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## AT A GLANCE

- Five appellate judges, who sit as panels of three or five.
- Budget 100% funded by the Workers Compensation Fund, through the Special Compensation Fund assessment.
- We review workers' compensation appeals from the Office of Administrative Hearings, the Department of Labor & Industry and union workers' compensation arbitration.
- We also decide petitions to reopen workers' compensation settlements.
- Our website provides information, rules and searchable text of decisions of the court.
- Appeals from our decisions proceed directly to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

## PURPOSE

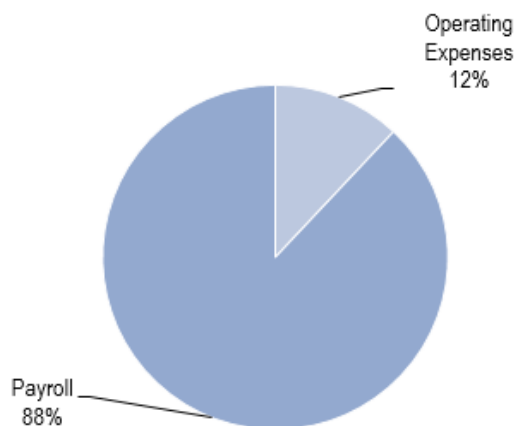
The Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals' mission is to provide equal access to fair and timely review of disputed workers' compensation issues which affect entitlement to and delivery of workers' compensation wage loss and medical benefits.

Outcomes advanced include:

- Efficient and accountable government services
- A thriving economy that encourages business growth and employment opportunities
- People in Minnesota are safe
- All Minnesotans have optimal health

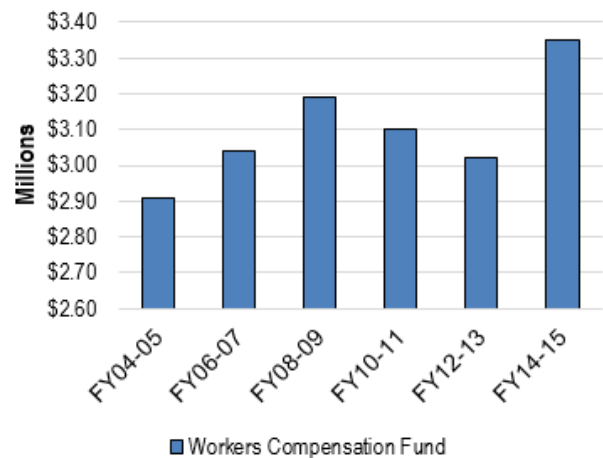
## BUDGET

**Spending by Category  
FY 15 Actual**



Source: SWIFT

**Historical Spending**



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

## STRATEGIES

We work to provide equal access to fair and timely review of disputes before us by:

- Reviewing the evidentiary record created by the initial decision making body;
- Presiding over oral arguments;
- Conducting necessary legal research;
- Deciding the issues; and
- Issuing appropriate written orders, decisions and memoranda.

## RESULTS

We decide disputes before us promptly under our statutory mandate to:

- Ensure the quick and efficient delivery of benefits to injured workers at a reasonable cost to employers;
- Maintain economic stability for injured workers and their families;
- Provide for appropriate medical treatment of work-related illnesses and injuries;
- Support a competitive business climate for Minnesota employers by reducing the amount of litigation; and
- Support employers in creating safe and healthy work environments.

Decisions are written to inform the parties and the public of the bases for the court's decisions and to create a consistent body of law interpreting and applying the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act. Our decisions are provided to the public both in published volumes and at: <http://search.state.mn.us/workcomp/>.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Cases processed by the WCCA	116	111	FY 2014: FY 2015
Quality	Average number of days between case assignment and issuance of decision	49	48	FY 2014: FY 2015
Results	% of WCCA decisions reversed by Supreme Court	3%	2%	FY 2014: FY 2015

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The legal authority for the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals is provided by Minn. Stat. Chapters 175A and 176 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=175A>; <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=176>).

(Dollars in Thousands)

**Expenditures By Fund**

	Actual FY14	Actual FY15	Actual FY16	Estimate FY17	Forecasted Base	
					FY18	FY19
2830 - Workers Compensation	1,633	1,714	1,752	1,978	1,913	1,913
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>1,913</b>
Biennial Change				383		96
Biennial % Change				11		3

**Expenditures by Program**

Program: Workers Comp Ct Of Appeals	1,633	1,714	1,752	1,978	1,913	1,913
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>1,913</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	1,435	1,513	1,541	1,695	1,683	1,683
Operating Expenses	187	194	211	281	228	228
Other Financial Transactions		7		2	2	2
Capital Outlay-Real Property	11					
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>1,913</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

<b>12.9</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>
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**2830 - Workers Compensation**

	Actual		Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base	
	FY14	FY 15	FY 16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Balance Forward In	0	280	0	65	0	0
Direct Appropriation	1,913	1,703	1,817	1,913	1,913	1,913
Net Transfers	0	(87)	0	0	0	0
Cancellations	0	182	0	0	0	0
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<i>Biennial Change in Expenditures</i>				383		96
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