



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development



Workers' Compensation Advisory Council June 11, 2025 Statistical Report

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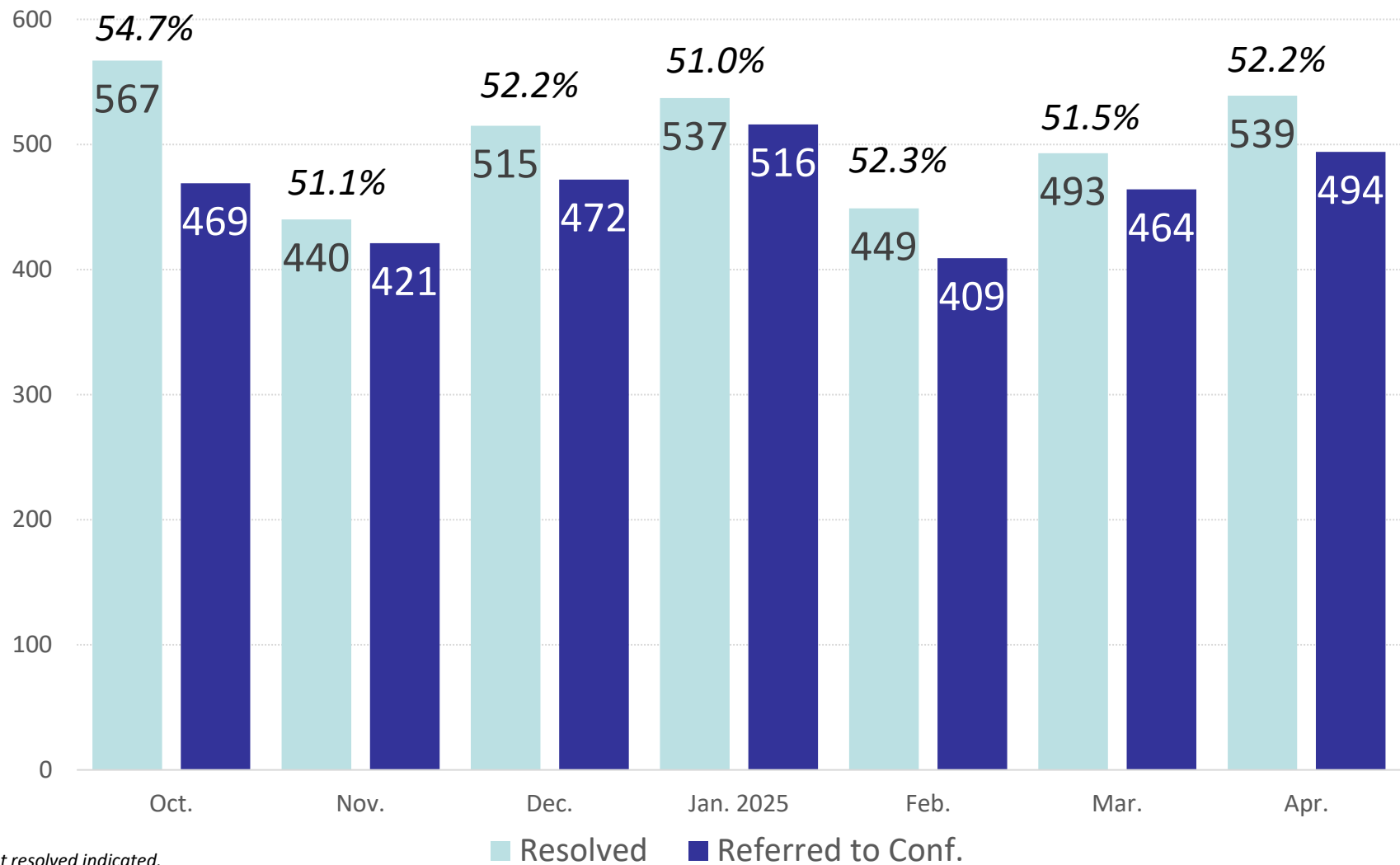
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Conciliations Resolved v. Referred to Conference

