

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

(Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties)

Arbitration Program Information

The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit is comprised of Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties. In November 1999, the Supreme Court authorized the inception of the program and arbitration hearings began in October 2000. This circuit is the most recent to receive Supreme Court approval to begin operating an arbitration program and is the first to receive permanent authorization to hear cases with damage claims up to \$50,000. Hearings are conducted in the arbitration center located in Rock Island. A supervising judge oversees arbitration matters for all counties and is assisted by arbitration program staff.

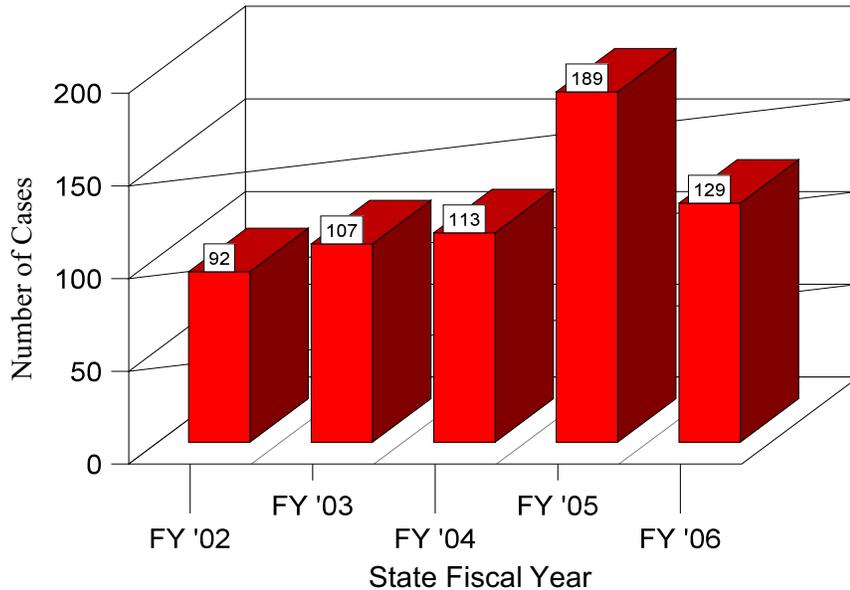
DATA PROFILES

Henry County

Following are charts and diagrams which contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

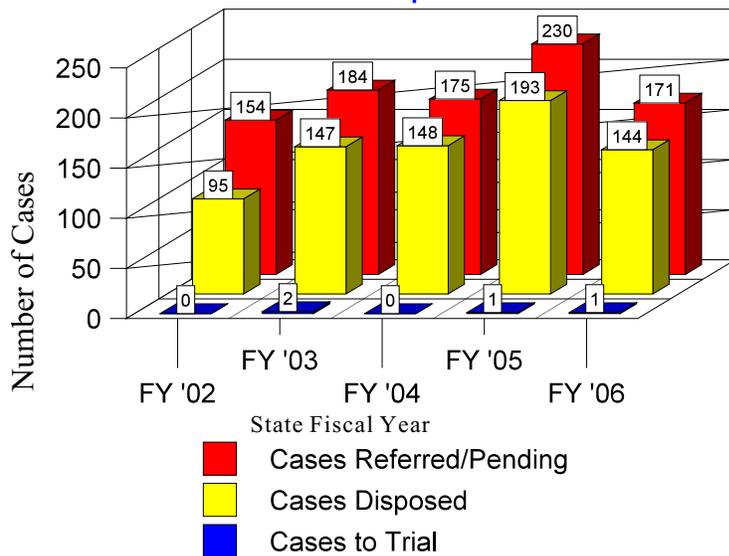
State Fiscal Year 2006 Henry County At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	171
Number of Cases Settled /Dismissed	145
Number of Cases Pending	26
Number of Arbitration Hearings	5
Number of Awards Accepted	2
Number of Awards Rejected	1
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	1

Henry County Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration Five - Year Trend



Since State Fiscal Year 2002, cases referred to Henry County's arbitration program increased annually, until 2006. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration may be directly attributable to Supreme Court Rule 281 which raised the small claims jurisdiction to \$10,000 thereby reducing the number of cases eligible for mandatory arbitration. From 2002 through 2006, an annual average of 126 cases have been referred to arbitration.

