



MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF **LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**



Workers' Compensation Advisory Council May 13, 2026 Statistical Report

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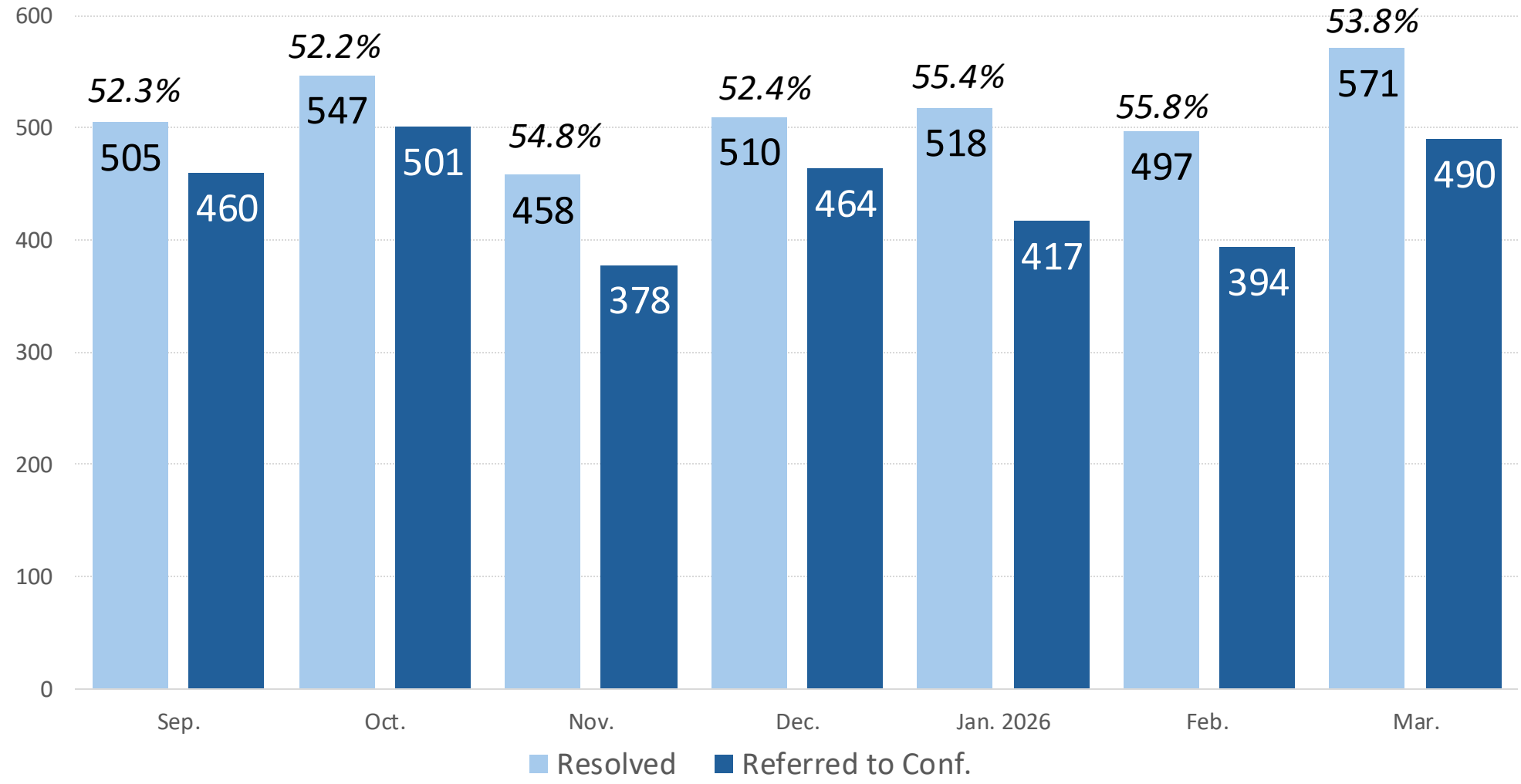
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Conciliations Resolved v. Referred to Conference