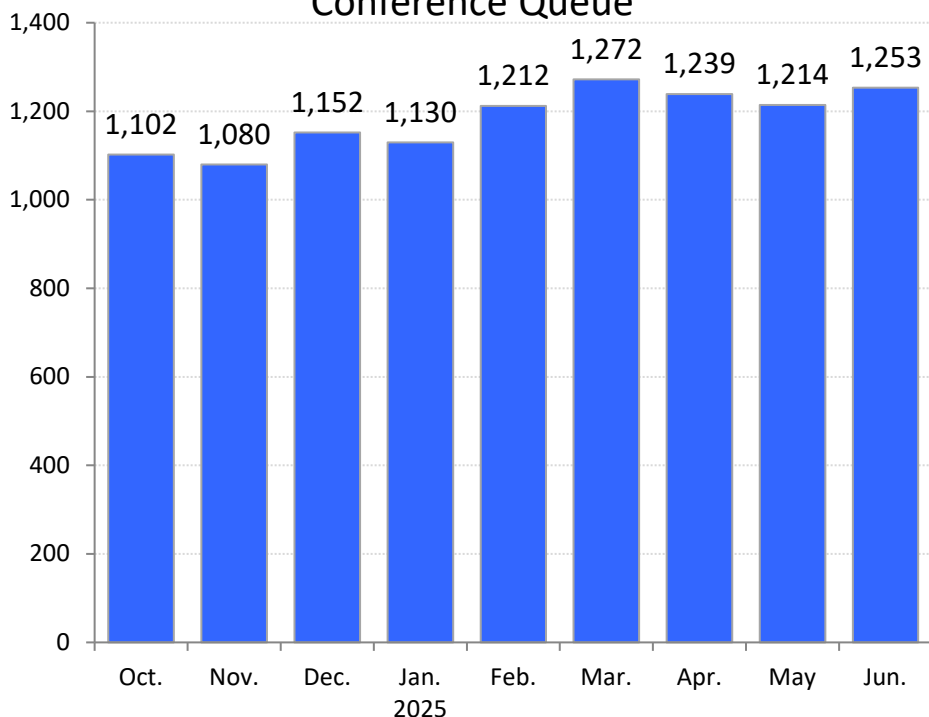




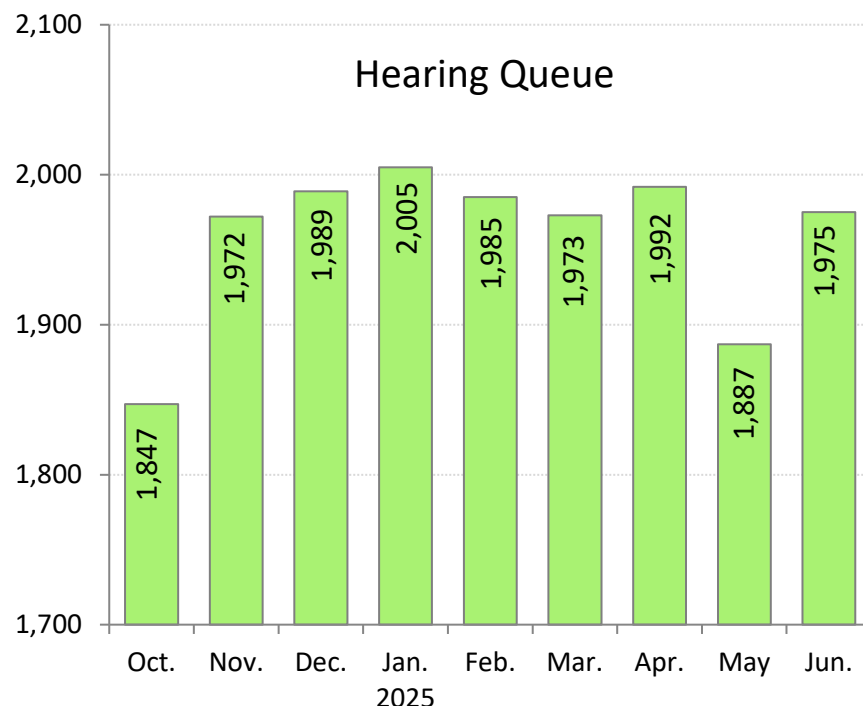
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Fluctuations in the conference and hearing queues may vary by region and depend on the number of cases being referred from conciliation, conference order appeals, judicial schedules, and continuance requests. There have been 6,257 continuances as of May 31, 2025. 6,730 continuance requests were received in FY24. These are a rolling total, not a cumulative total.

Conference Queue



Hearing Queue



Currently, the average waiting period for a conference is 12 to 22 weeks.

May. 2025 *Estimated*

Conf. Sched.:	787	Hear. Sched.:	404
Orders issued:	314	Appeals to RB:	5
		% Claimants recv. WC benefits– 110 filed	% Claimants recv. WC. benefits– no 110 filed
Conference	51%		87%
Hearing	80%		80%



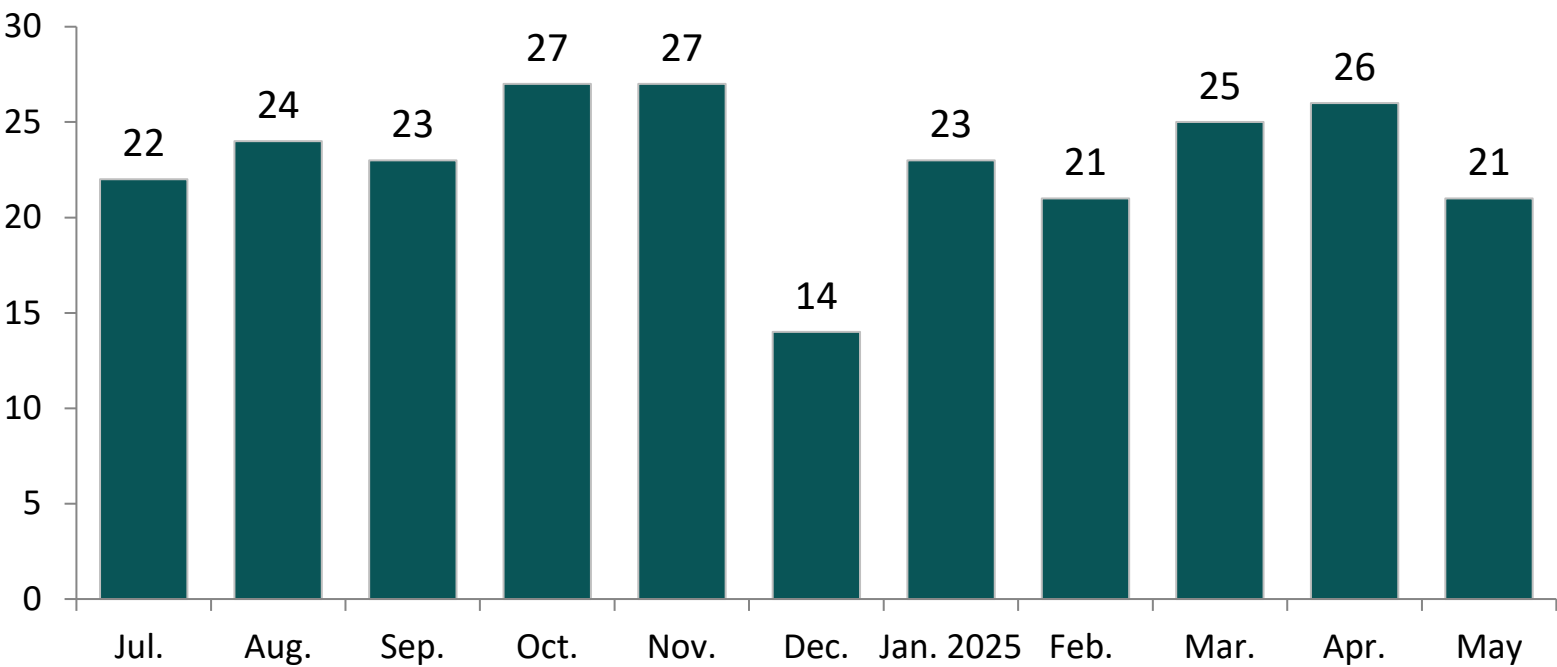
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Pending Hearing Decisions	Mar.	Apr.	May
6 to 9 months post hearing	2	4	3
9 to 12 months post hearing	0	0	1
1 year post hearing	4	2	3
2 years post hearing	0	2	1
3+ years post hearing	0	0	0
Total	6	8	8



