

Montana Workers' Compensation Court Information for 2005 Legislature

- **Adjudicates workers' compensation, occupational disease, independent contractor, and employment preference disputes**
- **Statewide Jurisdiction – traveling trial court**
- **Funding: Special Revenue**

Employees: FY 93 7
 FY 04 5

Workload Snapshot	1993	2004
Petitions Filed	320	261
Trials and Hearings	50	68
Published Decisions	55	79
Settlement Conferences	0	51

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Workload Challenges:

- Decision writing
- Common Fund cases: The common fund extends to "all claimants regardless of insurer. . . . The Workers' Compensation Court shall supervise enforcement of the common fund" *Ruhd v. Liberty Northwest Ins. Corp.*, 2004 MT 236.

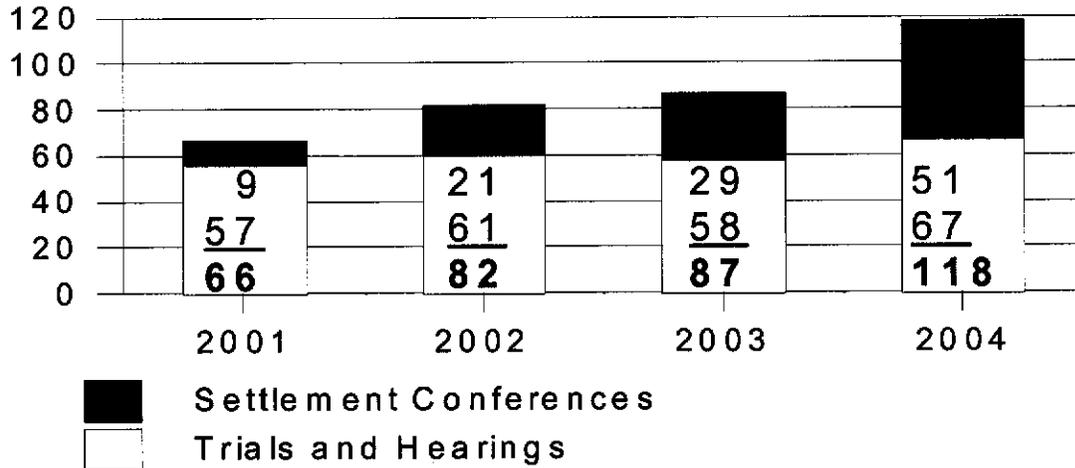
Decision Packages:

- Additional experienced staff attorney
- Additional funds for travel and court reporters due to increased number of trials

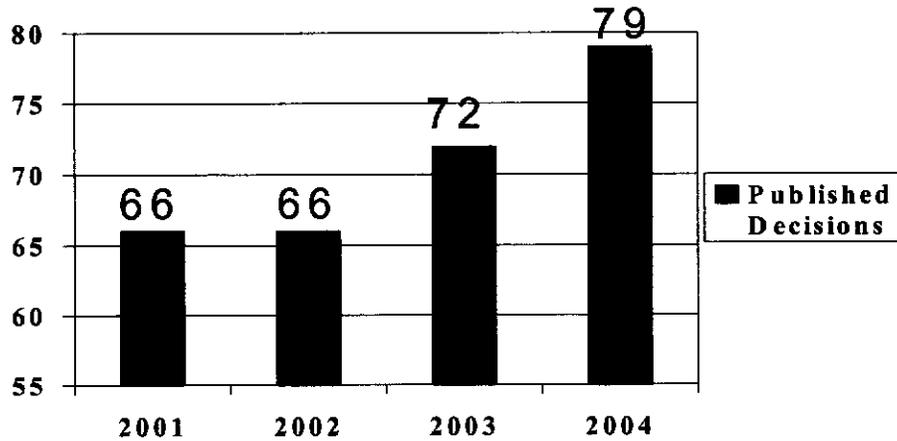
Further Information: www.wcc.dli.mt.gov

MONTANA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT

Trials and Settlement Conferences FY 2001 to 2004



PUBLISHED DECISIONS BY CALENDAR YEAR



PETITIONS BY FISCAL YEAR

