

Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court
Annual Caseload Report

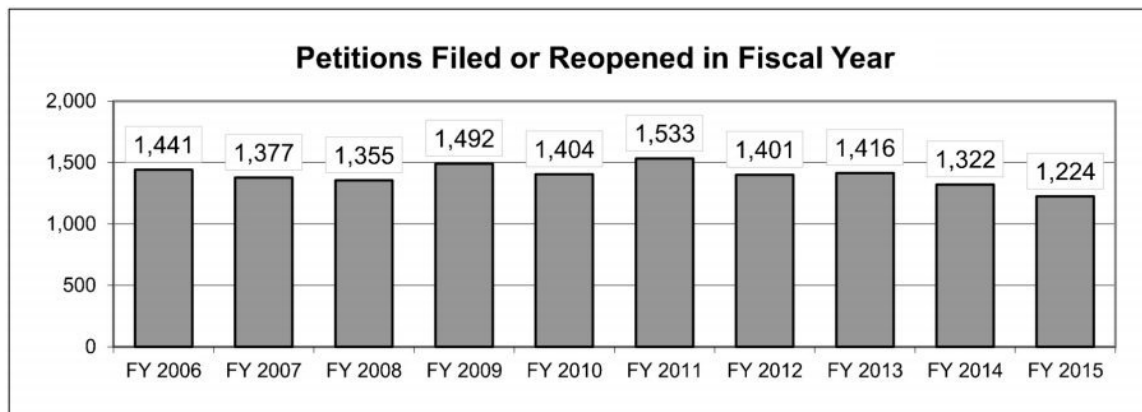


Fiscal Year 2015

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Litigation Summary

Petitions in Fiscal Year	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Petitions Pending at Beginning of Fiscal Year	1,369	1,358	1,318	1,331	1,326
Petitions Filed in Fiscal Year	1,084	1,151	1,232	1,168	1,316
Reopened Petitions Filed in Fiscal Year	140	171	184	233	217
Total Petitions	2,593	2,680	2,734	2,732	2,859
Dispositions in Fiscal Year					
Decisions Issued	166	181	223	241	282
Stipulated Awards	34	30	50	40	28
Lump Sum Settlements Approved	210	258	251	253	323
Releases of Liability Filed	515	529	520	491	452
Voluntary or Summary Dismissals	339	313	332	389	443
Total Dispositions	1,264	1,311	1,376	1,414	1,528
Total Petitions Pending at End of Fiscal Year	1,329	1,369	1,358	1,318	1,331



Settlement Summary

Applications for Lump Sum Settlement in Fiscal Year ¹	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Applications Pending at Beginning of Fiscal Year	56	54	48	36	53
Applications Filed in Fiscal Year	843	943	994	1,001	1,020
Total Applications	898	997	1,042	1,037	1,073
Dispositions in Fiscal Year					
Applications Approved – No Litigation	529	534	570	593	610
Applications Approved – Litigation	308	368	390	360	402
Applications – Total Approved	837	902	960	953	1,012
Applications – Total Disapproved	31	39	28	36	25
Total Dispositions	868	941	988	989	1,037
Total Applications Pending at End of Fiscal Year	30	56	54	48	36

Releases of Liability in Fiscal Year ¹	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Releases Filed – No Litigation	286	266	269	287	255
Releases Filed – Litigation	641	625	619	601	542
Total Releases Filed	927	891	888	888	797

¹ LB 630, which became effective May 27, 2009, amended § 48-139 to eliminate mandatory court approval of some settlement agreements and to require the filing of a release for those settlements no longer requiring court approval.