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Review Board Inventory

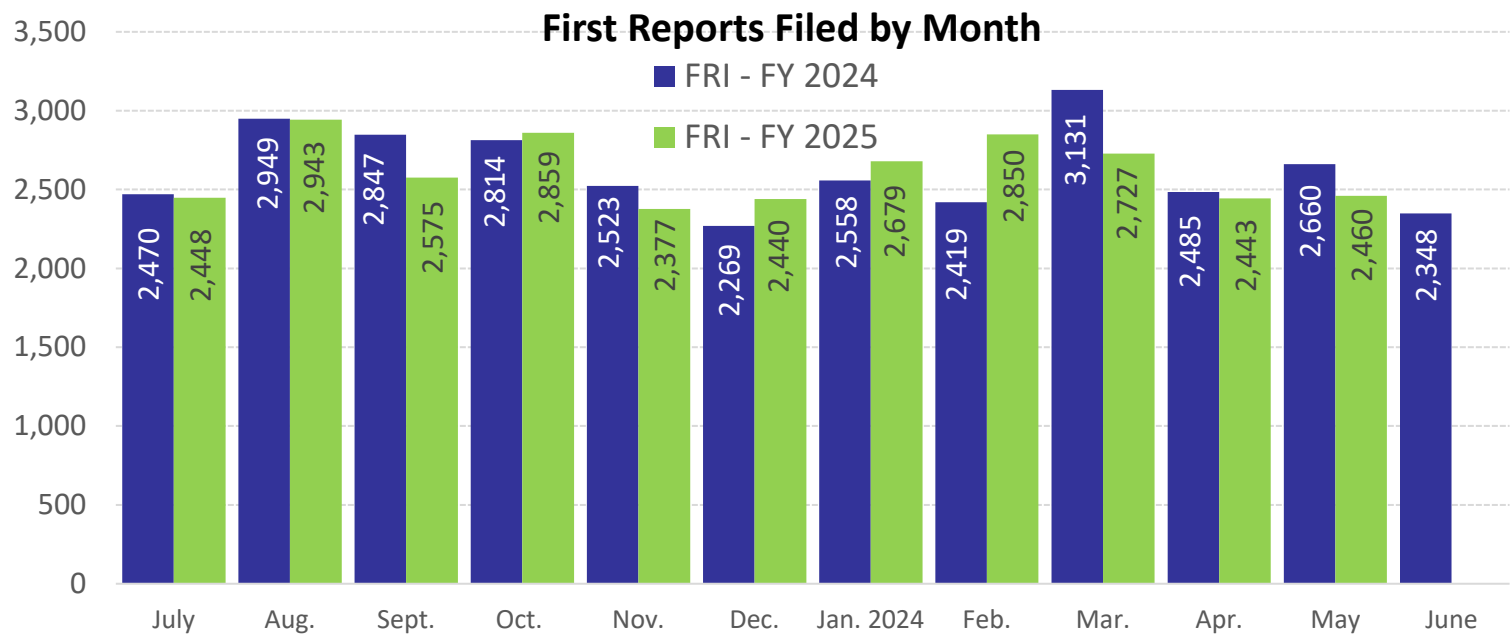


Other Figures	FY 2025	FY 2024	FY 2023
Fee Waivers Granted:	58	77	78
Exam Fees Collected:	\$ 1,273,975	\$ 1,776,947	\$ 1,504,226
Attorneys' Fees (all proceedings)	\$ 83,563,756	\$90,947,160	\$94,666,107
Referral Fees	\$ 3,828,568	\$ 4,416,932	\$ 3,964,110
Sec. 7 & 8 Penalties	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 0

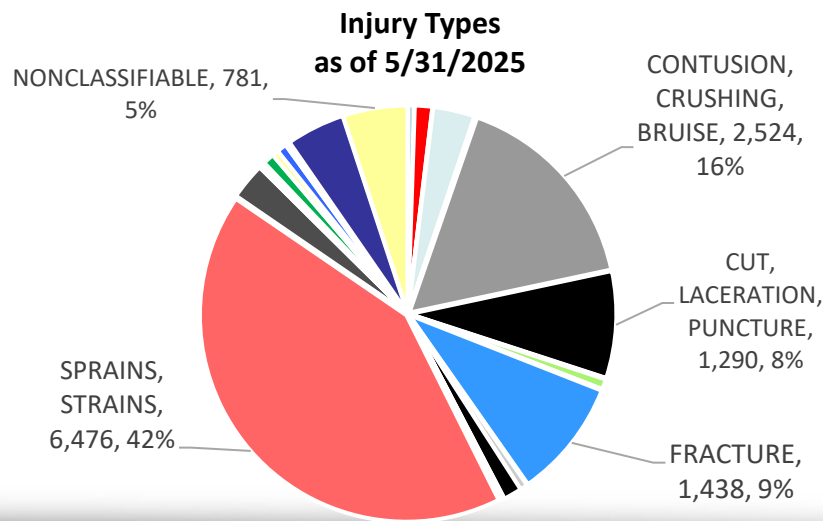
Note: Attorneys Fees are not paid by the DIA. These fees are paid by the insurer to the injured worker's counsel at certain stages of the dispute resolution process as outlined in c. 152.



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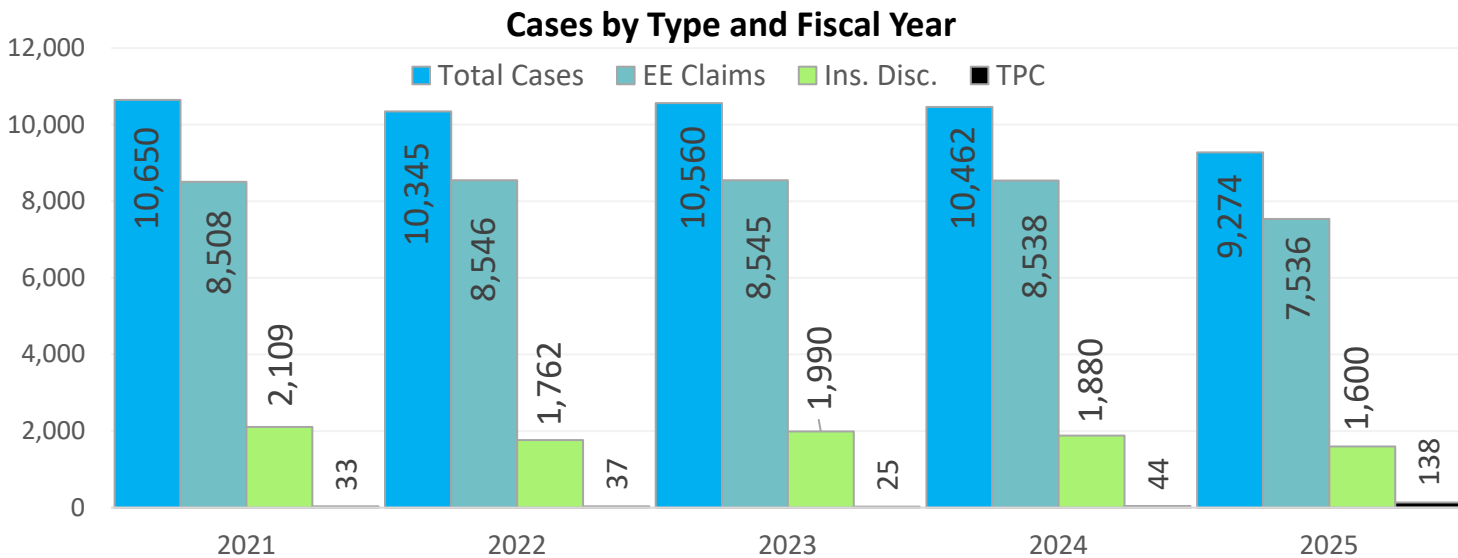
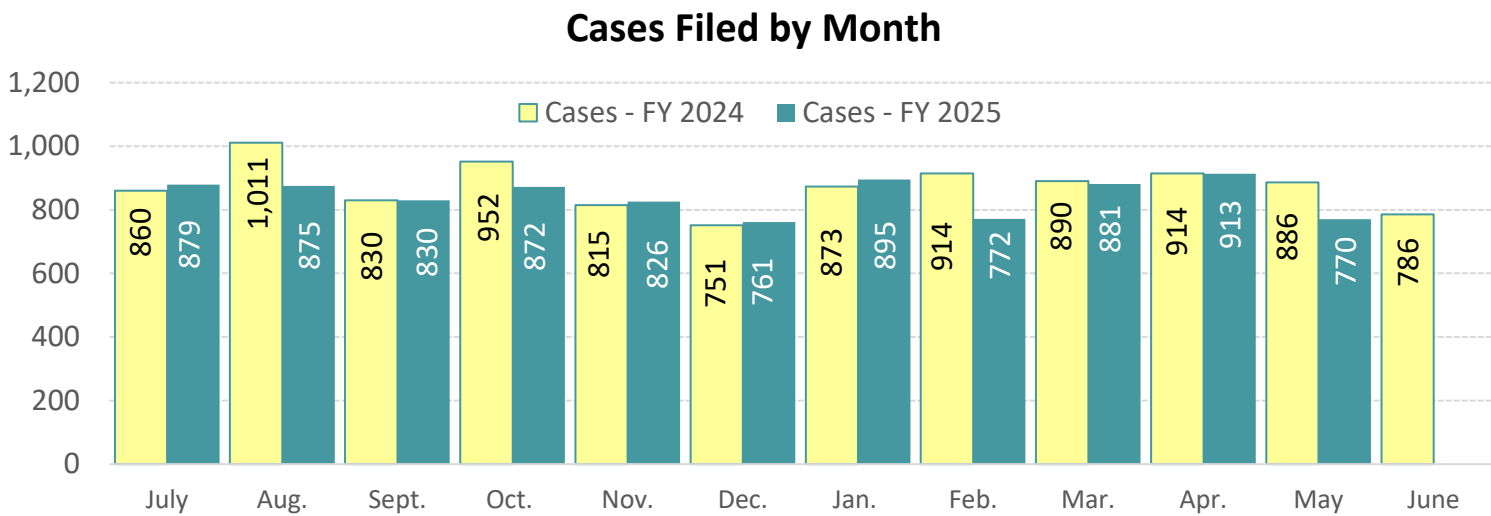


