

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.

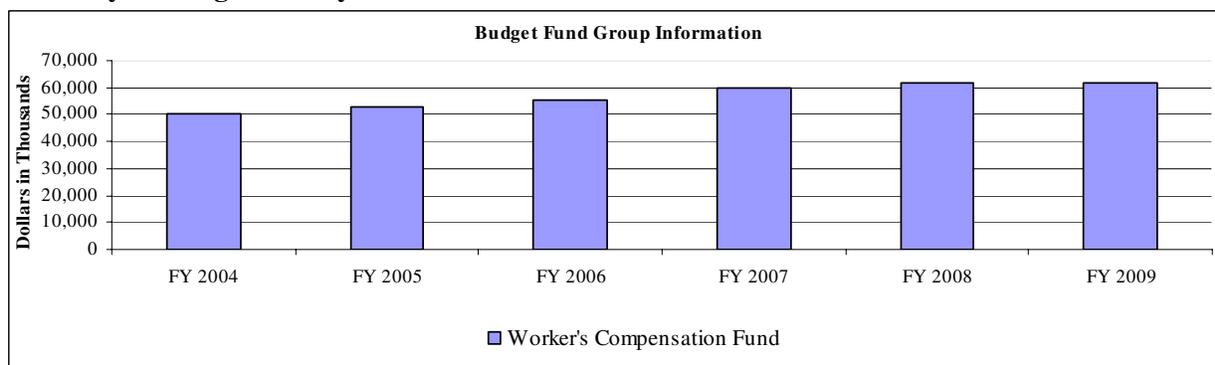
The office is governed by a three-member commission appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each member is required to have six or more years of recognized expertise in the field of workers' compensation and at least one member is required to be a licensed attorney. One 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 approximately 554 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$60 million.

More information regarding the Ohio Industrial Commission is available at <http://www.ohioic.com/>.

Agency Priorities

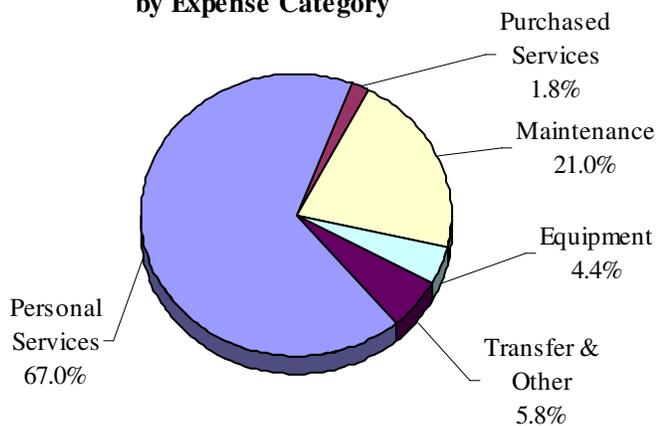
- Provide fair and impartial resolutions to disputes in workers' compensation claims through an easily accessible hearing process completed within the time frames mandated by law.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In thousands)	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006			FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	CHANGE
Workers' Compensation Fund Group	50,087	52,730	55,075	59,999	8.9	61,799	3.0	61,799	.0
TOTAL	50,087	52,730	55,075	59,999	8.9	61,799	3.0	61,799	.0

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category**



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Personal Services	34,502	35,500	37,876	38,933	2.8	41,410	6.4	41,410	.0
Purchased Services	1,250	1,717	1,318	2,217	68.2	1,117	(49.6)	1,117	.0
Maintenance	8,746	10,117	11,411	12,823	12.4	12,991	1.3	12,991	.0
Equipment	2,130	2,106	1,071	2,571	140.0	2,723	5.9	2,723	.0
Transfer & Other	3,458	3,290	3,398	3,455	1.7	3,559	3.0	3,559	.0
TOTAL	50,087	52,730	55,075	59,999	8.9	61,799	3.0	61,799	.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Claims Adjudication

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The Executive Recommendation will:

- Fund 535 employees who will manage hearings, adjudicate disputed claims, and process over 188,500 approved claims per year;
- Fund William Green rent payments; and
- Fund payments made to the Attorney General's office for legal services.

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FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
WCF	5W3	845-321	Operating Expenses	51,778,924	51,778,924
WCF	5W3	845-402	Rent-William Green Building	6,299,960	6,299,960
WCF	5W3	845-410	Attorney General Payments	3,558,634	3,558,634
WCF	821	845-605	Program Support	161,847	161,847
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				61,799,365	61,799,365

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Industrial Commission

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
5W3	845-321	Operating Expenses	43,593,839	45,163,661	45,772,289	50,270,800	51,778,924	3.0	51,778,924	.0
5W3	845-402	Rent-William Green Building	2,910,423	4,181,997	5,884,383	6,116,466	6,299,960	3.0	6,299,960	.0
5W3	845-410	Attorney General Payments	3,454,984	3,289,747	3,397,971	3,454,984	3,558,634	3.0	3,558,634	.0
821	845-605	Program Support	127,367	94,851	20,368	157,133	161,847	3.0	161,847	.0
TOTAL Workers' Compensation Fund Group			50,086,613	52,730,256	55,075,011	59,999,383	61,799,365	3.0	61,799,365	.0
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