

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development



## Workers' Compensation Advisory Council May 8, 2024 Statistical Report

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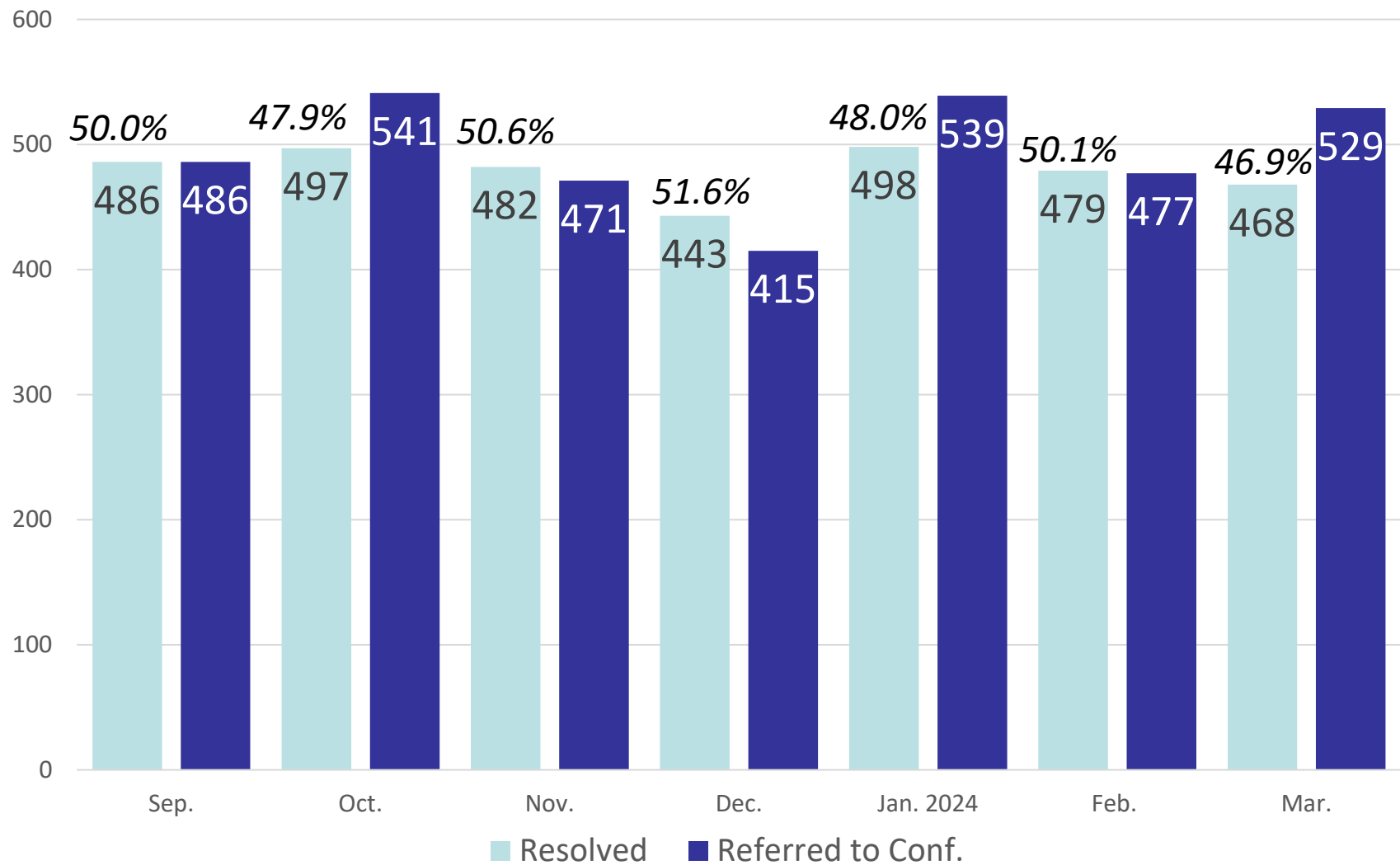
The Department of Industrial Accident (DIA) reports monthly vital statistics to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council based on our fiscal year cycle (July 1 to June 30). The data presented in this report is gathered for the time-period from the start of the fiscal year up to the month prior to the report date. This information is based on available data from that period and is provided for informational purposes only.

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Conciliations Resolved v. Referred to Conference



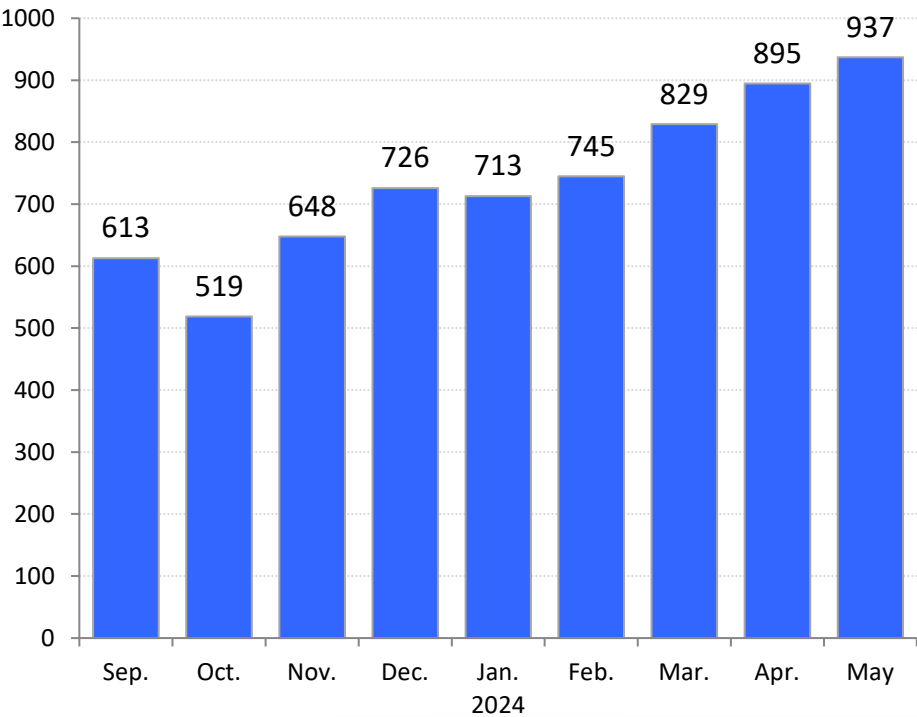
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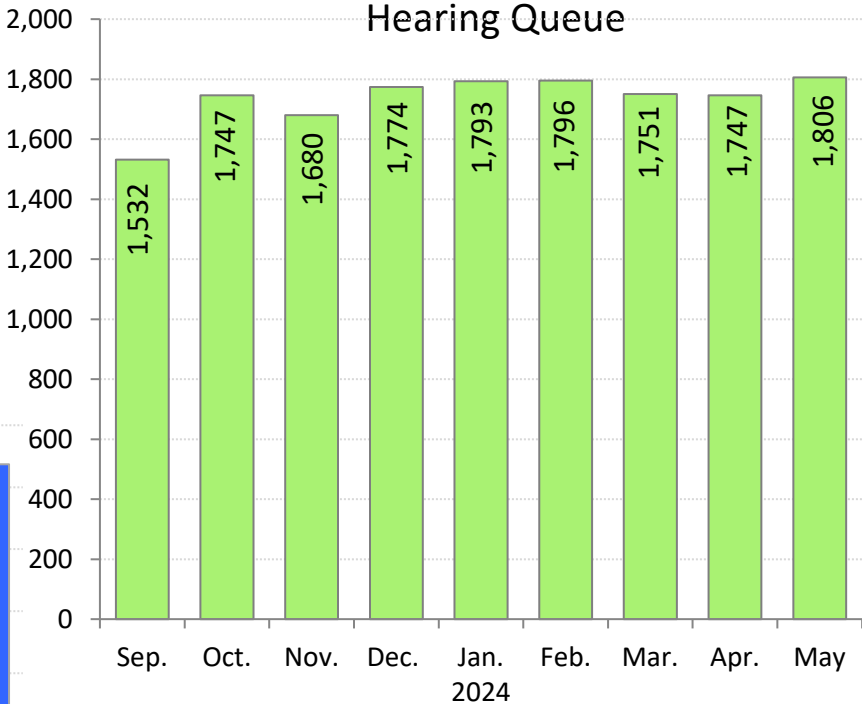
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Fluctuations in the conference and hearing queues may vary by region and depend on the number of cases being referred from conciliation, conference order appeals, judicial schedules, and continuance requests. There have been 5,205 continuances as of April 30, 2024. 7,912 continuance requests were received in FY23. These are a rolling total, not a cumulative total.