Total FROIs filed in FY 2025 are 28,801. The total FROIs filed in FY 2024 were 31,473. This represented 0.85% of the working population in MA.





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770 cases were filed in May.

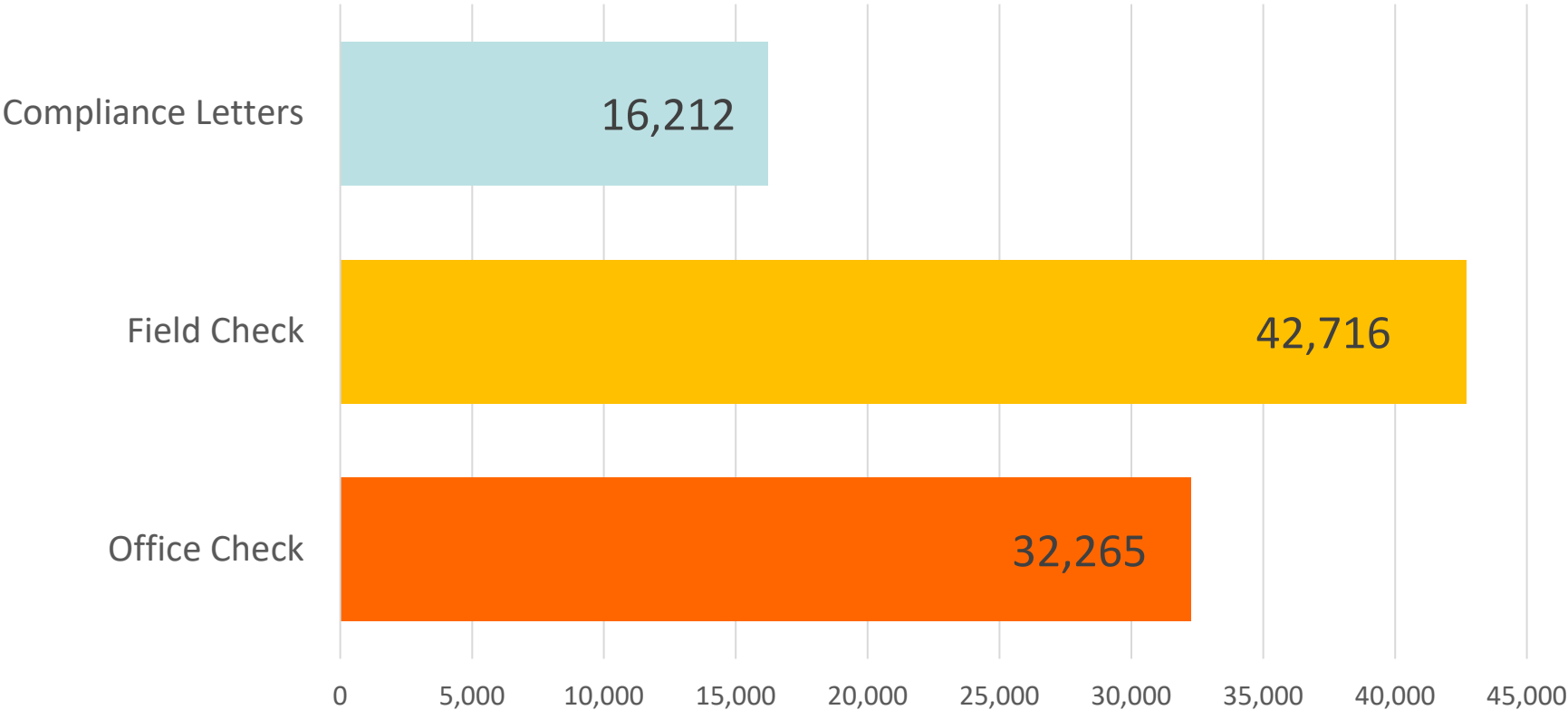


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Office of Investigations

Compliance & Enforcement

Total Figures FY 2025 as of 5/31/2025

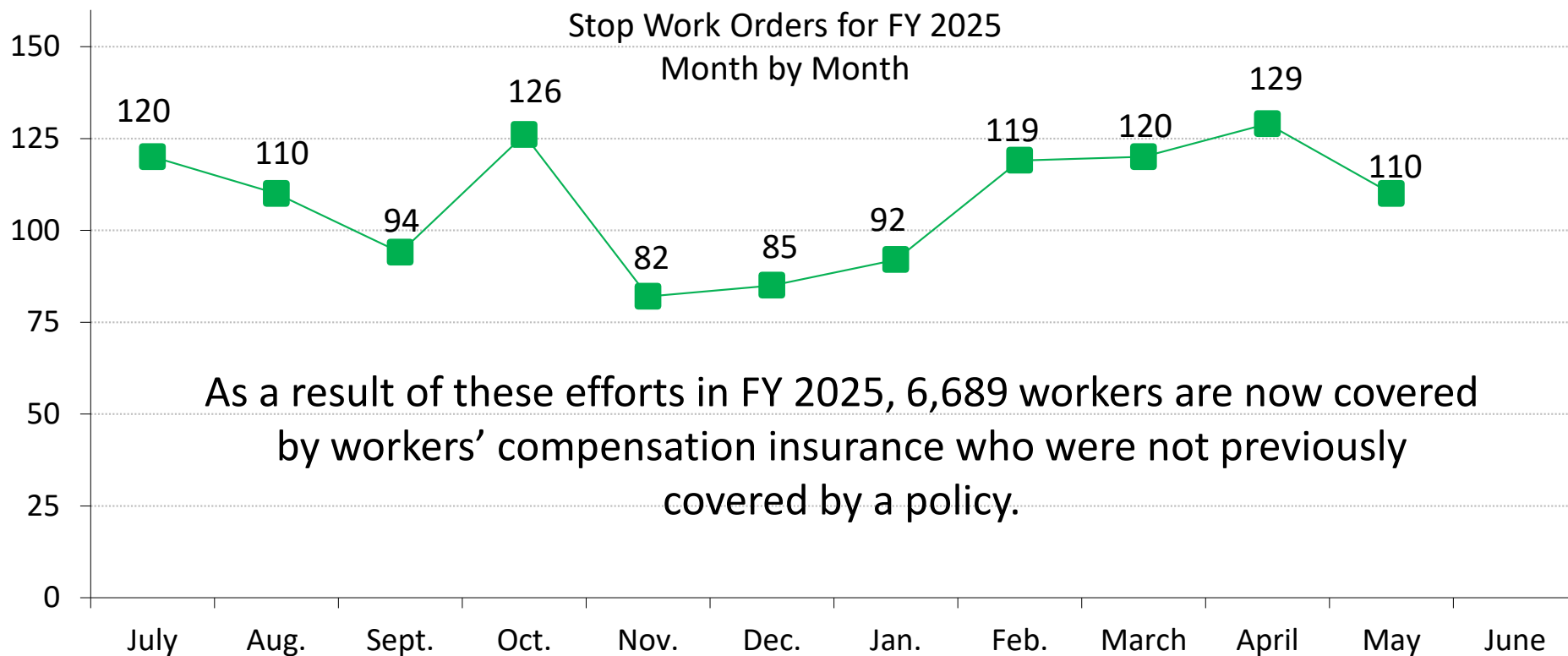


6,801 compliance checks, 272 field investigations were conducted, 300 more employees are newly covered by WC insurance and 1,225 