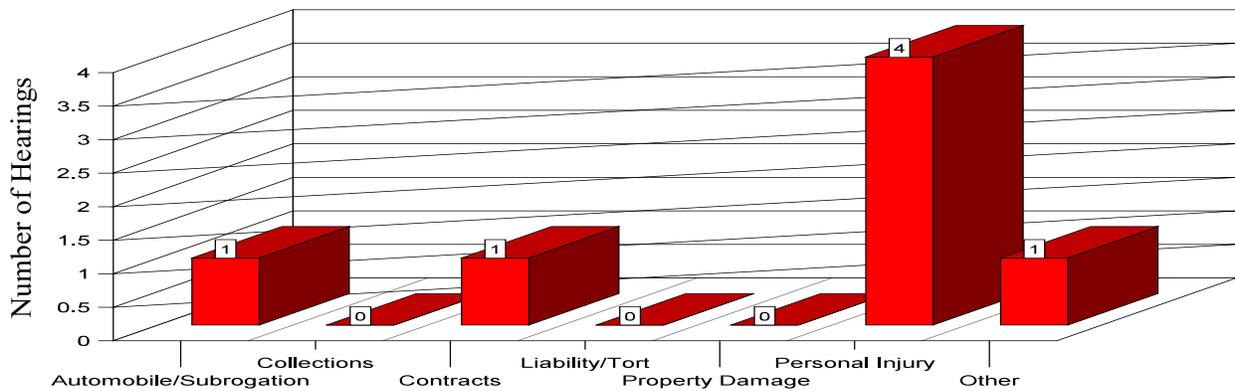
Henry County Five - Year Disposition Trend



The chart above presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which yielded either a disposition or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 84% (144 of 171 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Henry County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly lower than the five year average of 75% and the statewide average of 86%.

In Henry County, only one of the cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

Henry County
Types of Cases that Proceeded to Hearing



Types of Cases

The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. The data indicates that personal injury cases account for a majority (57%) of the arbitration hearings in Henry County.

Henry County
Average Award for Arbitration Hearing and
Average Age (Number of Days) Pending in
Arbitration System by Case Type

<i>Case Type</i>	<i>Average Award</i>	<i>Average Age (Days)</i>
Automobile/Subrogation	\$8,000	Cases Pending
Collections	-0-	-0-
Contracts	\$11,660	817
Liability/Torts	-0-	-0-
Property Damage	-0-	-0-
Personal Injury	\$9,125	367
Other	\$7,341	266

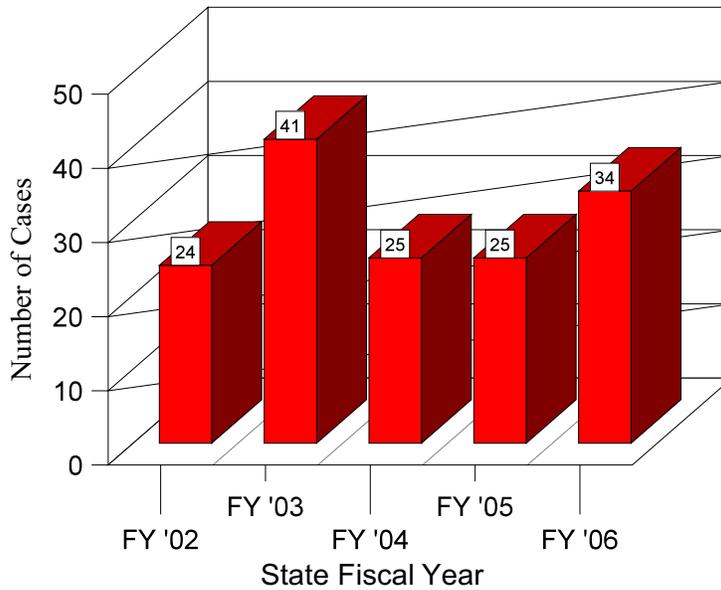
The table above offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration and the average award granted at the time of the hearing. The table also presents data regarding the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the county's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 425 days.