Conference Queue



Hearing Queue



Currently, the average waiting period for a conference is 10 to 16 weeks.

April 2024 *Estimated*

Conf. Sched.:	705	Hear. Sched.:	487
Orders issued:	286	Appeals to RB:	5
% Claimants recv. WC – 110 filed		% Claimants recv. WC. – no 110 filed	
Conference	50%		88%
Hearing	78%		84%



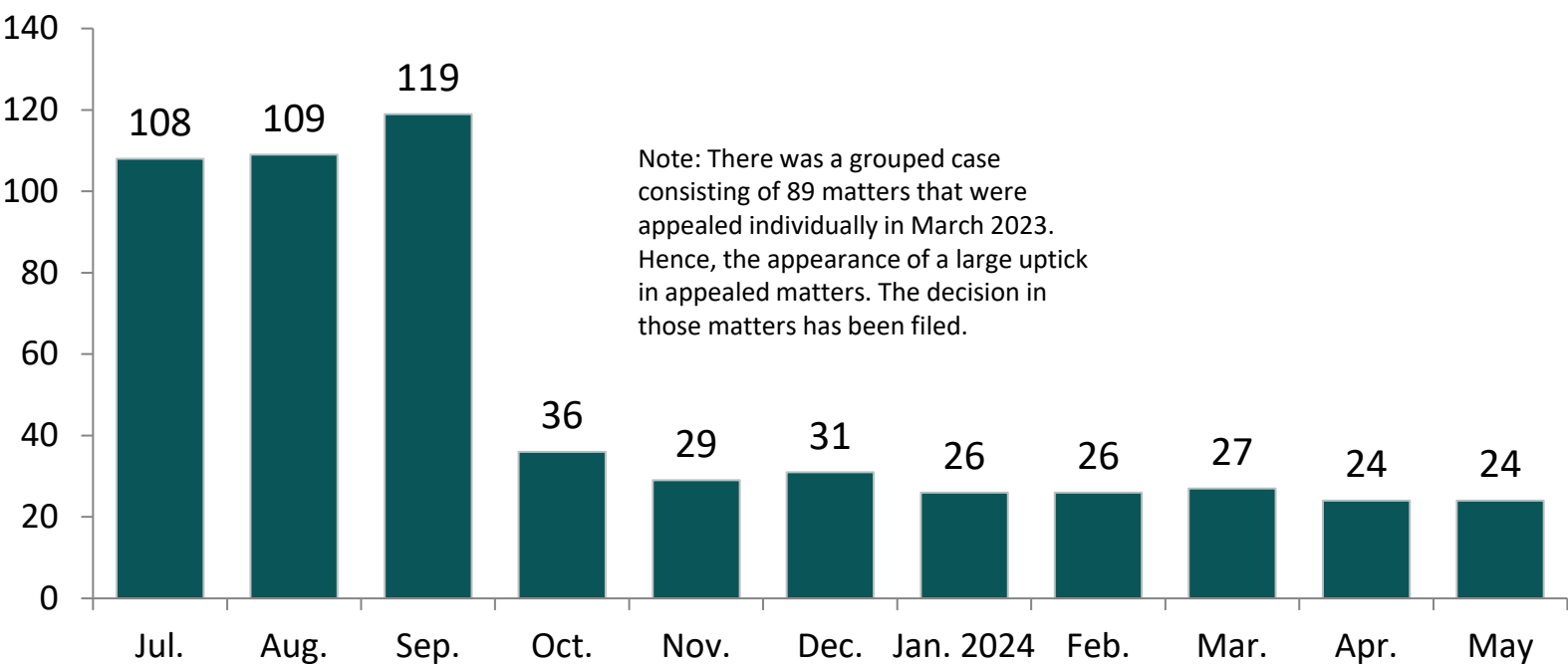
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Pending Hearing Decisions	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
6 to 9 months post hearing	1	2	3
9 to 12 months post hearing	1	0	0
1 year post hearing	4	2	6
2 years post hearing	0	0	0
3+ years post hearing	0	0	0
Total	6	4	9