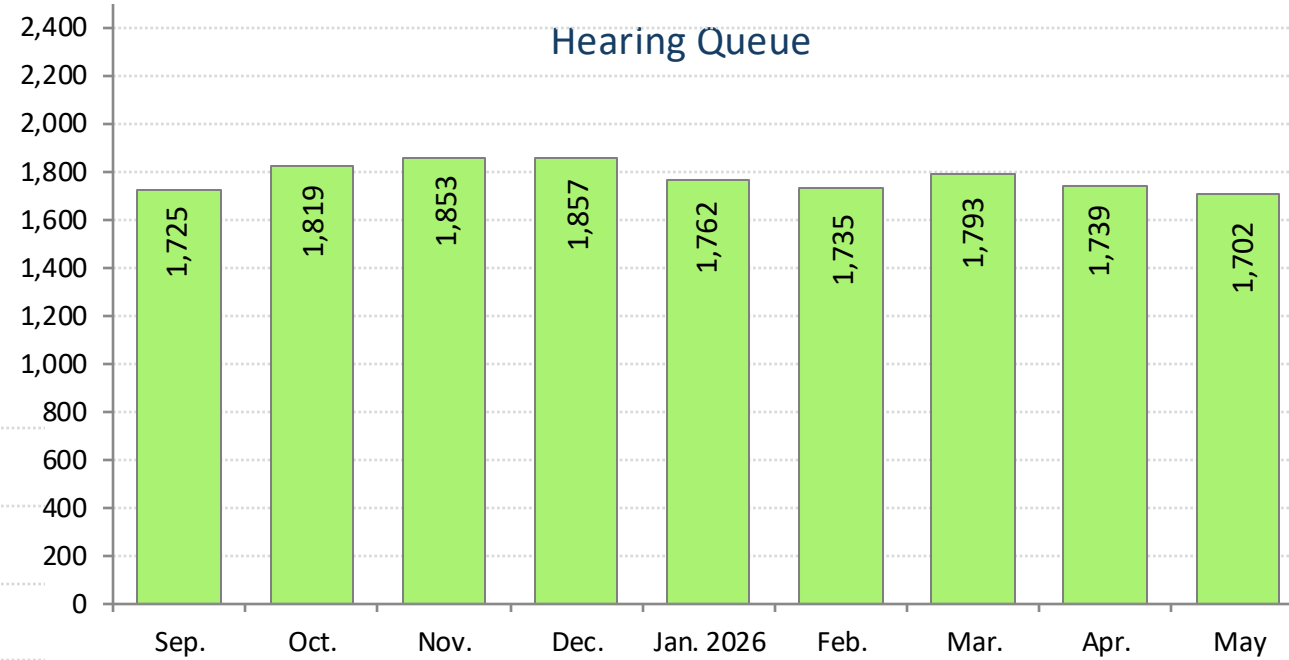
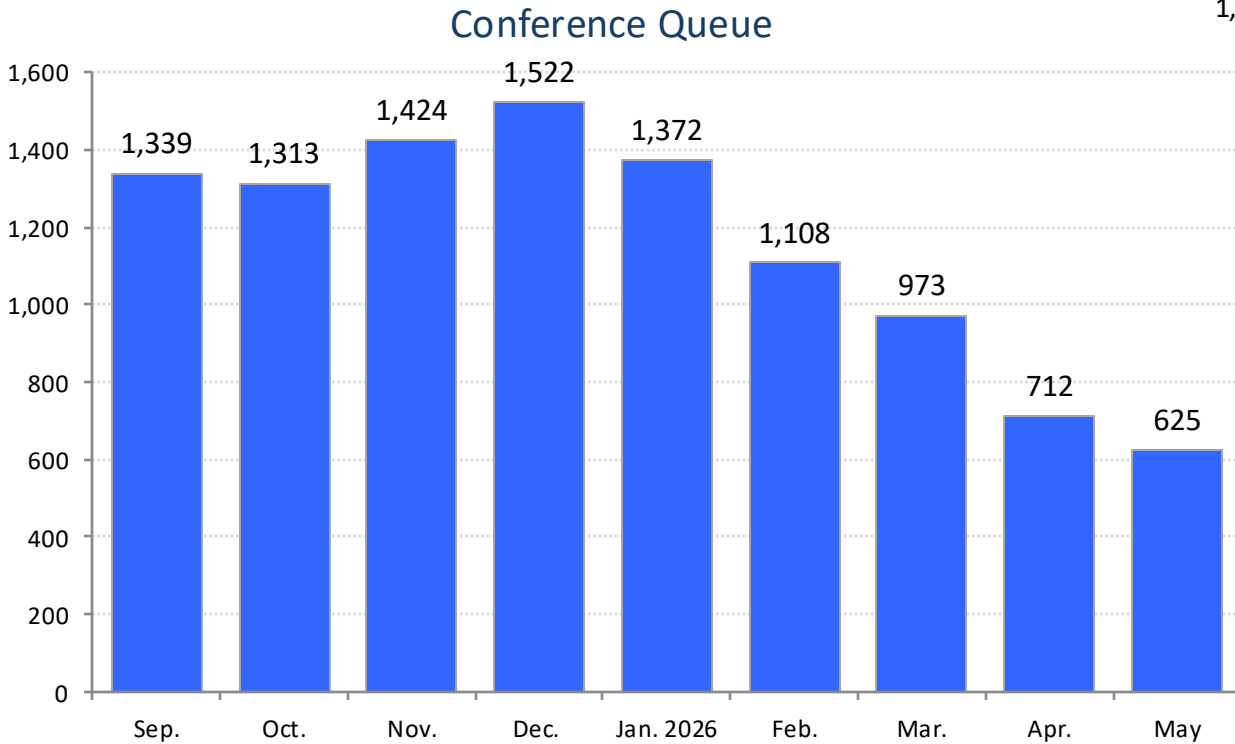
Percent resolved indicated.



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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. For the current fiscal year, there have been 5,551 continuances as of April 30th. 6,806 continuance requests were received in FY25. These are a rolling total, not a cumulative total.



Currently, the average waiting period for a conference is between 8 to 16 weeks depending on region.

April 2026 *Estimated*

Conf. Sched.:	727	Hear. Held:	127
Orders issued:	412	Appeals to RB	2

	% Claimants recv. WC benefits– 110 filed	% Claimants recv. WC. benefits– no 110 filed
Conference	48%	82%
Hearing	82%	85%



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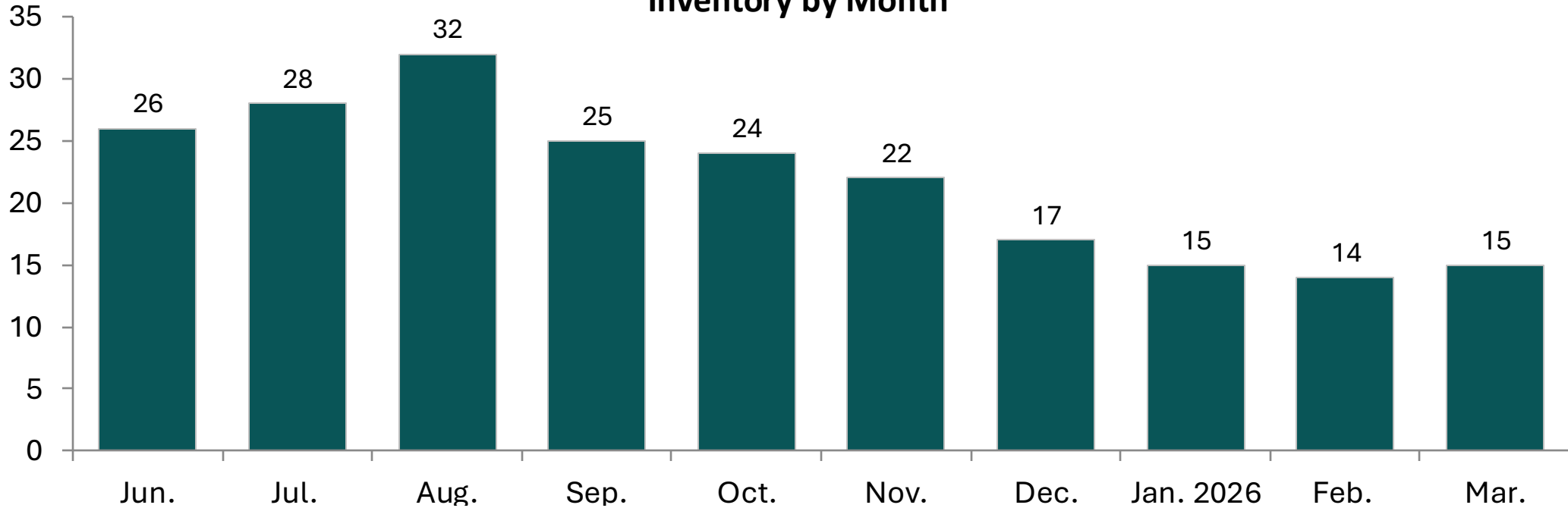