Mercer County

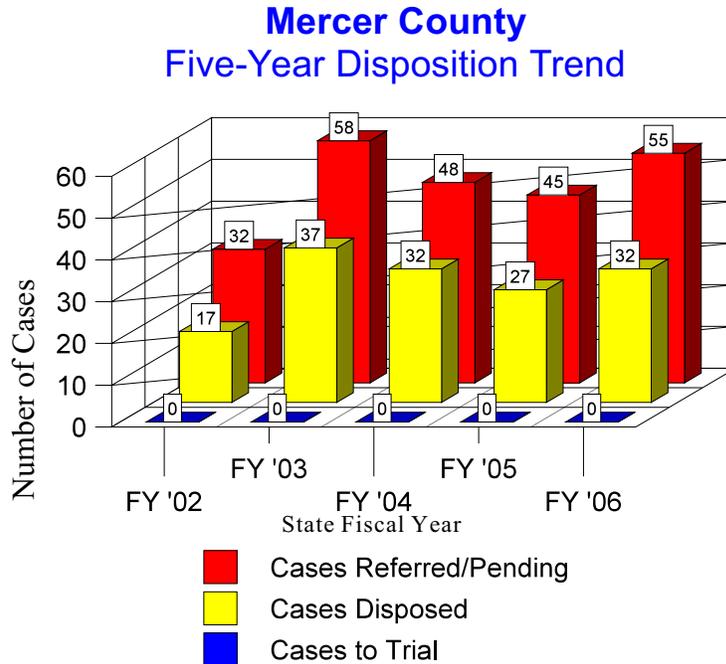
Following are charts and diagrams which contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

State Fiscal Year 2006 Mercer County At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	55
Number of Cases Settled /Dismissed	32
Number of Cases Pending	23
Number of Arbitration Hearings	4
Number of Awards Accepted	1
Number of Awards Rejected	0
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	0

**Mercer County
Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration
Five - Year Trend**



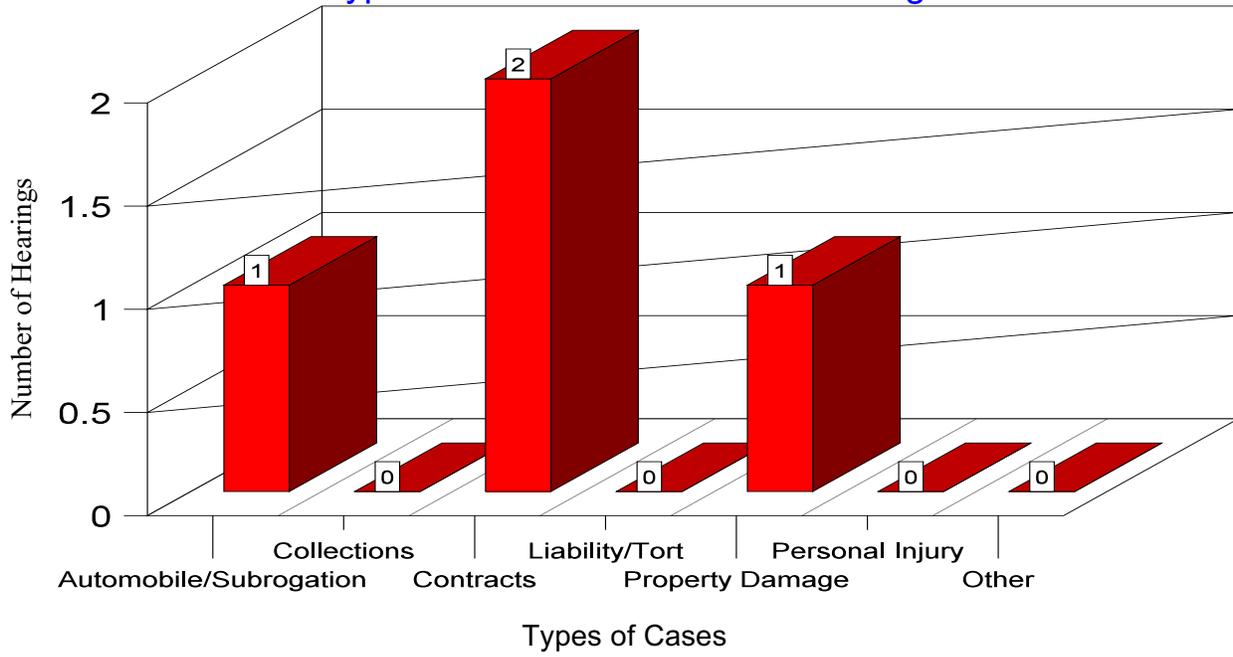
While cases referred to Mercer County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 30 cases per year were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.