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## Review Board Inventory



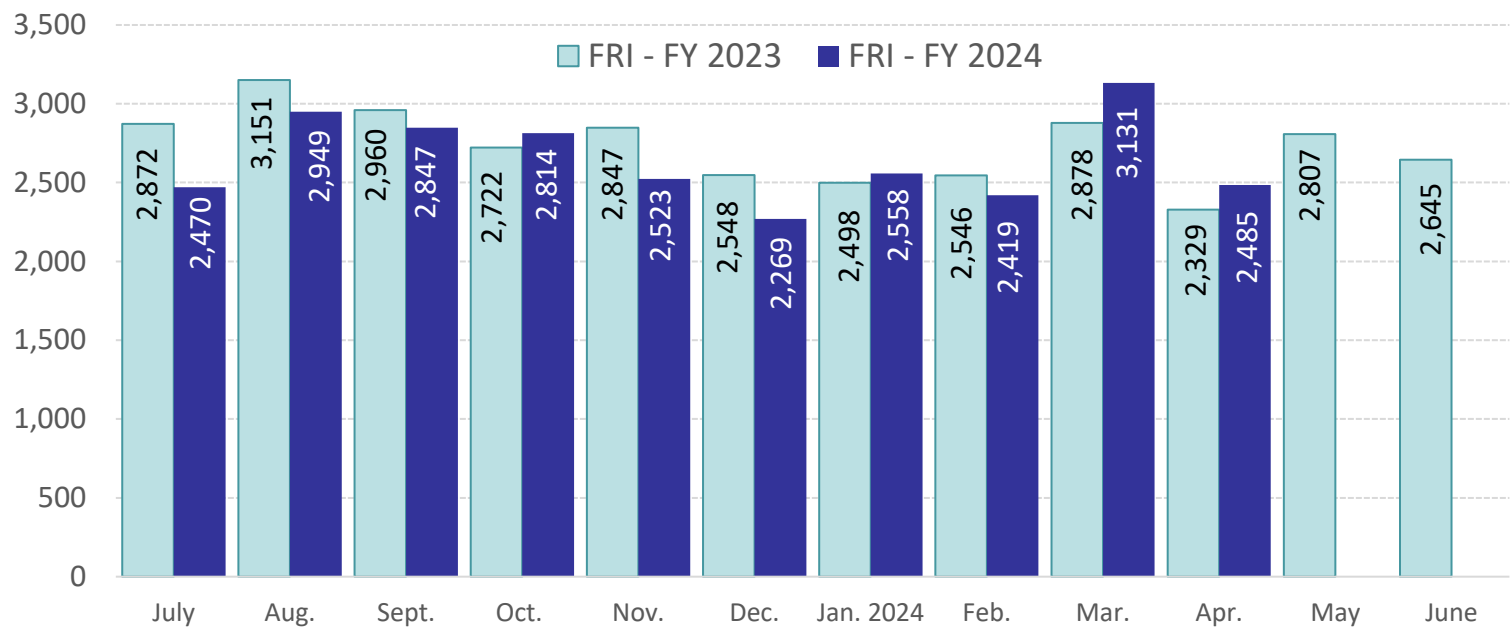
Other Figures

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY 2022
Fee Waivers Granted:	64	78	52
Exam Fees Collected:	\$ 1,308,133	\$ 1,504,226	\$ 1,493,843
Attorneys' Fees (all proceedings)	\$73,774,449	\$94,666,107	\$89,590,462
Referral Fees	\$ 5,569,455	\$ 3,964,110	\$ 4,143,382
Sec. 7 & 8 Penalties	\$0	\$0	\$ 3,274

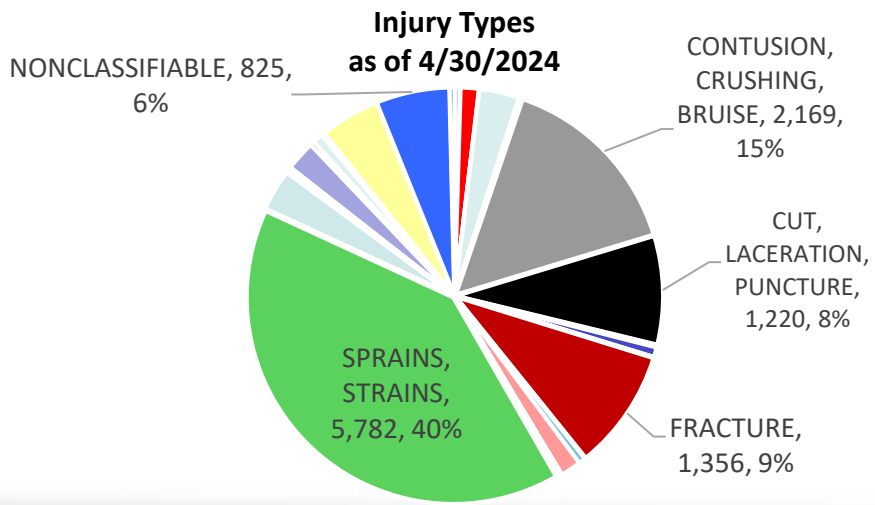
*Note: Attorneys Fees are not paid by the DIA. These fees are paid by the insurer to the injured worker's counsel at certain stages of the dispute resolution process as outlined in c. 152.*



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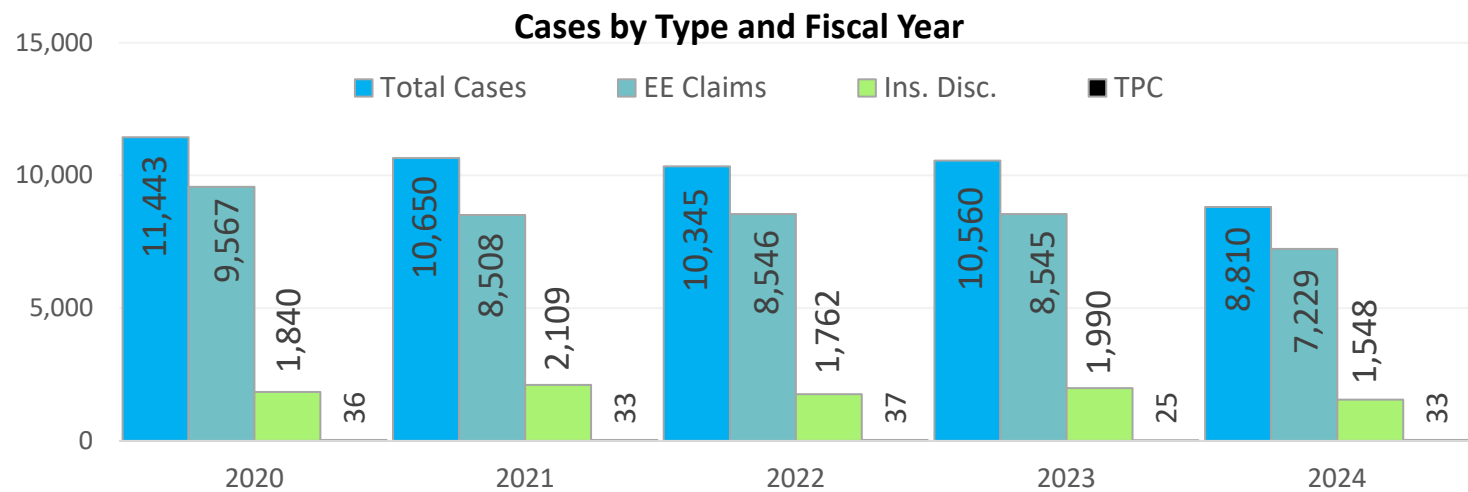
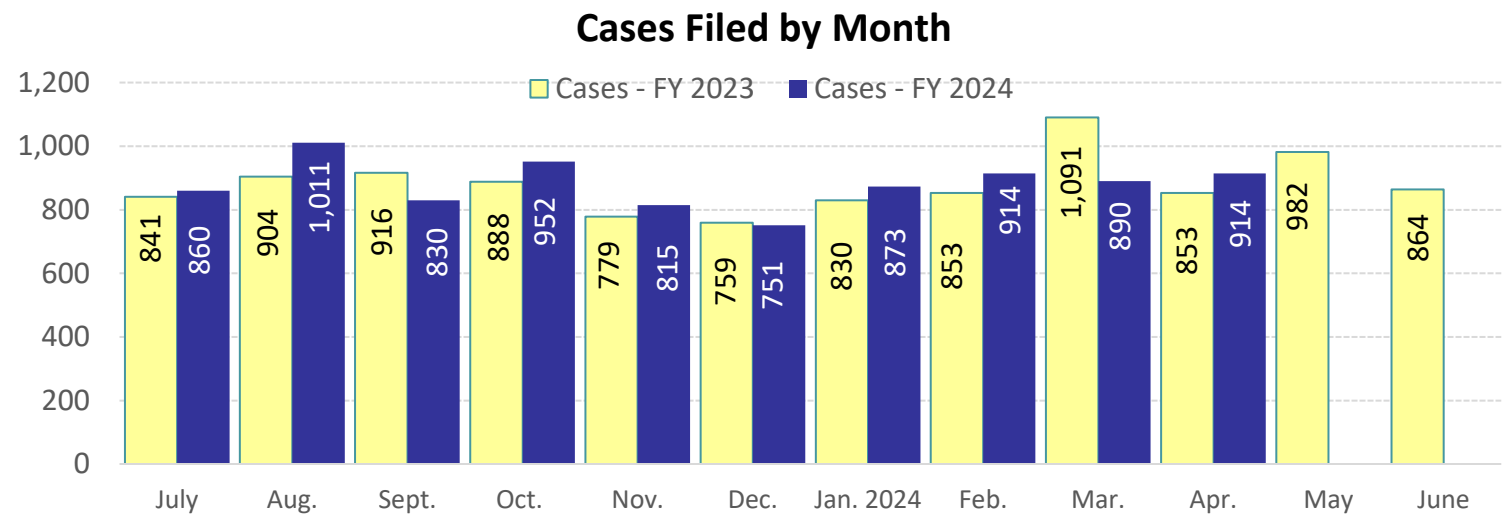


