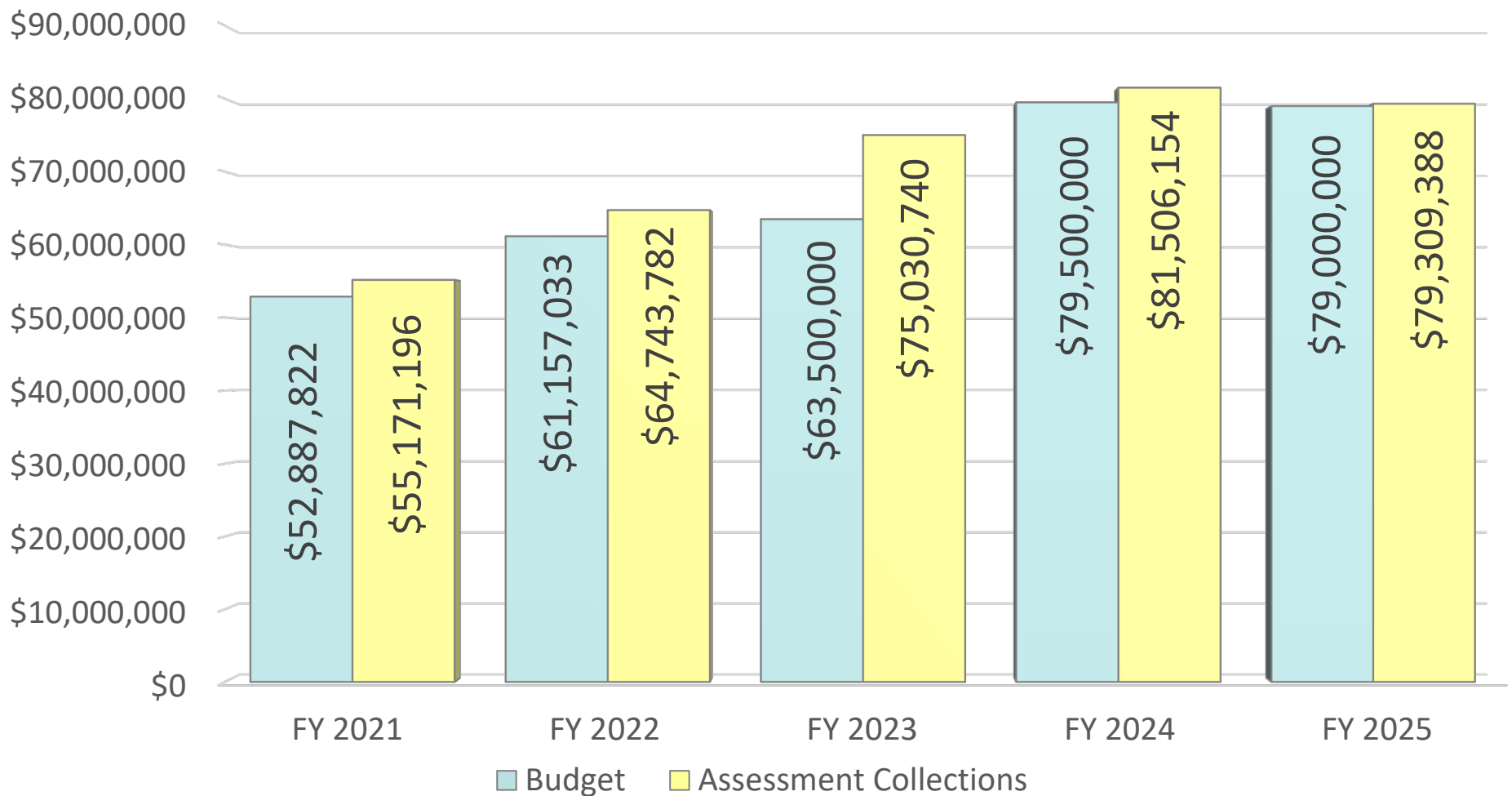
FY 2025 as of 6/30/2025

Represents payments made by the WCTF to insurers seeking reimbursement for § 34B, Cost of Living Adjustment benefits. Additional payments may be in process that have not yet registered in MMARS at the time of this publication.