The chart above presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which yielded either a disposition or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 58% (32 of 55 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Mercer County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly lower than the five year average of 61% and is less than the statewide average of 86%.

In Mercer County, none of the cases litigated in arbitration proceeded to trial.

Mercer County
Types of Cases that went to Hearing



The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. The data indicates that contract cases account for a majority (50%) of the arbitration hearings in Mercer County.

Mercer County
Average Award for Arbitration Hearing and
Average Age (Number of Days) Pending in
Arbitration System by Case Type

Case Type	Average Award	Average Age (Days)
Automobile/Subrogation	\$21,000	Case Pending
Collections	-0-	-0-
Contracts	\$15,600	606
Liability/Torts	-0-	-0-
Property Damage	\$3,613	1,499
Personal Injury	-0-	-0-
Other	-0-	-0-

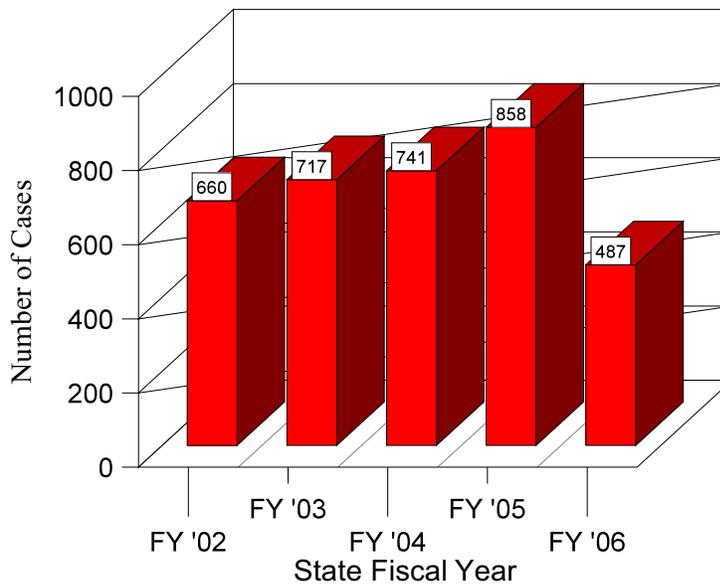
The table above offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration; the average award granted at the time of the hearing; and the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the county's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 904 days.