Total FROIs filed in FY 2024 are 26,465. The total FROIs filed in FY 2023 were 32,803.





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914 cases were filed in April.



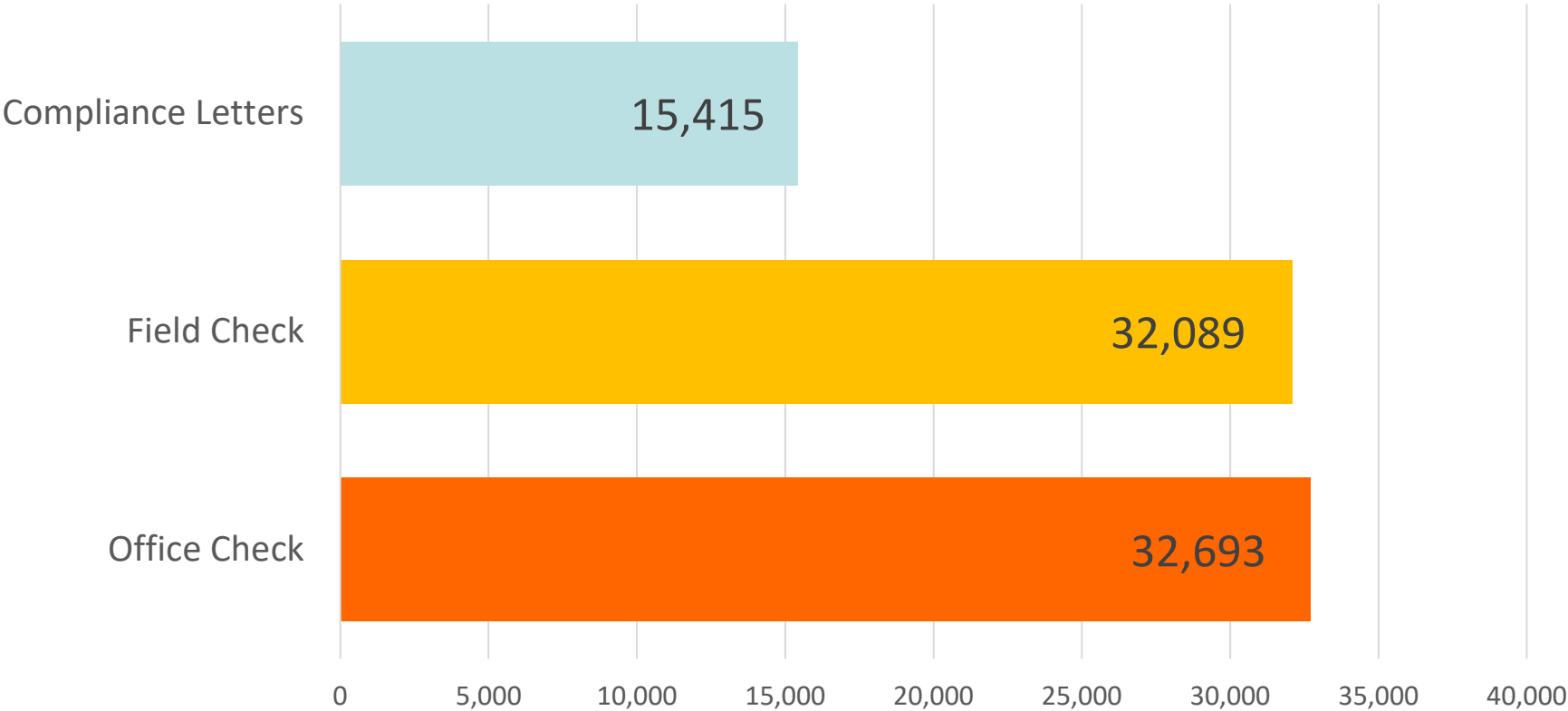


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## Office of Investigations

### Compliance & Enforcement

Total Figures FY 2024 as of 4/30/2024

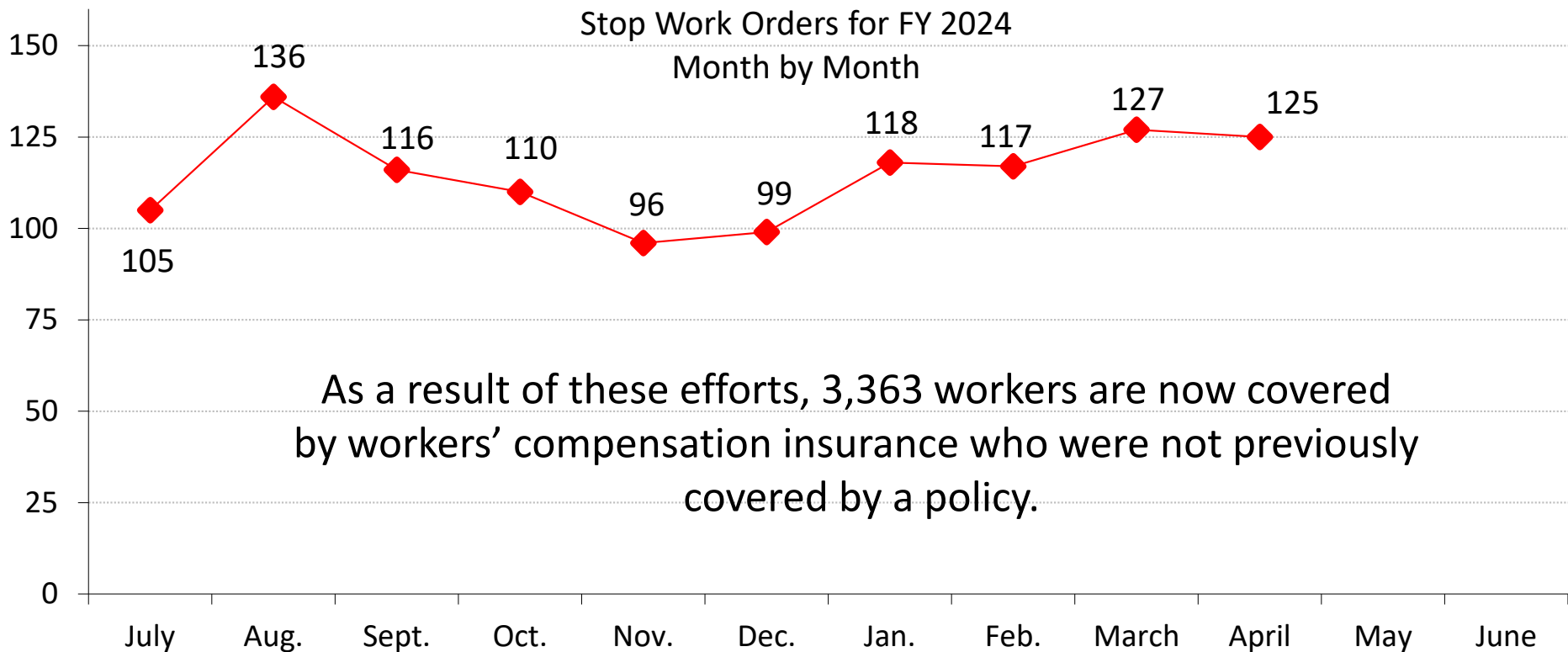


7,555 compliance checks, 271 field investigations were conducted, 408 more employees are newly