Pending Hearing Decisions	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
6 to 9 months post hearing	4	2	4
9 to 12 months post hearing	1	4	2
1 year post hearing	6	5	5
2 years post hearing	1	1	2
3+ years post hearing	0	0	0
Total	12	12	13



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Reviewing Board Case Inventory by Month



Other Figures

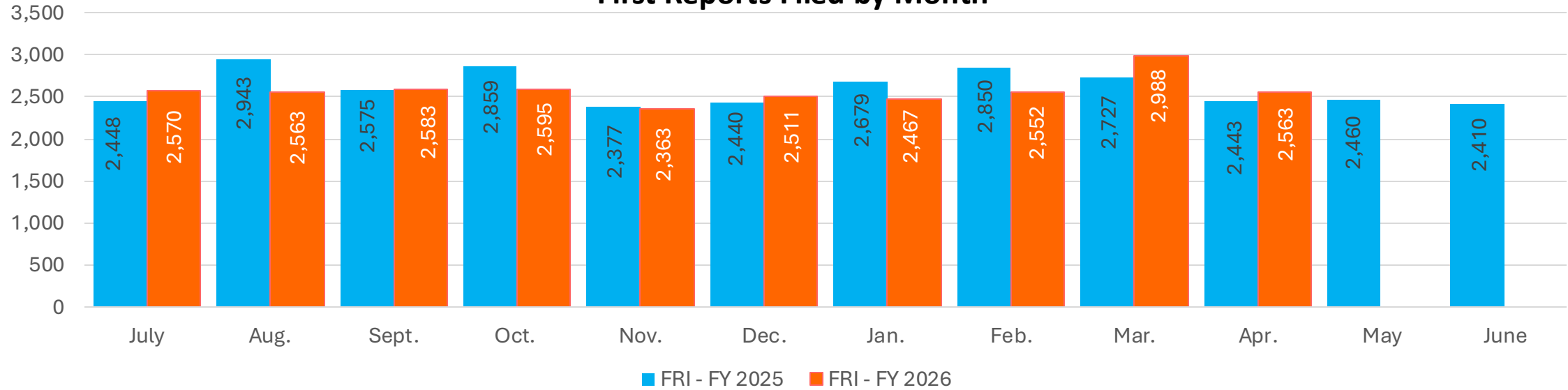
	FY 2026	FY 2025	FY 2024
Fee Waivers Granted:	58	66	77
Exam Fees Collected:	\$ 848,400	\$ 1,579,064	\$ 1,776,947
Attorneys' Fees (all proceedings)	\$ 81,867,360	\$ 94,204,883	\$90,947,160
Referral Fees	\$ 2,900,348	\$ 3,840,216	\$ 4,416,932
Sec. 7 & 8 Penalties	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 200

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.

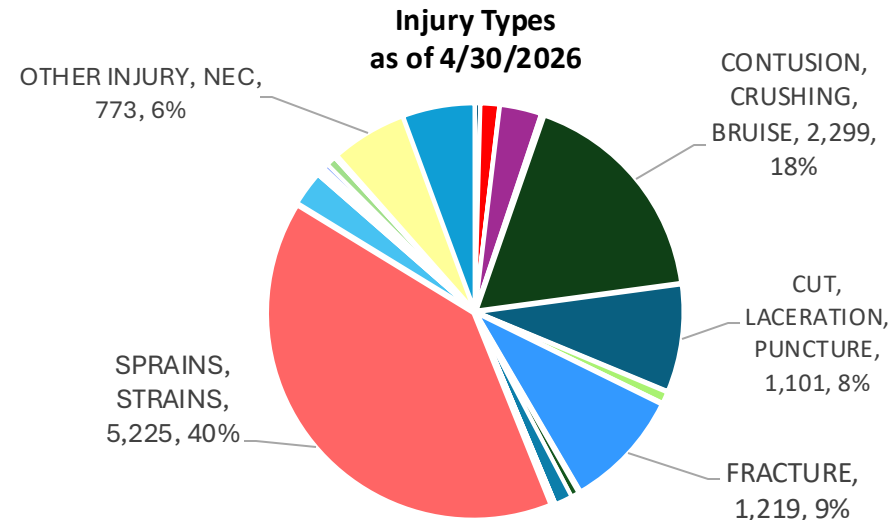


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First Reports Filed by Month



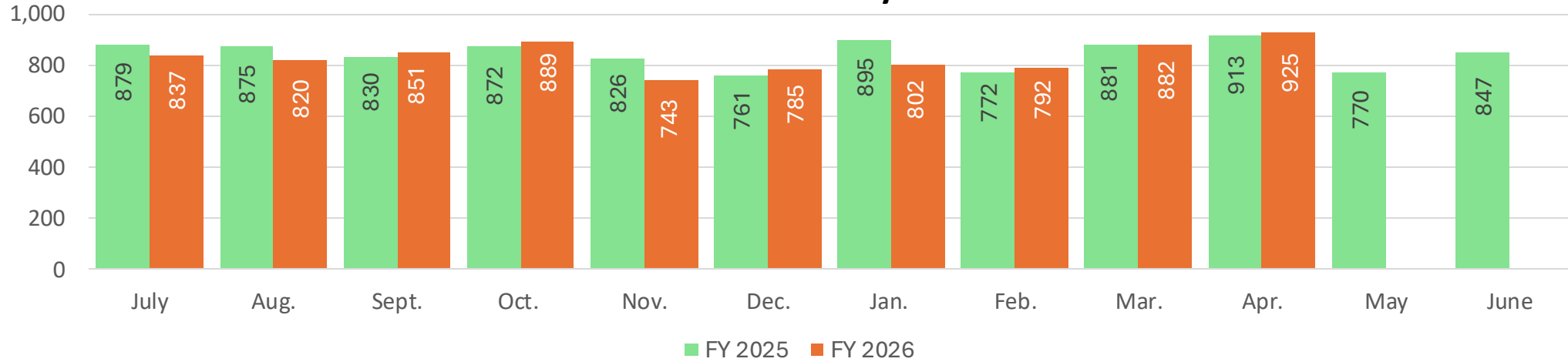
Total FROIs filed in FY 2026 are 25,755. The total FROIs filed in FY 2025 were 31,211. This represented 0.85% of the working population in MA.