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Assessment Collections

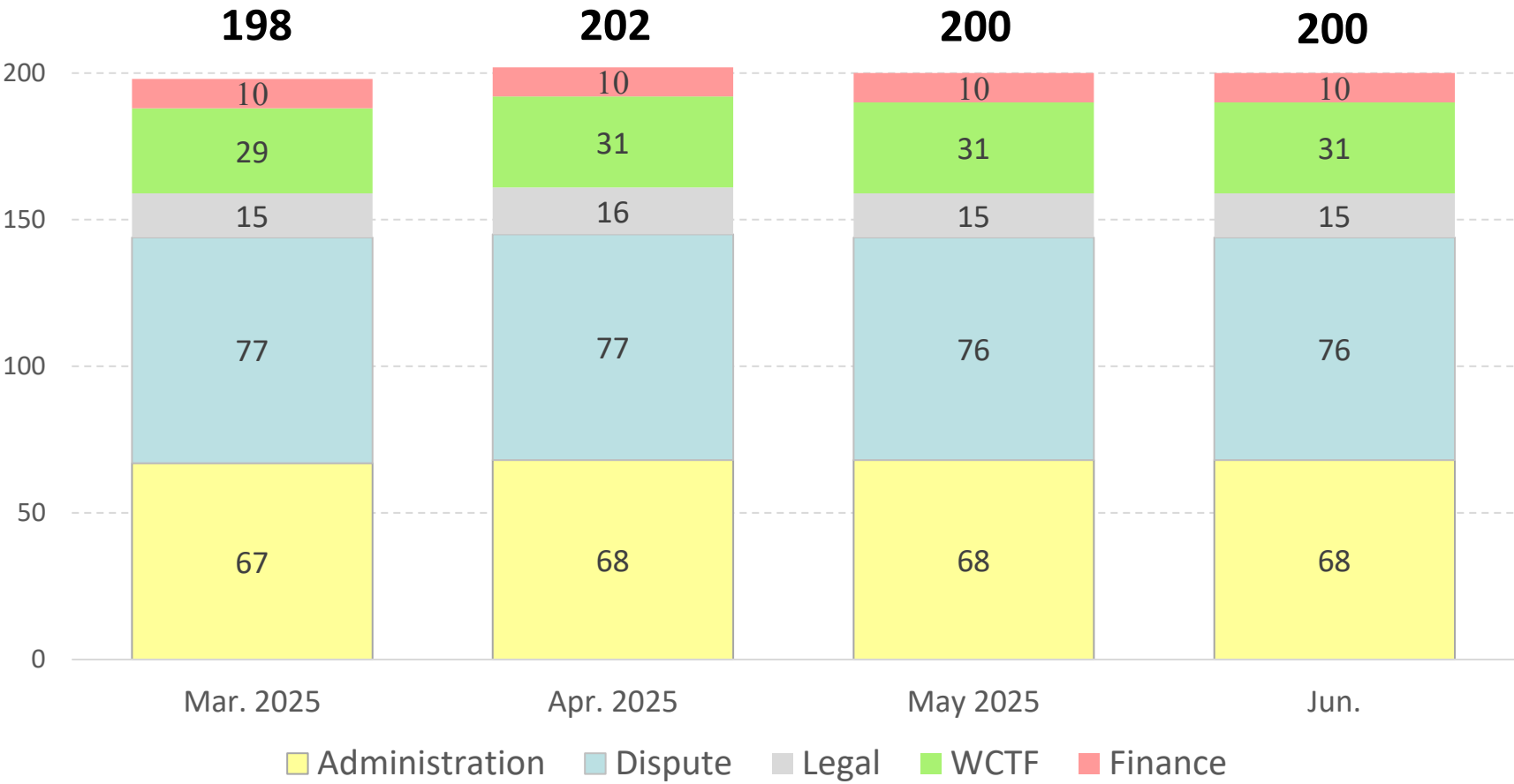


FY 2025 as of 6/30/2025

Assessments represent 90%-92% of all DIA Revenue Annually



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Staff are paid from either the General Appropriation Account or the WCTF depending upon their job. These numbers reflect full-time and part-time employees as of the close of the month.