covered by WC insurance and 1,664 compliance letters were sent in April. FY 2023, yielded 64,506 compliance checks with 4,356 employees covered by WC insurance.



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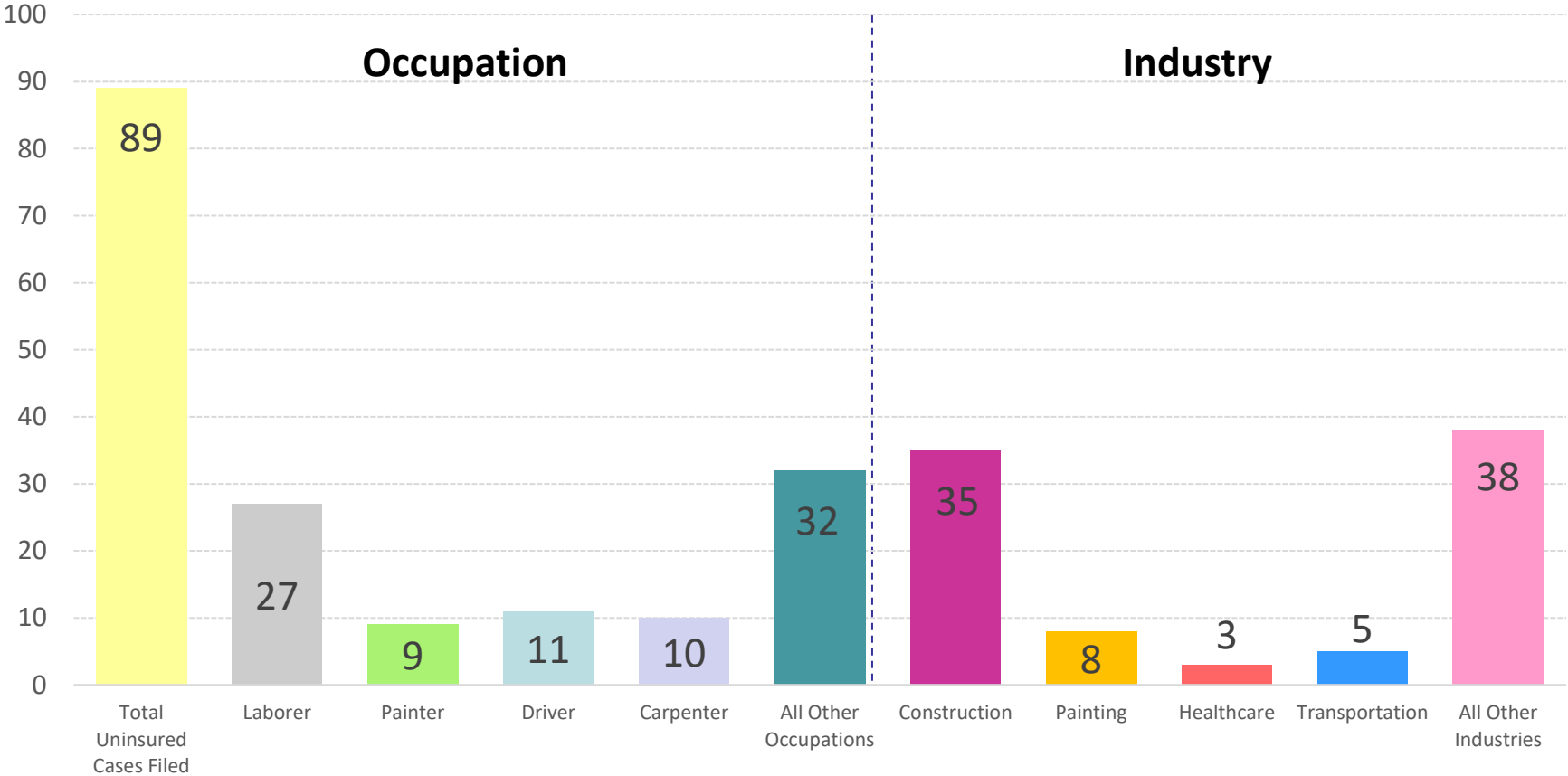


Last month 125 Stop Work Orders (SWO) were issued and 10 were in default. 1,149 SWOs have been issued year-to-date with total fine collections to date of \$978,839. FY 2023 yielded a total of 1,375 SWOs issued, with a total fine collection of \$936,757.