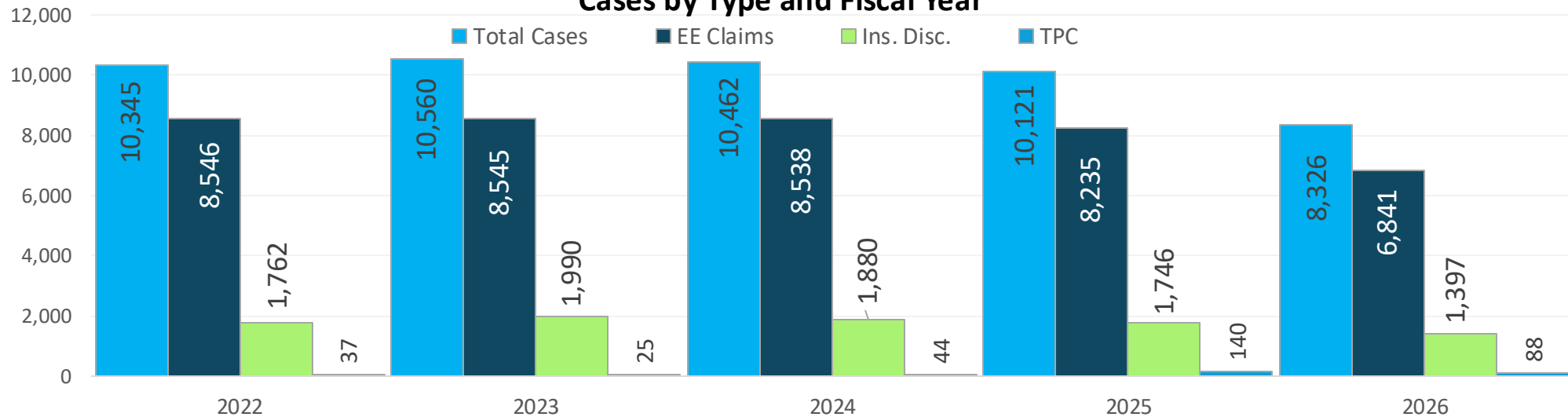


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Cases Filed by Month



Cases by Type and Fiscal Year



925 cases were filed in April.



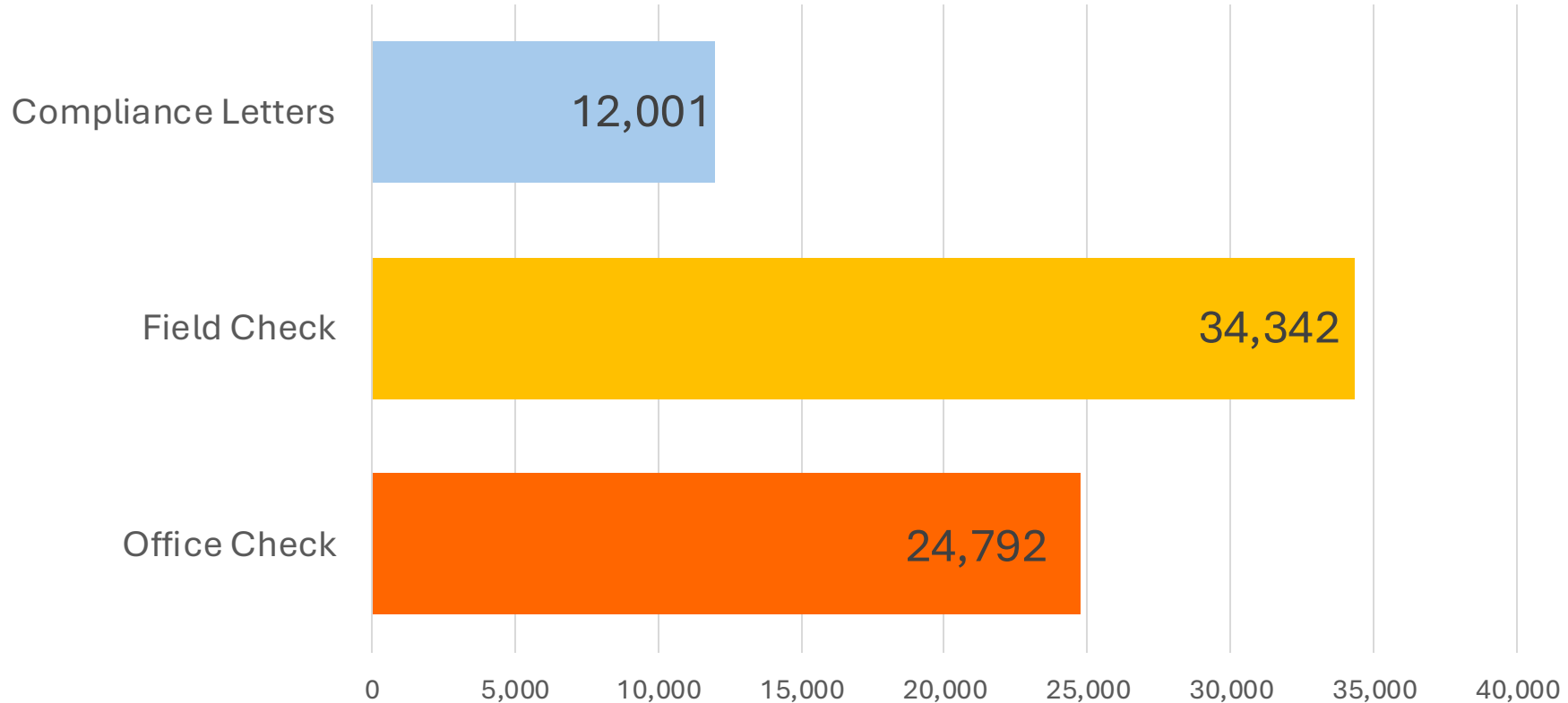
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Office of Investigations

