

State of Ohio
Industrial Commission

Role and Overview

The [Industrial Commission](#) (OIC) conducts hearings on workers' compensation issues. The hearing process begins when the commission assumes jurisdiction of an issue after an appeal of a Bureau of Workers' Compensation order. The hearings, which are quasi-judicial in nature, are conducted at three levels within the commission. The first level is the district hearing level. If the district level decision is appealed, a staff hearing is held. If this decision is appealed, a hearing may be held before the three-member commission. This hearing is discretionary and is based on criteria set forth in an OIC resolution. Any further appeals are handled through the court system where the Attorney General's Office represents the commission.

The office is governed by a three-member commission appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each member is required to have six or more years of recognized expertise in the field of workers' compensation and at least one member is required to be a licensed attorney. One of the commissioners acts as a representative of employers, another acts as a representative of employees, and the remaining commissioner acts as a representative of the public. From among the three members, the chairperson, who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor, acts as head of the commission and the chief executive officer for the agency.

The commission has 554 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$60 million.

Executive Priorities for the Industrial Commission

- Provide fair and impartial resolutions to disputes in workers' compensation claims through an easily accessible hearing process completed within time frames mandated by the state legislature.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands)				ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED				
BUDGET FUND GROUP	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	CHANGE FY 04-05	FY 2006	%	CHANGE	FY 2007	%
Workers' Compensation Fund Group	50,718	51,100	50,087	59,999	19.8	59,999	.0		59,999	.0
TOTAL	50,718	51,100	50,087	59,999	19.8	59,999	.0		59,999	.0

(In thousands)				ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED				
OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	CHANGE FY 04-05	FY 2006	%	CHANGE	FY 2007	%
Personal Services	33,649	35,025	34,502	40,012	16.0	40,171	.4		40,171	.0
Purchased Services	1,561	1,120	1,250	2,026	62.1	1,117	(44.9)		1,117	.0
Maintenance	10,501	10,788	8,746	12,113	38.5	12,613	4.1		12,613	.0
Equipment	1,732	1,014	2,130	2,393	12.4	2,643	10.4		2,643	.0
Transfer & Other	3,275	3,152	3,458	3,455	(.1)	3,455	.0		3,455	.0
TOTAL	50,718	51,100	50,087	59,999	19.8	59,999	.0		59,999	.0

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PROGRAM SERIES 01: Adjudication of Workers' Compensation Claims

This program series serves injured workers and their employers through expeditious and impartial resolutions of issues arising from workers' compensation claims.

Program 01.01: Adjudicating Disputed Workers' Compensation Claims

This program adjudicates all disputed workers' compensation claims by providing an administrative court structure for the workers' compensation system.

What the Budget Buys:

- Funds 554 employees who manage hearings, adjudicate disputed claims, and process over 199,000 approved claims per year.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
WCF	5W3	845-321	Operating Expenses	50,270,800	50,270,800
WCF	5W3	845-402	Rent-William Green Building	6,116,466	6,116,466
WCF	5W3	845-410	Attorney General Payments	3,454,984	3,454,984
WCF	821	845-605	Service Account	157,133	157,133
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				59,999,383	59,999,383

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Industrial Commission

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
023	845-321	Operating Expenses	42,589,470	42,783,719	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
023	845-402	Rent-William Green Building	4,858,462	5,058,583	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
023	845-410	Attorney General Payments	3,264,855	3,152,382	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
5W3	845-321	Operating Expenses	0	0	43,593,839	50,370,800	50,270,800	(.2)	50,270,800	.0
5W3	845-402	Rent-William Green Building	0	0	2,910,423	6,016,466	6,116,466	1.7	6,116,466	.0
5W3	845-410	Attorney General Payments	0	0	3,454,984	3,454,984	3,454,984	.0	3,454,984	.0
821	845-605	Service Account	4,833	105,140	127,367	157,133	157,133	.0	157,133	.0
TOTAL Workers' Compensation Fund Group			50,717,620	51,099,824	50,086,613	59,999,383	59,999,383	.0	59,999,383	.0
TOTAL Industrial Commission			50,717,620	51,099,824	50,086,613	59,999,383	59,999,383	.0	59,999,383	.0