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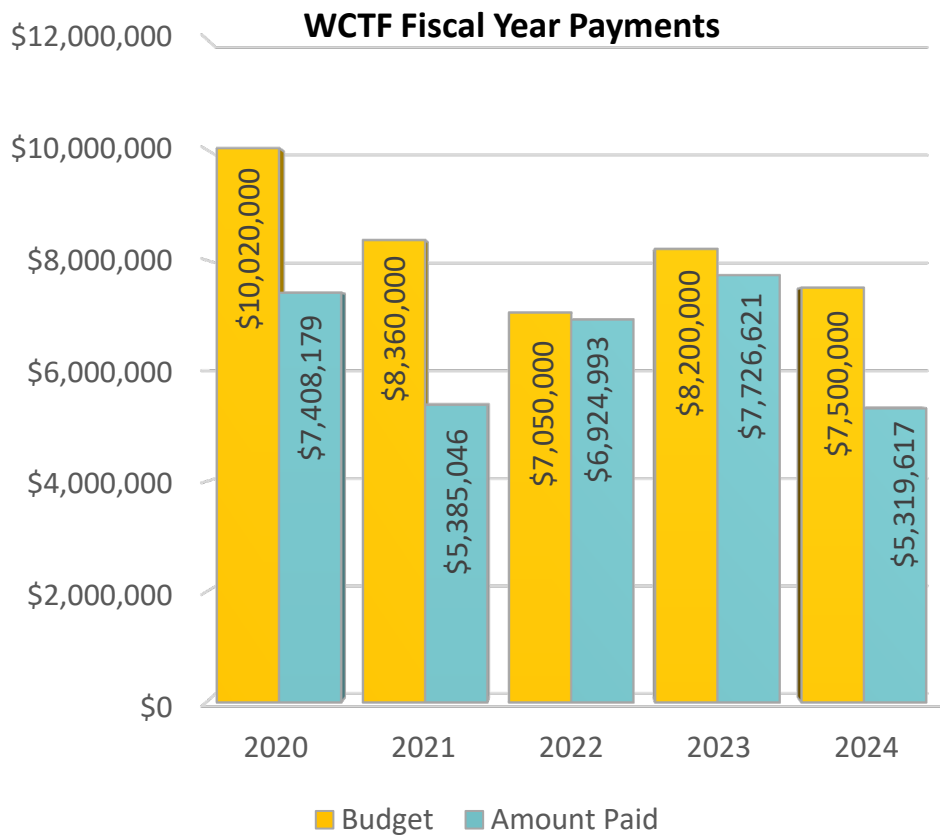
## Workers' Compensation Trust Fund (WCTF) Uninsured Claims



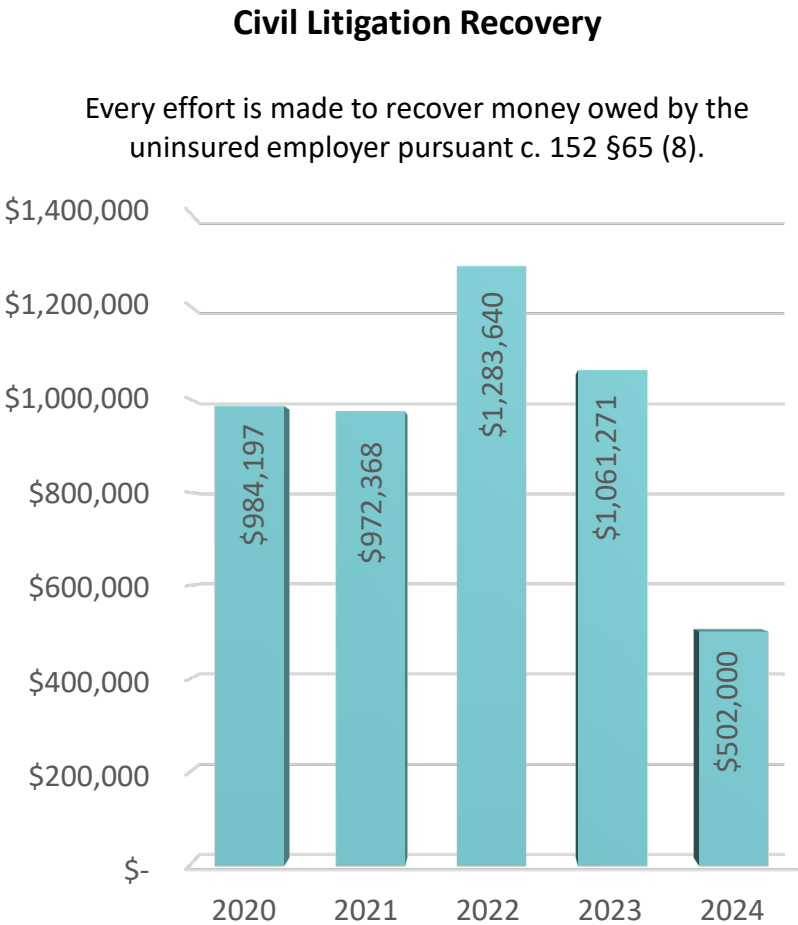
As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 89 uninsured injuries have been reported to the WCTF. Please note, claims may be determined to be insured or uninsured after filing. The WCTF received 95 newly reported claims in FY23.



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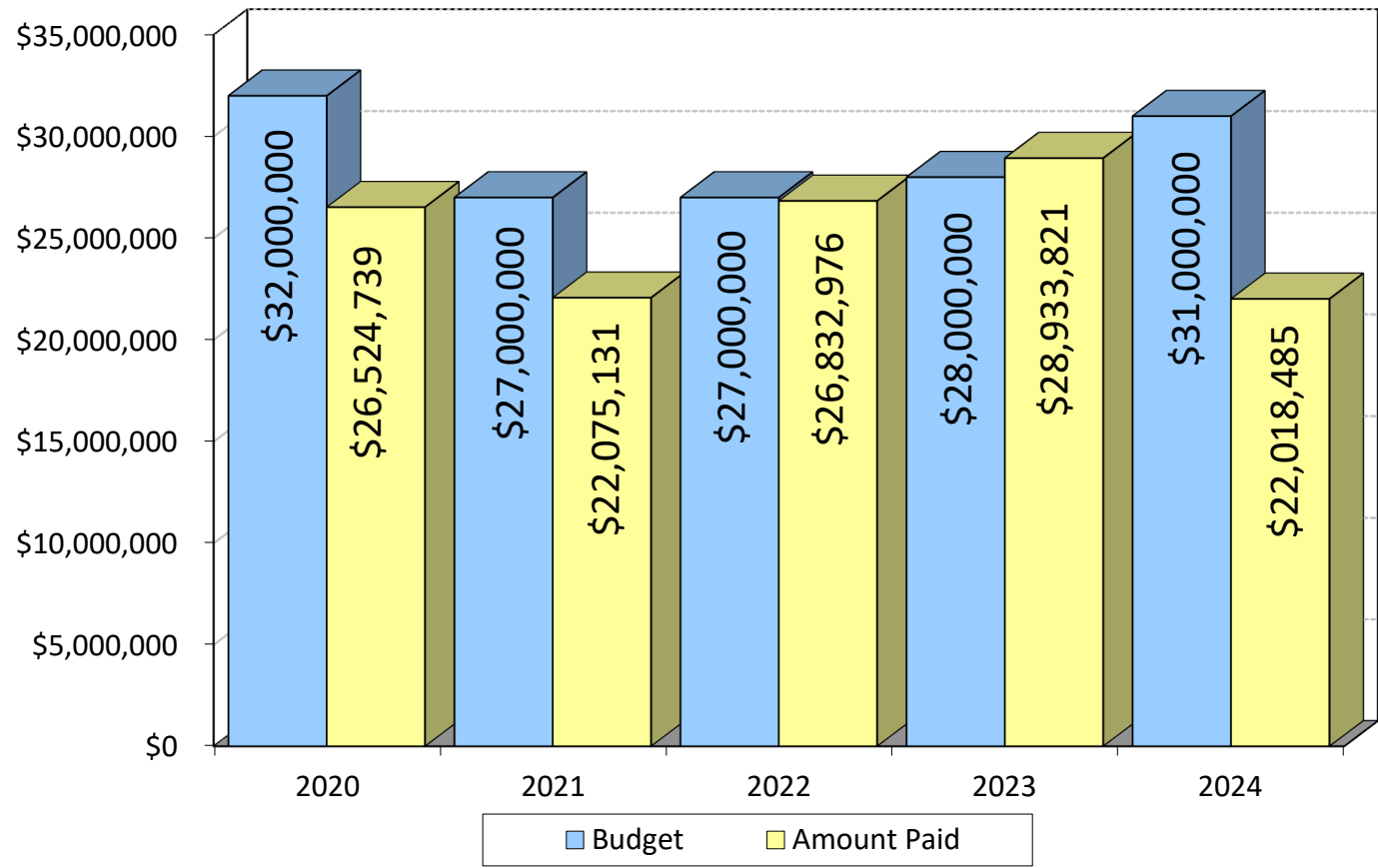
Represents payments on all open claims to include those made in prior years.