Rock Island County

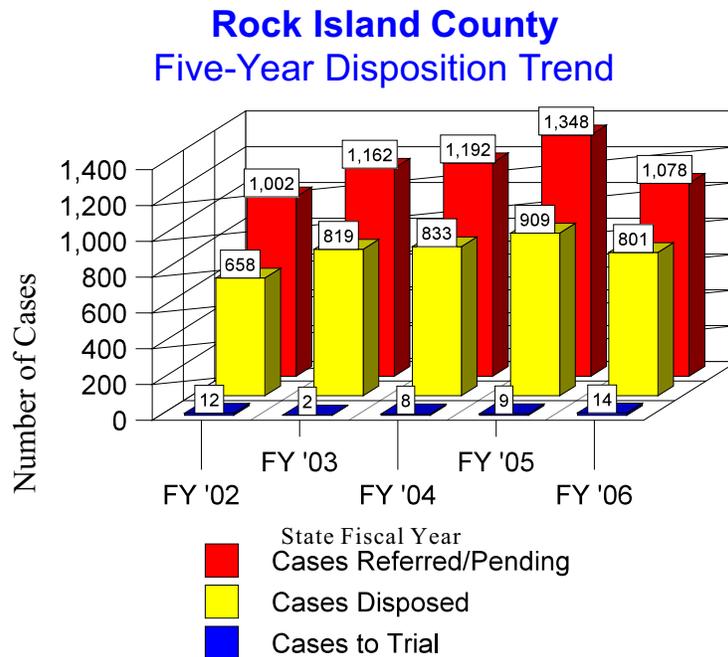
Following are charts and diagrams which contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

State Fiscal Year 2006 Rock Island County At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	1,078
Number of Cases Settled /Dismissed	815
Number of Cases Pending	263
Number of Arbitration Hearings	107
Number of Awards Accepted	15
Number of Awards Rejected	53
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	14

Rock Island County
Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration
Five - Year Trend



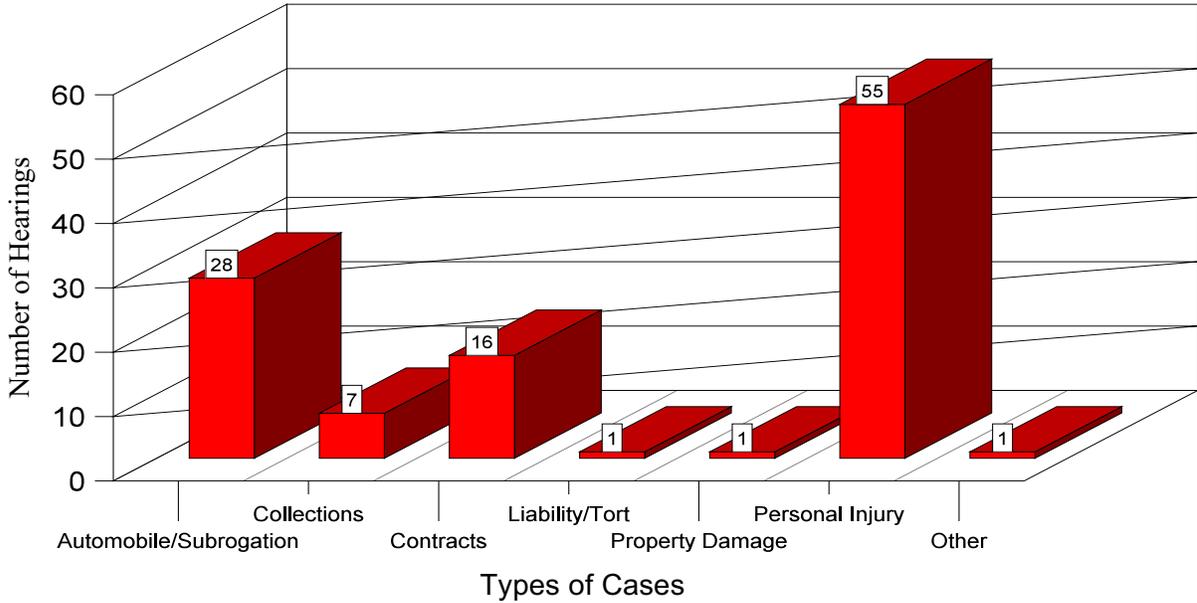
Since State Fiscal Year 2002, cases referred to Rock Island County's arbitration program have increased annually, until 2006. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration may be directly attributable to Supreme Court Rule 281 which raised the small claims jurisdiction to \$10,000 thereby reducing the number of cases eligible for mandatory arbitration. From 2002 through 2006, an annual average of 693 cases have been referred to arbitration.