Compliance & Enforcement

Total Figures FY 2026 as of 4/30/2026



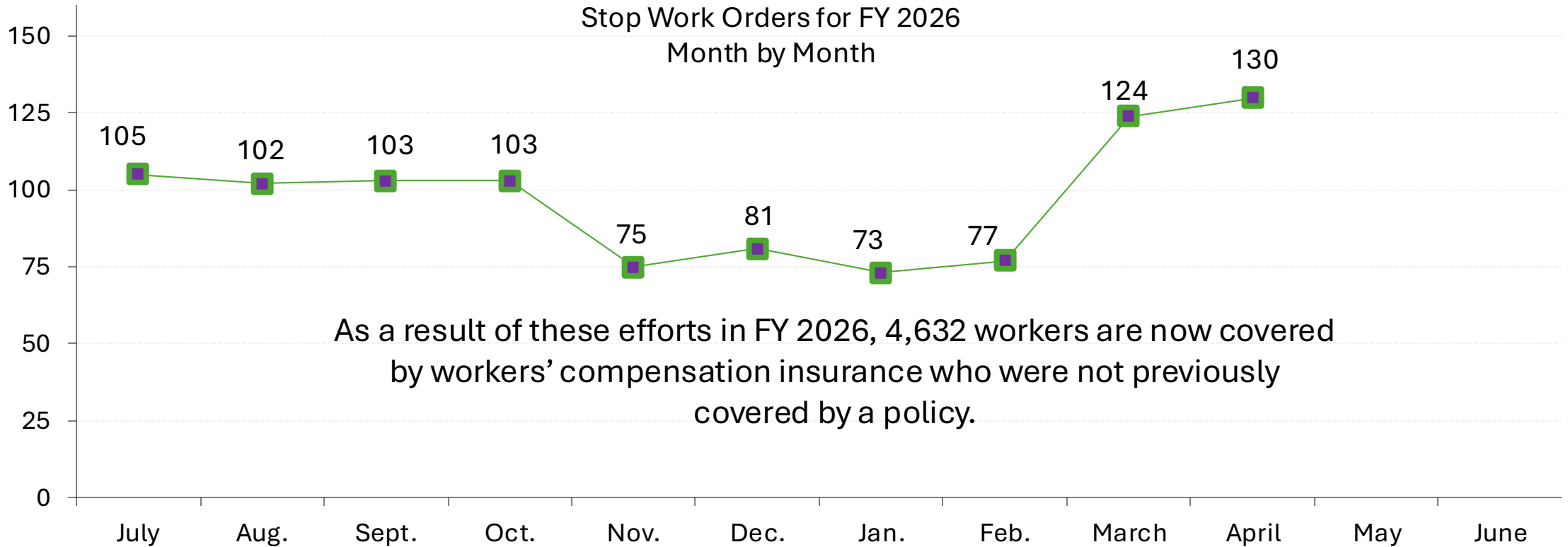
6,009 compliance checks, 359 field investigations were conducted, 606 more employees are newly covered by WC insurance, and 1,025 compliance letters were sent in April. FY 2025, yielded 81,165 compliance checks with 7,082 employees covered by WC insurance.



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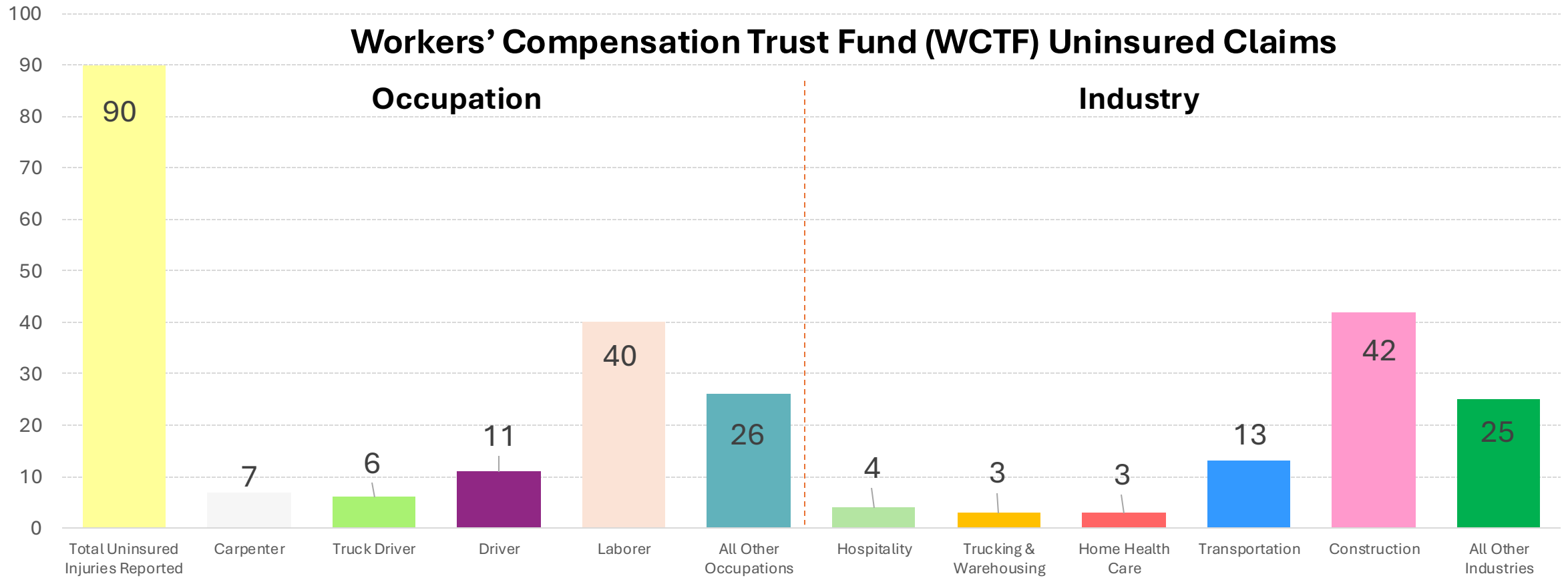
Office of Investigations



Last month 130 Stop Work Orders (SWO) were issued and 7 employers defaulted on an SWOs that were previously issued. 973 SWOs have been issued year-to-date with total fine collections to date of \$523,648. FY 2025 yielded a total of 1,299 SWOs issued, with a total fine collection of \$821,049.