compliance letters were sent in May. FY 2024, yielded 79,550 compliance checks with 4,124 employees covered by WC insurance. Please note, that one employer found out of compliance has 1,000 employees.



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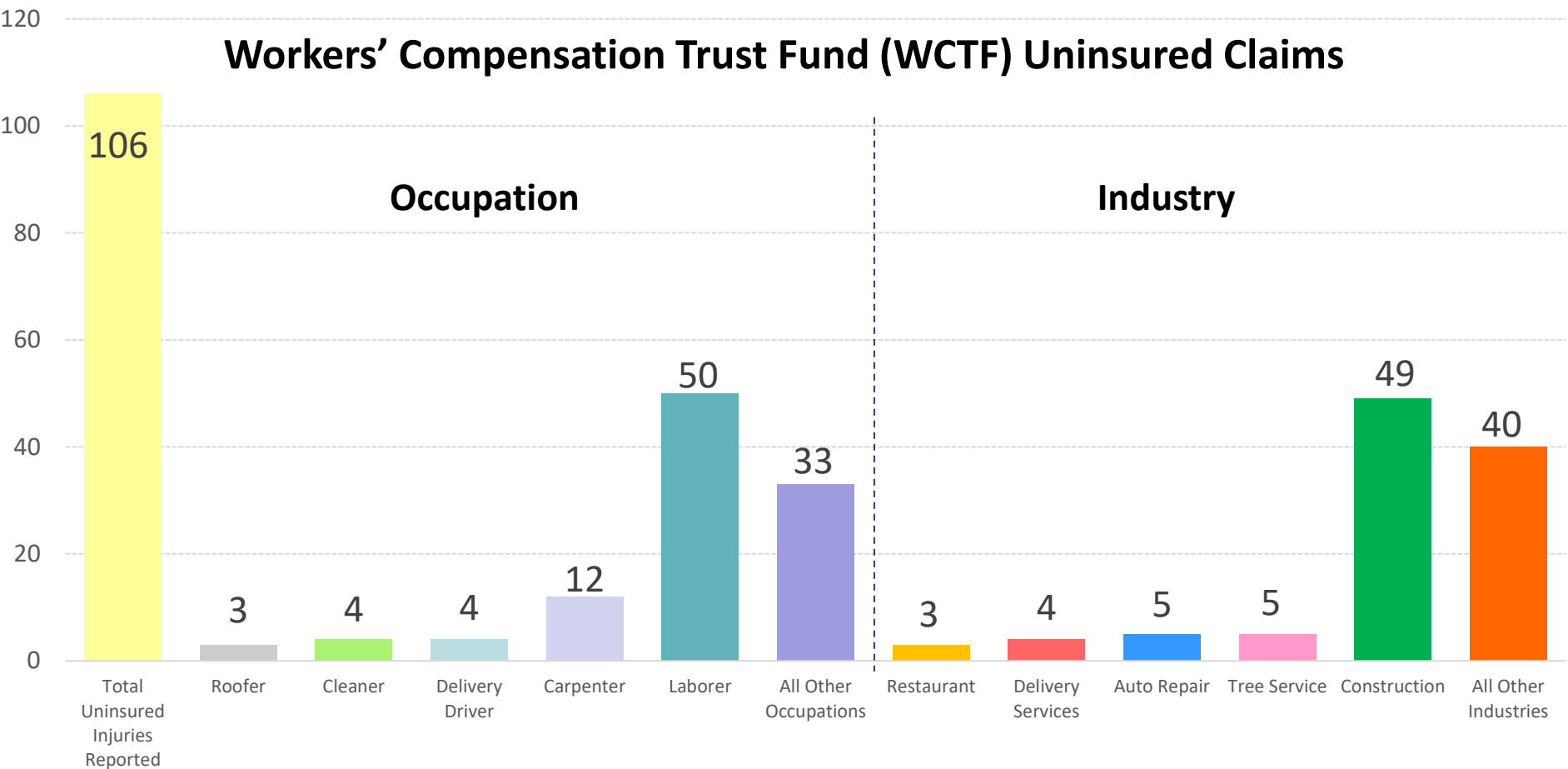


Last month 110 Stop Work Orders (SWO) were issued and 1 employers defaulted on an SWOs that were previously issued. 1,077 SWOs have been issued year-to-date with total fine collections to date of \$690,665. FY 2024 yielded a total of 1,342 SWOs issued, with a total fine collection of \$1,158,659.