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## Second Injury Fund Budget & Payments

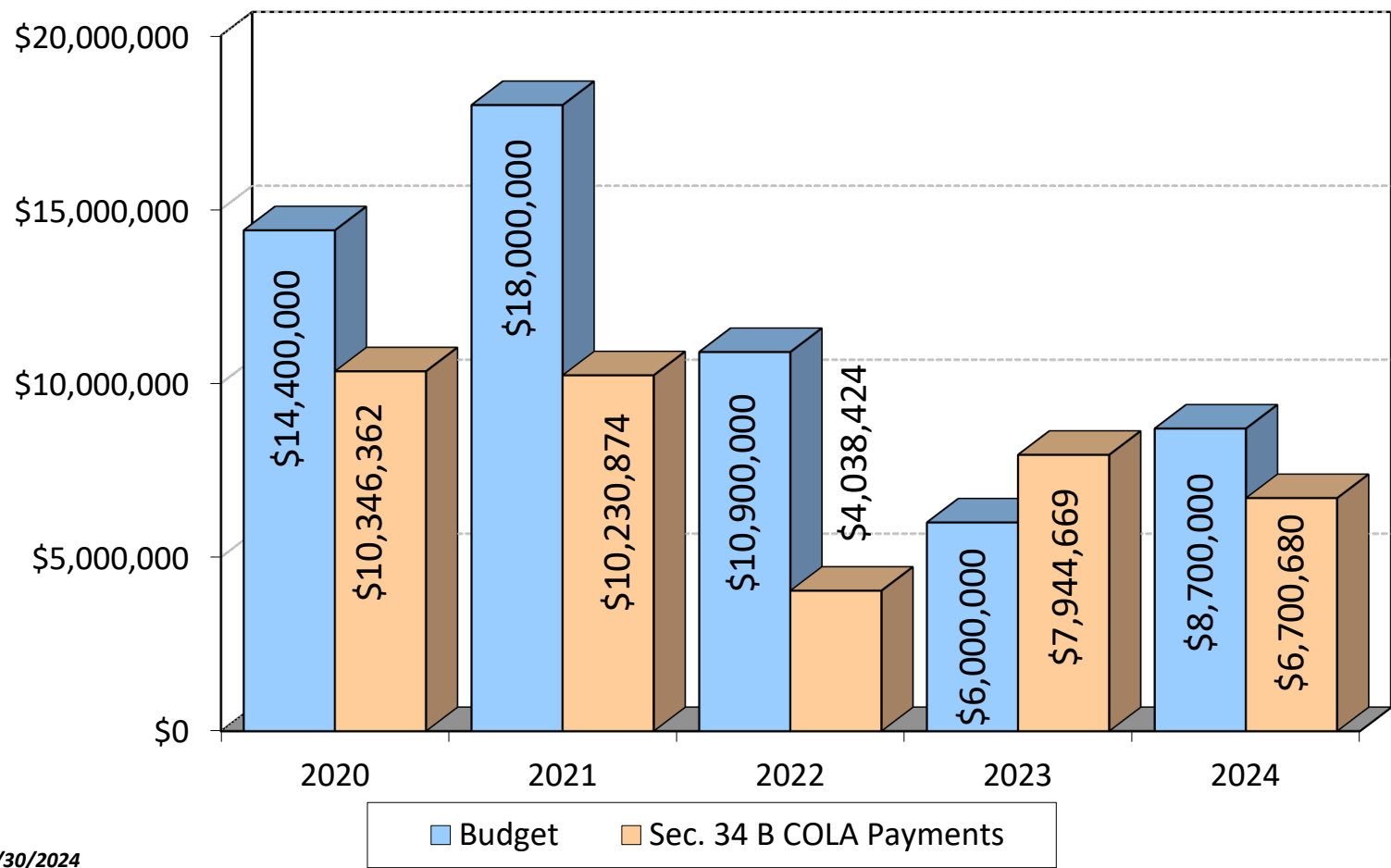


Represents payments made by the WCTF to insurers seeking reimbursement for § 37/37A to include quarterly payments and interest. Additional payments may be in process but have not been registered in MMARS, the state accounting system as the time of this report.