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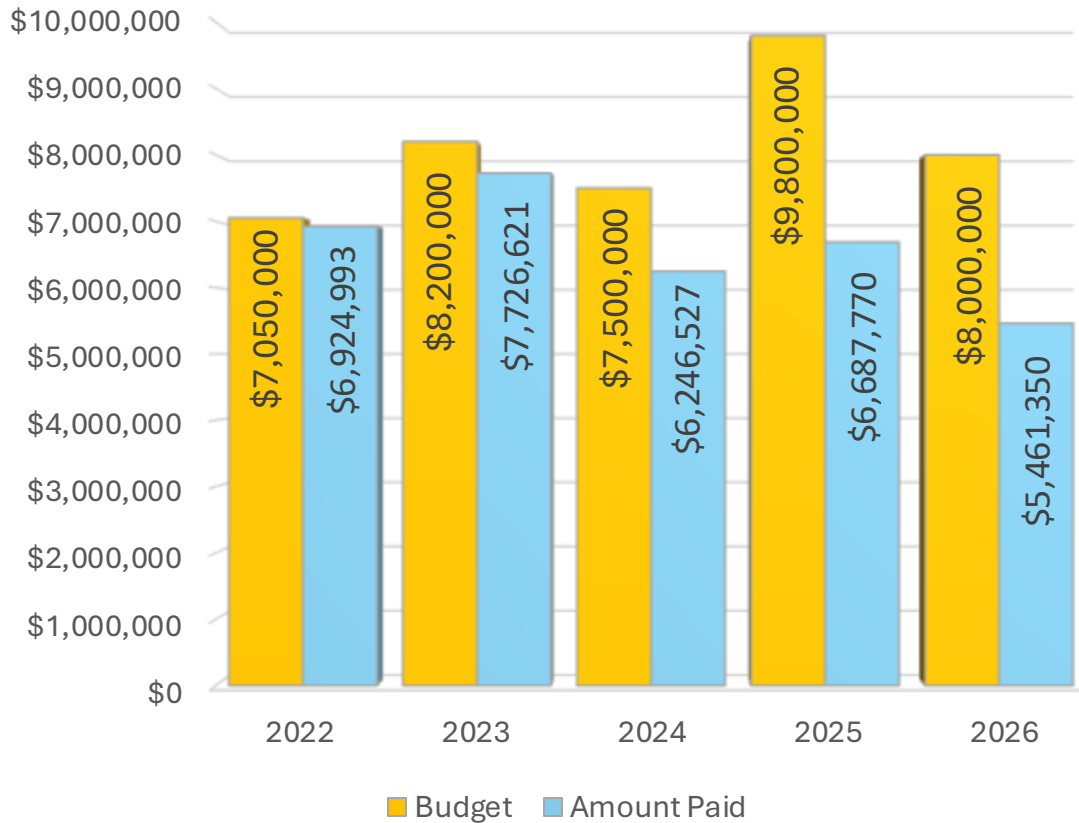
As of April 30th, 90 uninsured injuries have been reported to the WCTF for FY26. Note that one additional claim was refiled from a previous fiscal year and is not counted as a new claim. Please note, claims may be determined to be insured or uninsured after filing. The WCTF received 110 newly reported claims in FY25.



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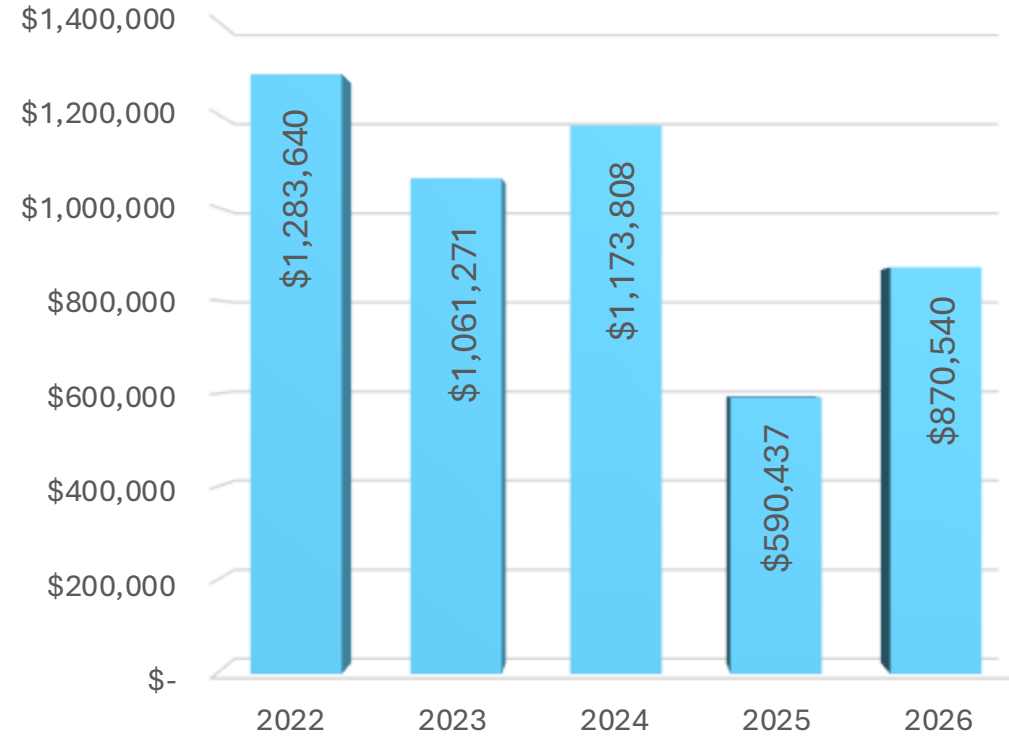