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Workers' Compensation Trust Fund (WCTF) Uninsured Claims

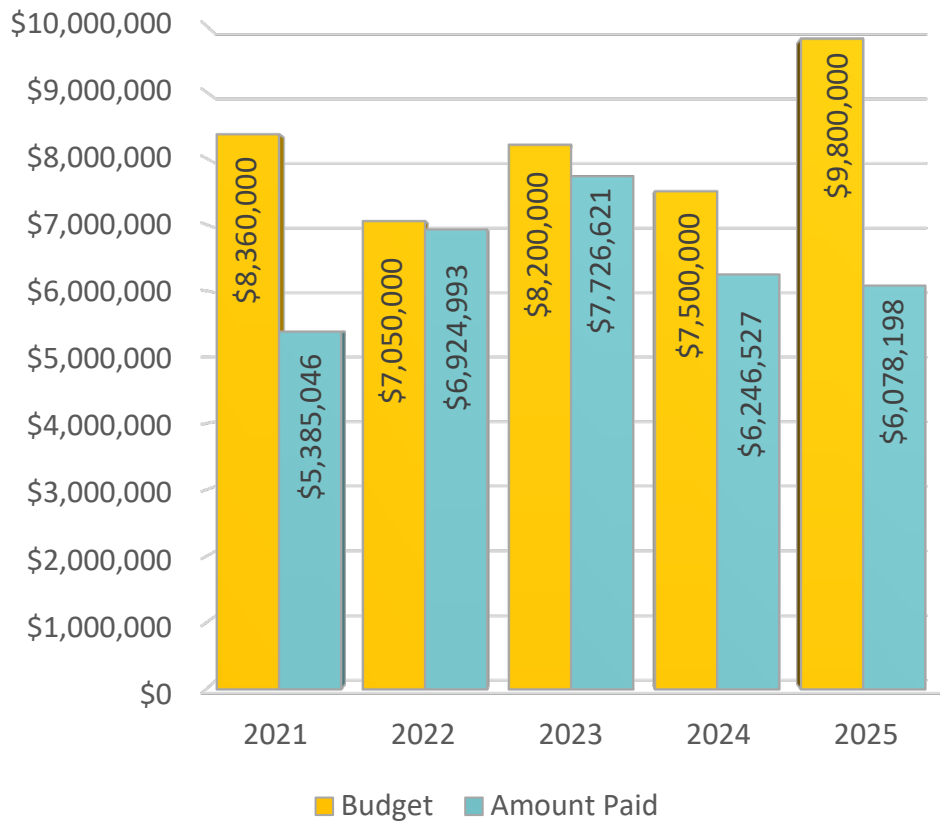


As of May 31st, 106 uninsured injuries have been reported to the WCTF for FY25. Please note, claims may be determined to be insured or uninsured after filing. The WCTF received 104 newly reported claims in FY24.



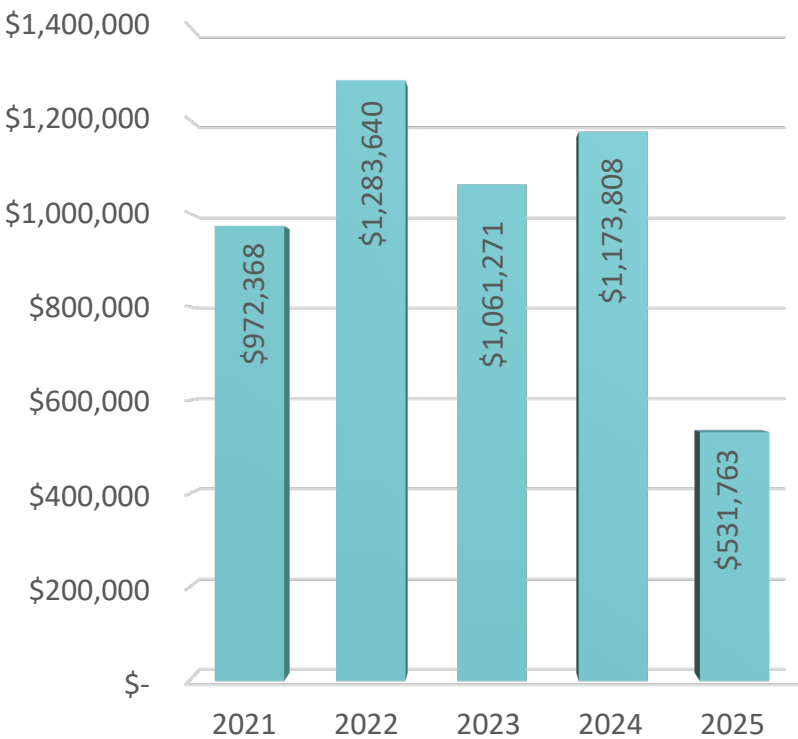
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WCTF Fiscal Year Payments