The chart above presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which yielded either a disposition or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 76% (815 of 1078 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Rock Island County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five year average of 70% and is less than the statewide average of 86%.

In Rock Island County, only one percent (1%) of the cases (14 of the 1,078) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

Rock Island County
Types of Cases that Proceeded to Hearing



The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. The data indicates that personal injury cases account for a majority (50%) of the arbitration hearings in Rock Island County.

Rock Island County
Average Award for Arbitration Hearing and
Average Age (Number of Days) Pending in
Arbitration System by Case Type

Case Type	Average Award	Average Age (Days)
Automobile/Subrogation	\$4,813	211
Collections	\$3,047	184
Contracts	\$4,740	159
Liability/Torts	\$2,500	Case Pending
Property Damage	\$3,000	170
Personal Injury	\$2,849	147
Other	\$32,274	365

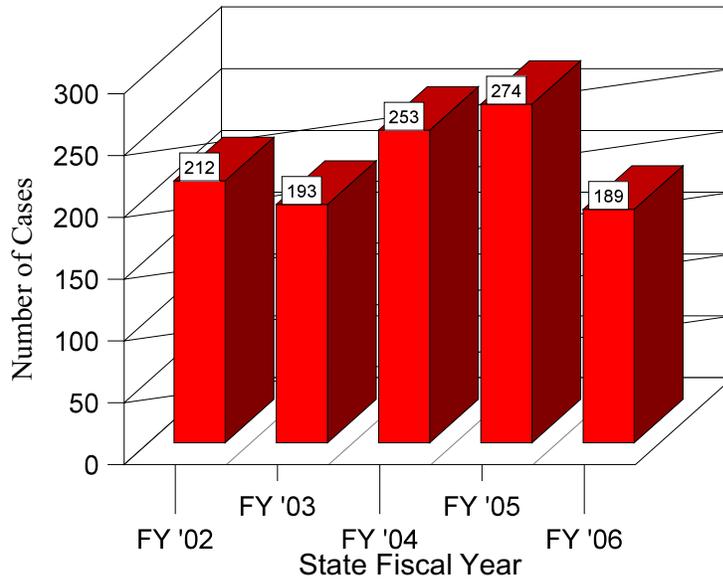
The table above offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration and the average award granted at the time of the hearing. The table also presents data regarding the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the county's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 170 days.

Whiteside County

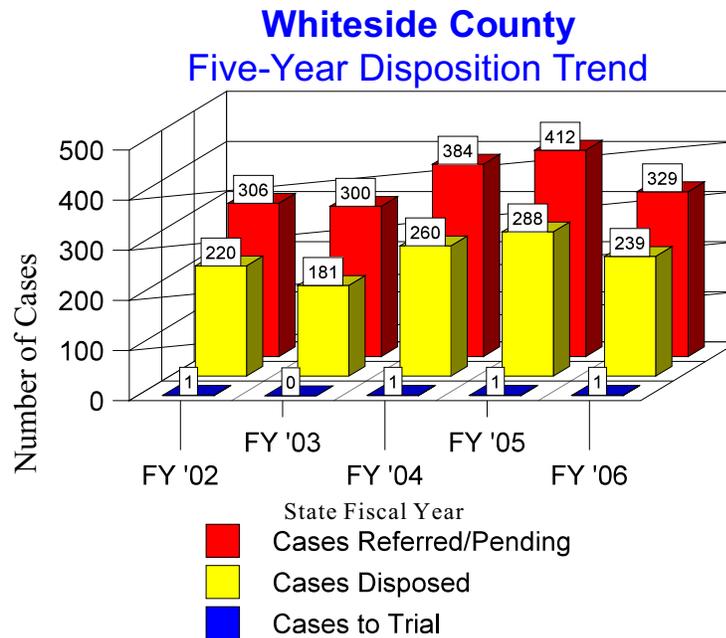
Following are charts and diagrams which contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