WCTF Fiscal Year Payments



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

Civil Litigation Recovery



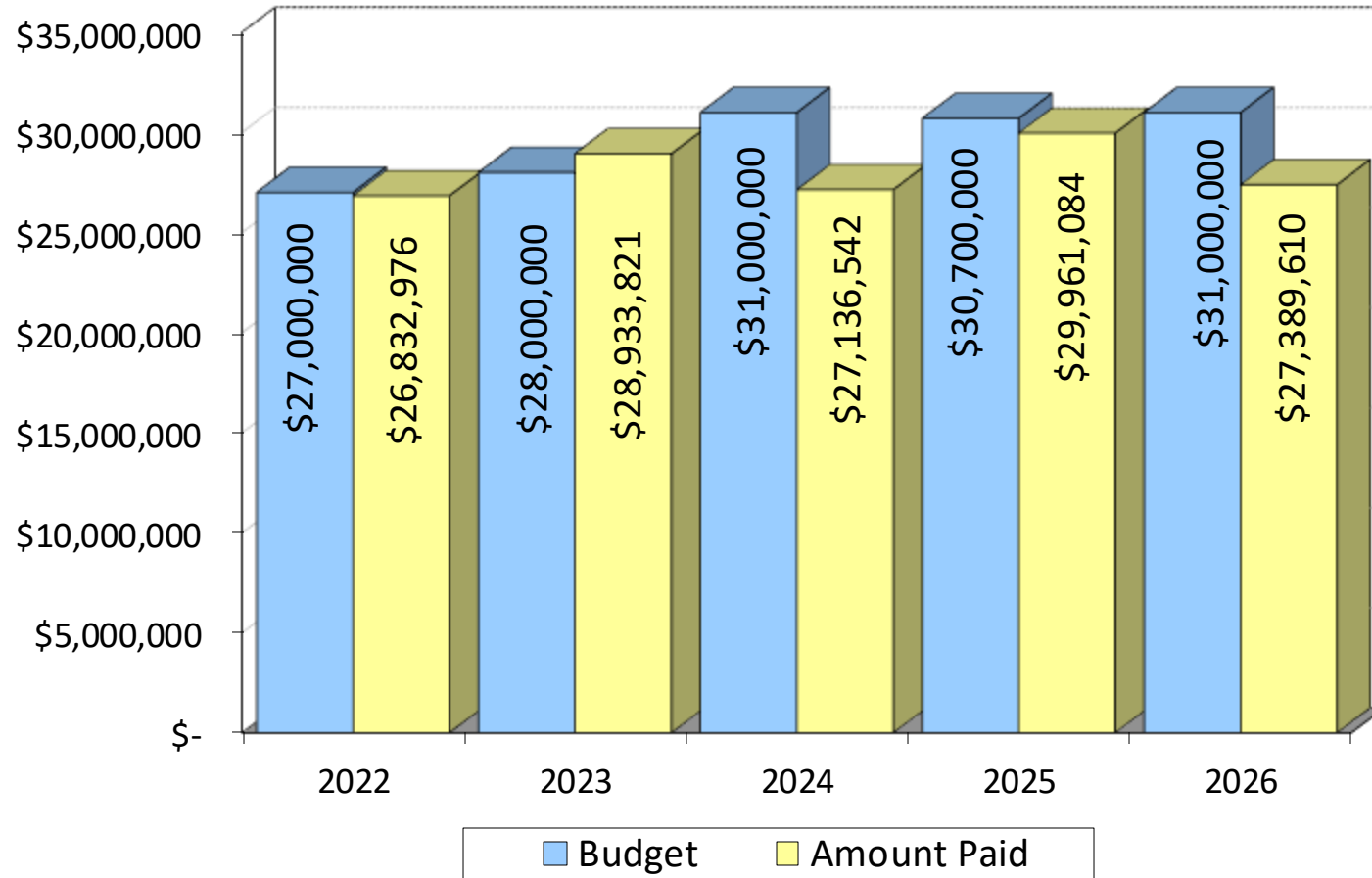
Every effort is made to recover money owed by the uninsured employer pursuant c. 152 §65 (8).



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Second Injury Fund Budget & Payments

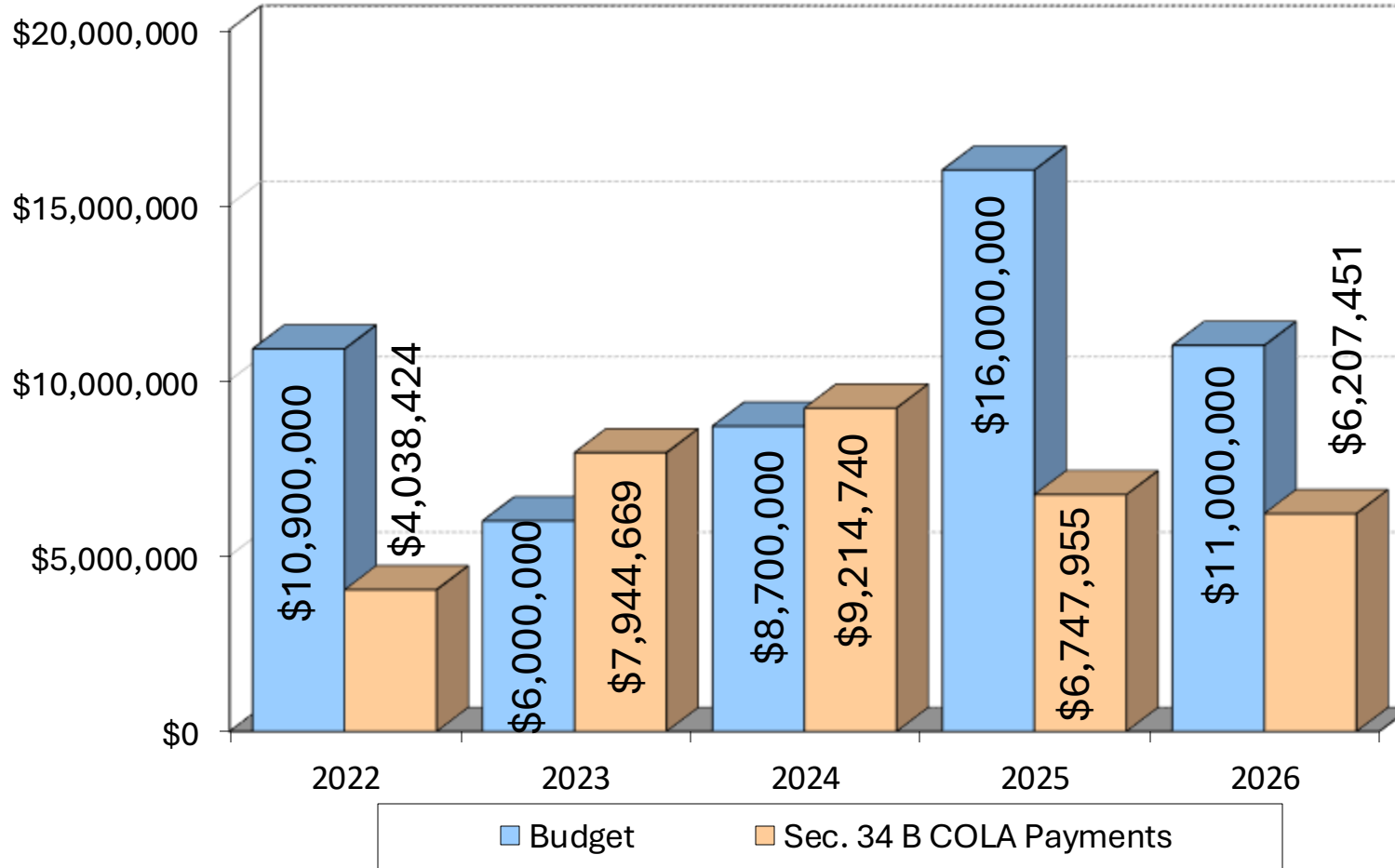


Represents payments made by the WCTF to insurers seeking reimbursement for § 37/37A to include quarterly payments and interest. Additional payments may be in process but have not been registered in MMARS, the state accounting system as the time of this report.