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## COLA Reimbursement



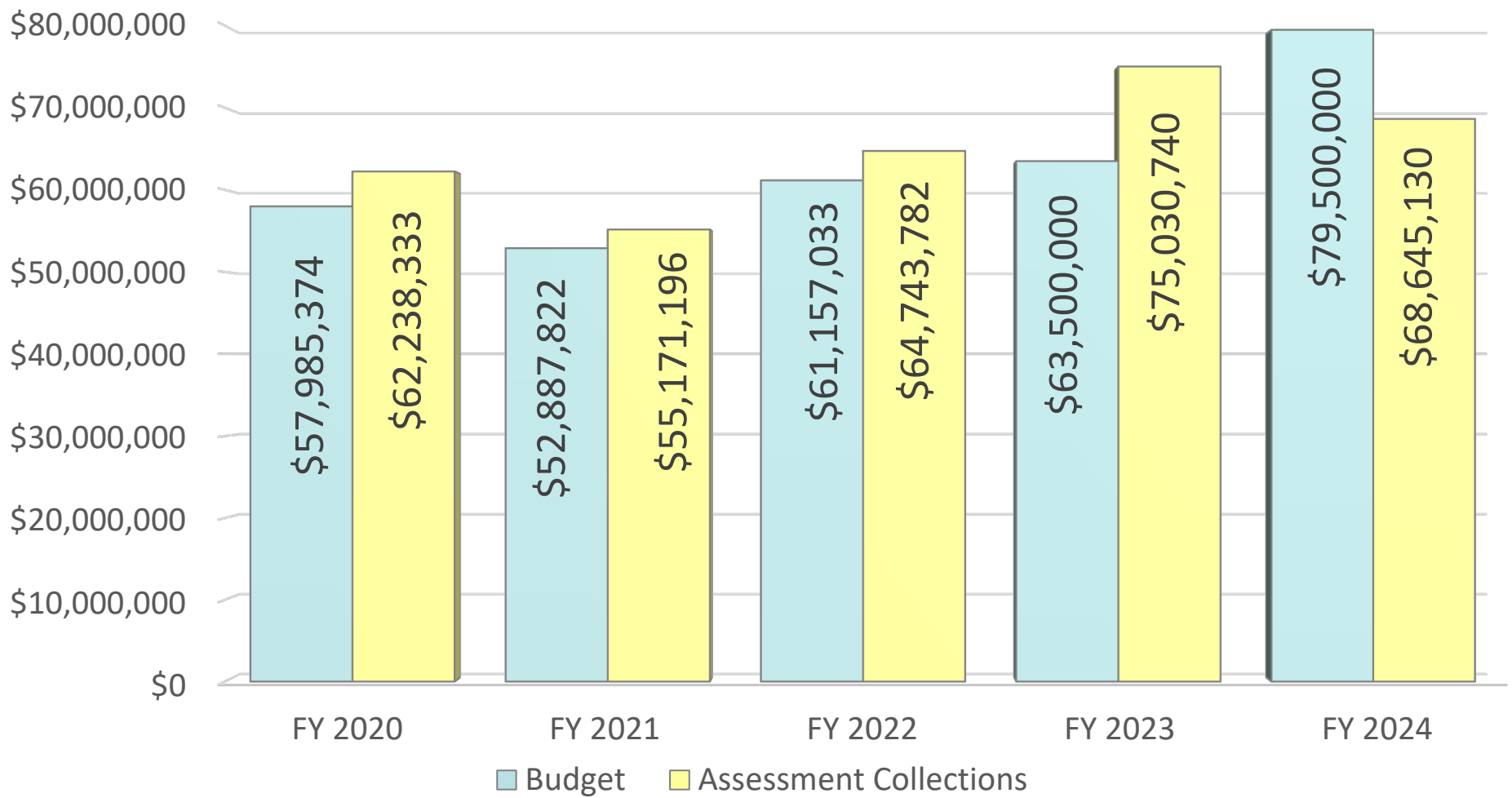
FY 2024 as of 4/30/2024

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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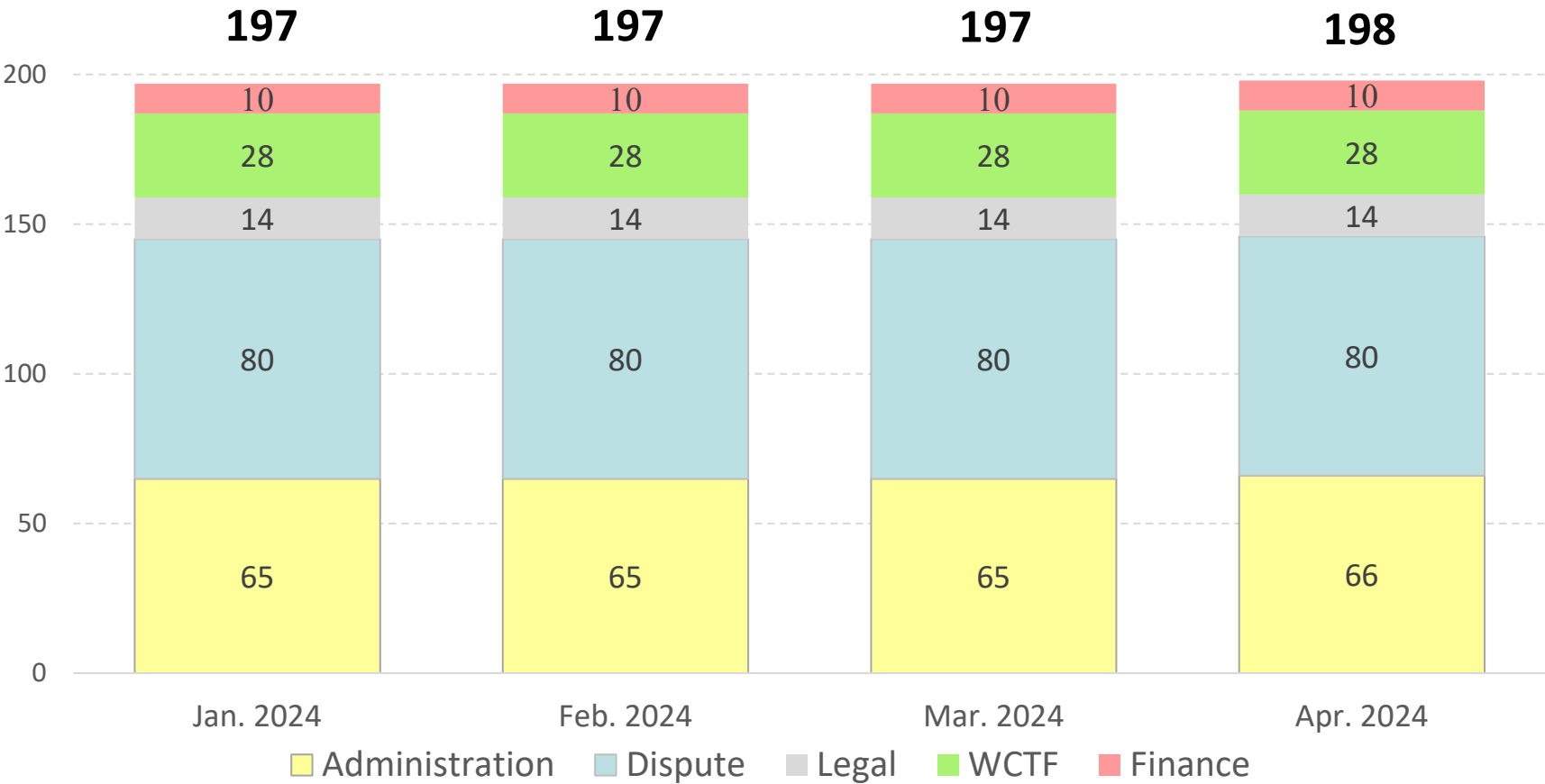
## Assessment Collections



FY 2024 as of 4/30/2024



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Staff are paid from either the General Appropriation Account or the WCTF depending upon their job. These number while the Administrative Services Unit brought a new staff member on board. Count as of 4/30/2024 reflect full-time and part-time employees as of the close of the month.