State Fiscal Year 2006 Whiteside County At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	329
Number of Cases Settled /Dismissed	240
Number of Cases Pending	89
Number of Arbitration Hearings	12
Number of Awards Accepted	2
Number of Awards Rejected	5
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	1

Whiteside County Cases Referred to Mandatory Arbitration Five - Year Trend



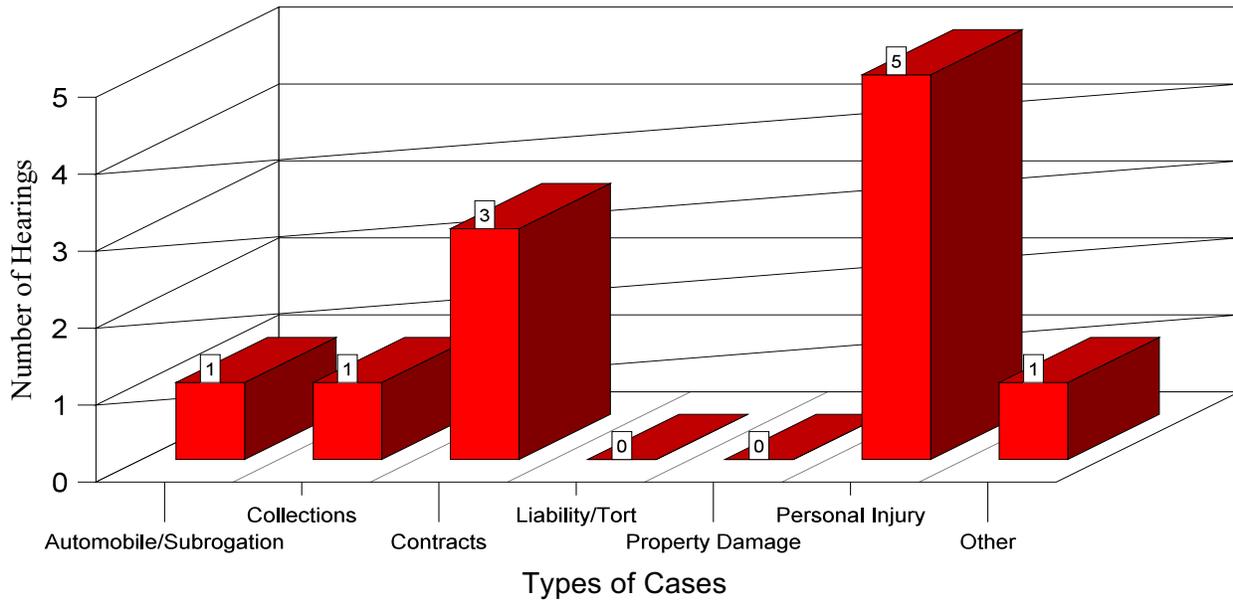
While cases referred to Whiteside County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 224 cases per year were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.



The chart above presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which yielded either a disposition or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 73% (239 of 329 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Whiteside County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five year average of 69% and is less than the statewide average of 86%.

In Whiteside County, only one case filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

Whiteside County
Types of Cases that Proceeded to Hearing



The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. The data indicates that personal injury cases account for a majority (45%) of the arbitration hearings in Whiteside County.

Whiteside County
Average Award for Arbitration Hearing and
Average Age (Number of Days) Pending in
Arbitration System by Case Type

Case Type	Average Award	Average Age (Days)
Automobile/Subrogation	\$16,500	1,522
Collections	\$10,960	231
Contracts	\$6,867	165
Liability/Torts	-0-	-0-
Property Damage	-0-	-0-
Personal Injury	\$10,159	732
Other	\$18,500	752

The table above offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration and the average award granted at the time of the hearing. The table also presents data regarding the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the county's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 605 days.