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COLA Reimbursement



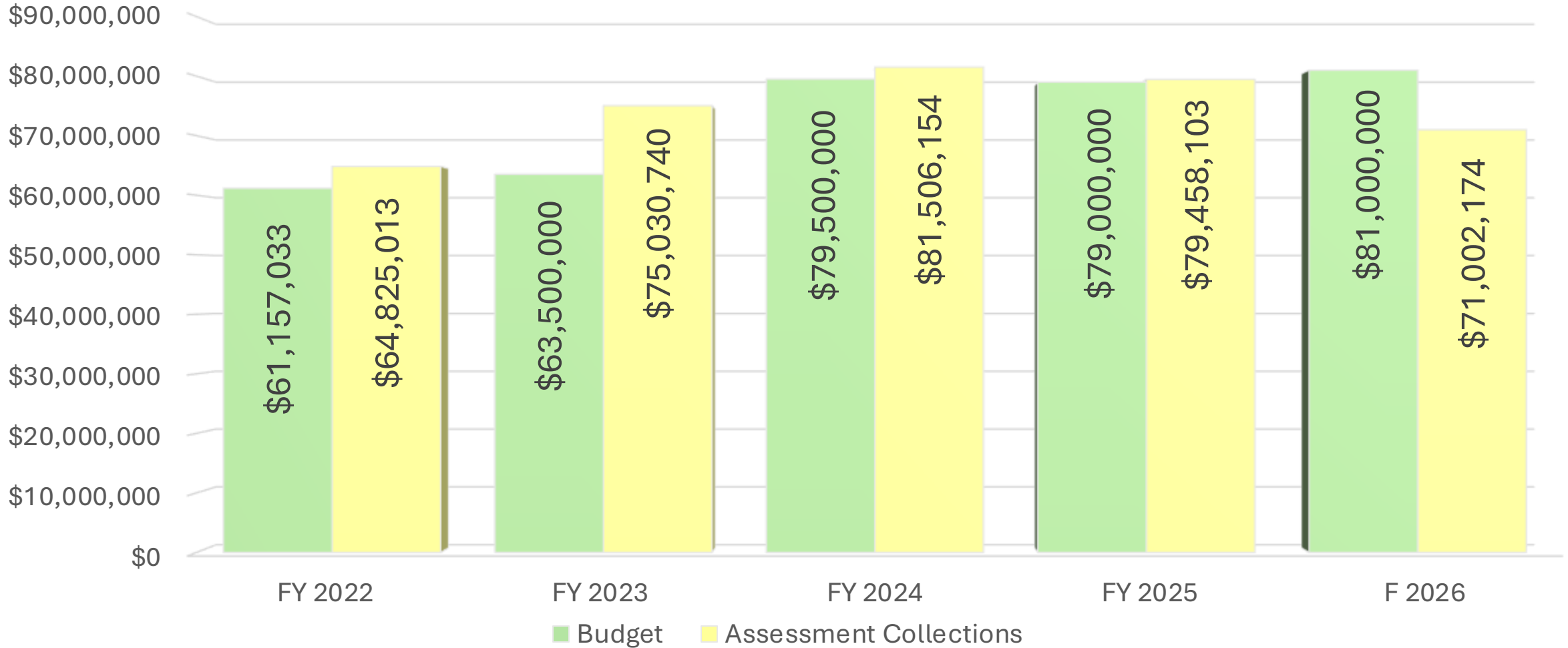
Represents payments made by the WCTF to insurers seeking reimbursement for §34B, Cost of Living Adjustment benefits. Additional payments may be in process that have not yet registered in MMARS at the time of this publication.



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Assessment Collections



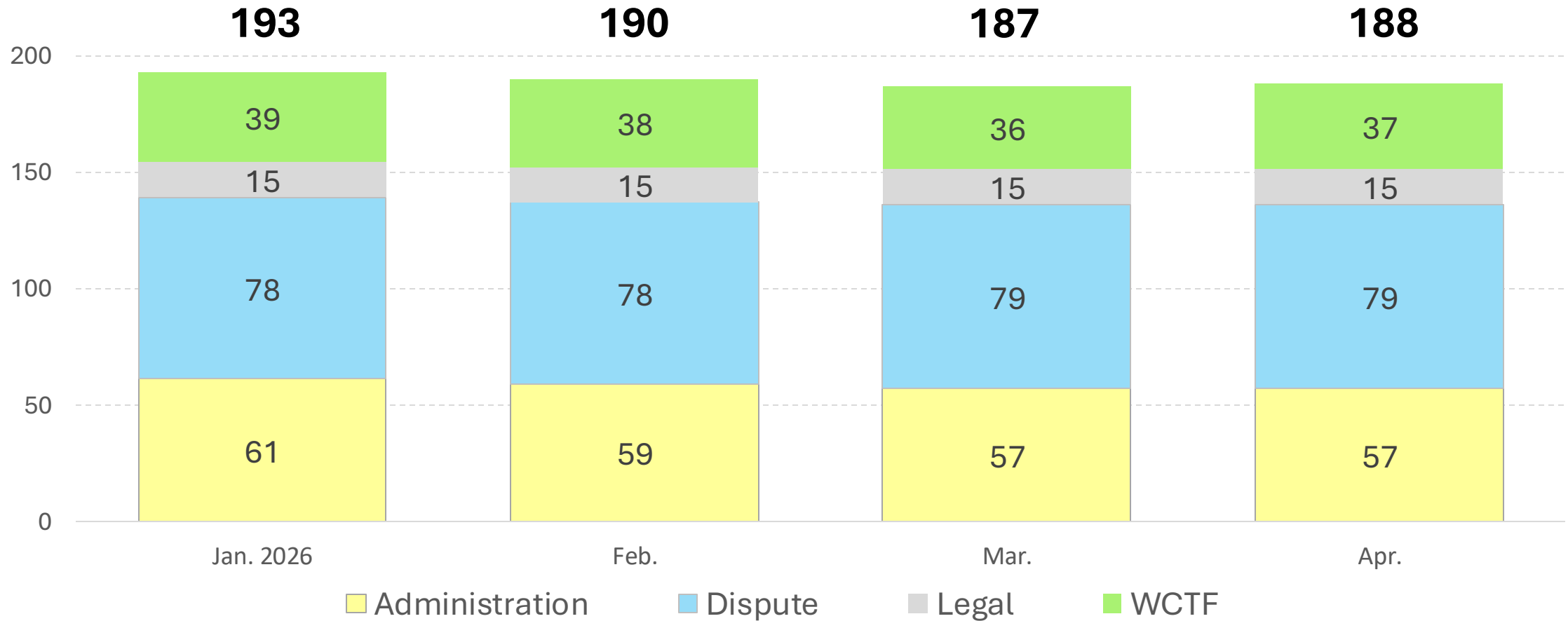
Assessments represent 90%-92% of all DIA Revenue Annually



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DIA Personnel



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.