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

Civil Litigation Recovery

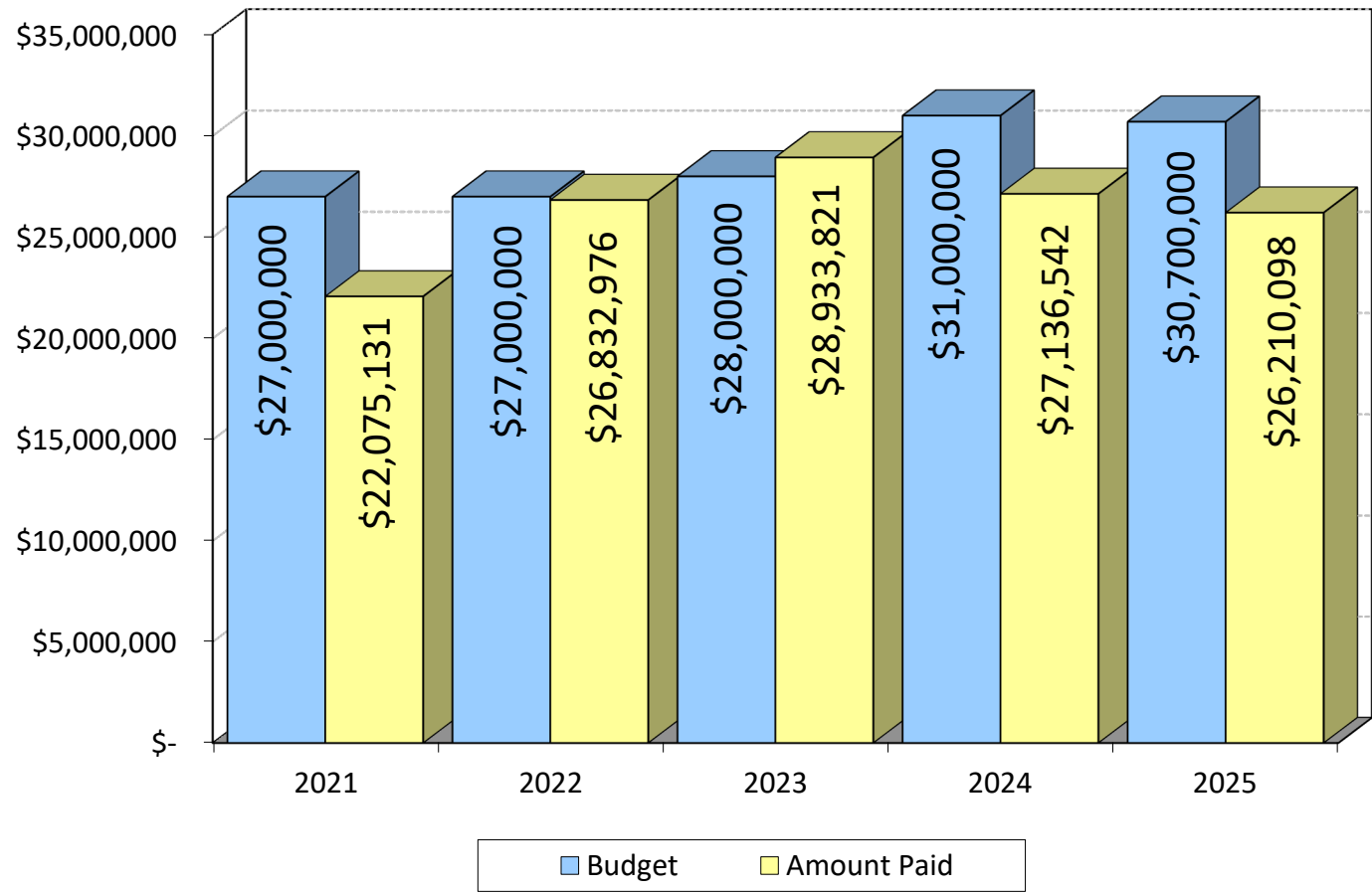


Every effort is made to recover money owed by the uninsured employer pursuant c. 152 § 65 (8).



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Second Injury Fund Budget & Payments

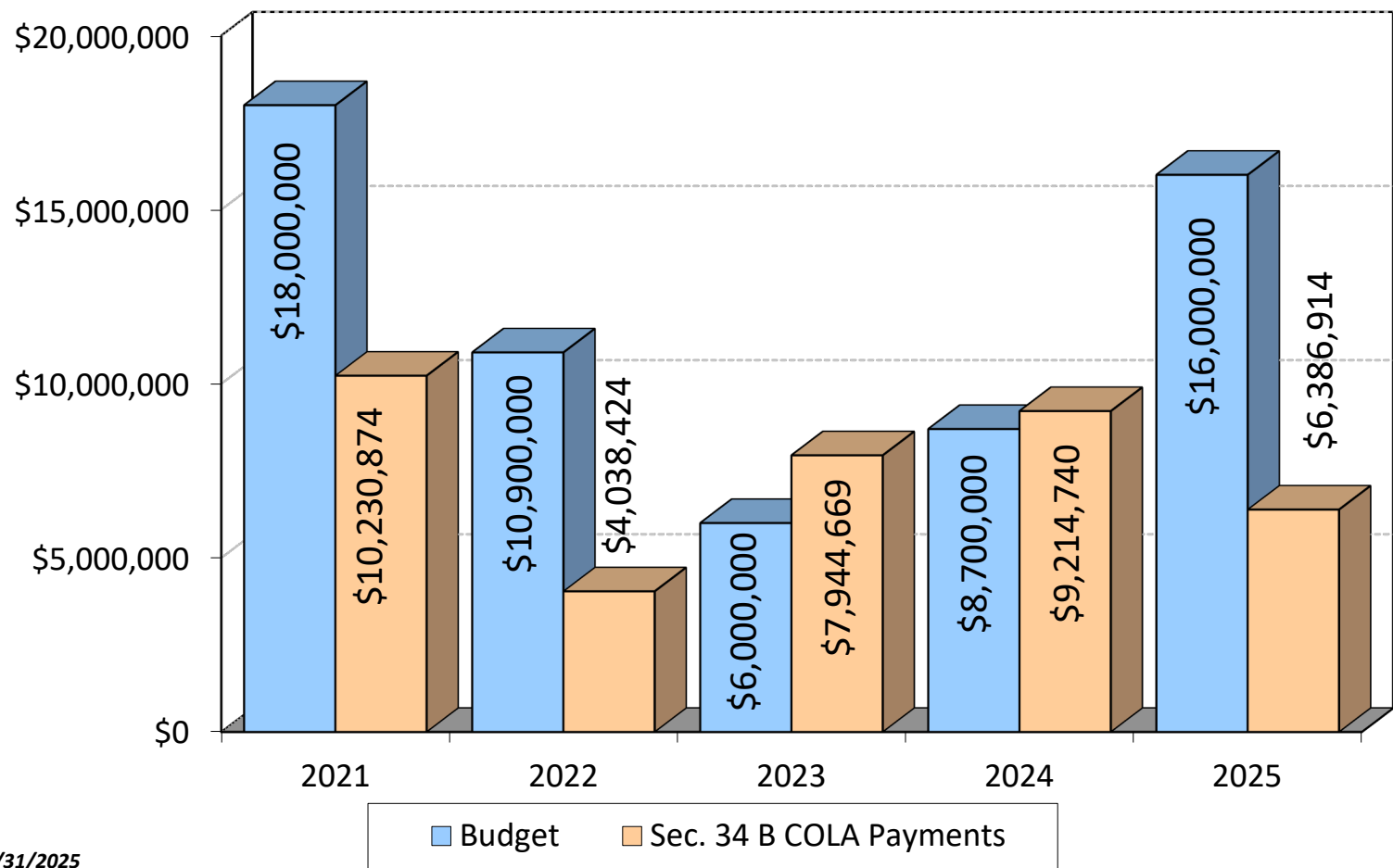


Represents payments made by the WCTF to insurers seeking reimbursement for § 37/37A to include quarterly payments and interest. Additional payments may be in process but have not been registered in MMARS, the state accounting system as the time of this report.



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COLA Reimbursement



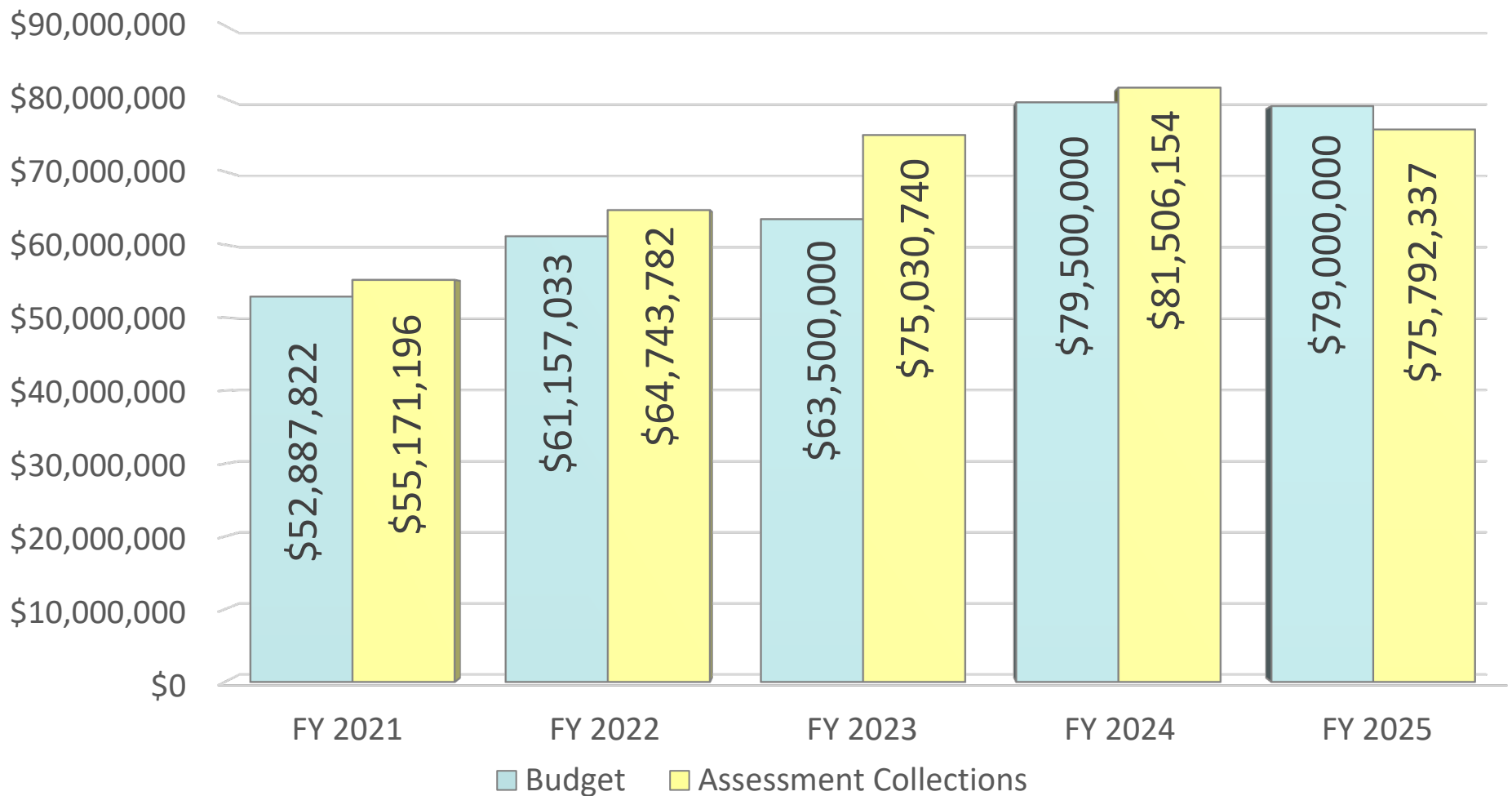
FY 2025 as of 5/31/2025

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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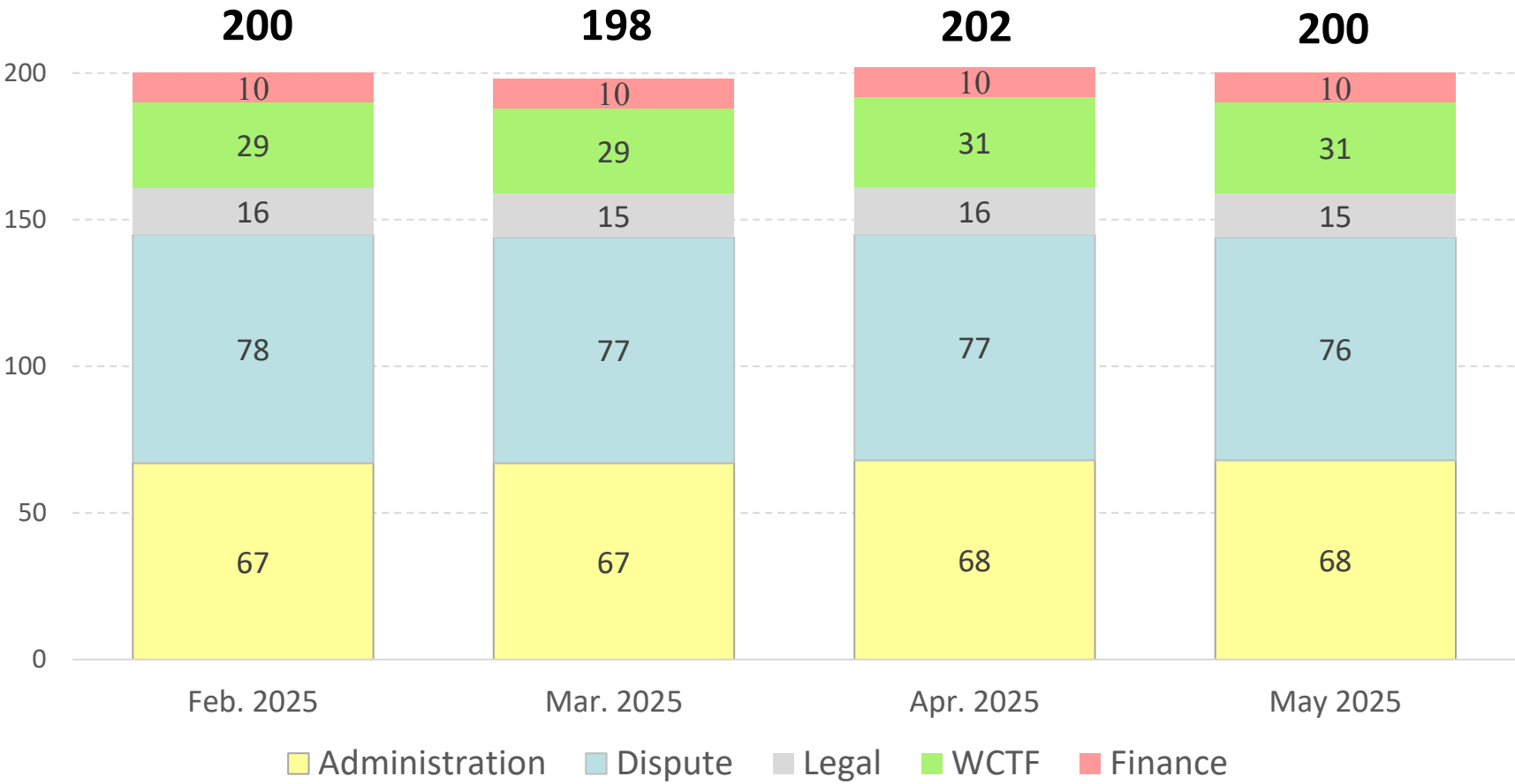
Assessment Collections



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.