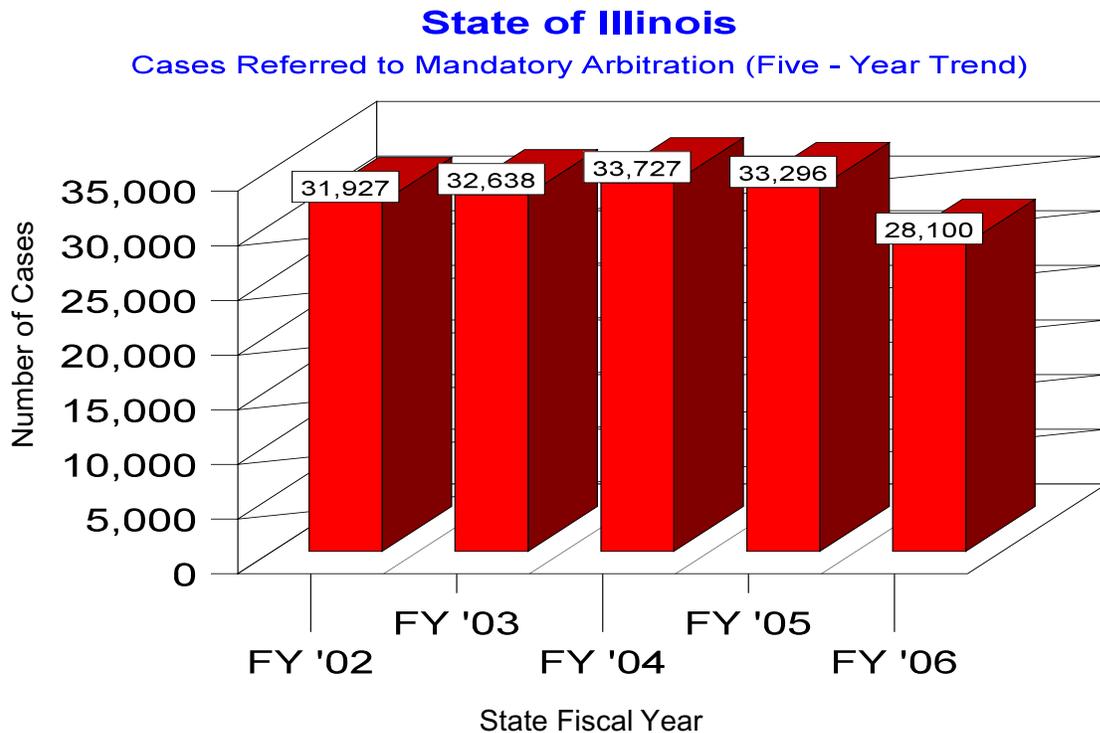


# STATEWIDE DATA PROFILE

(Includes Information from Illinois' Fifteen Arbitration Programs)

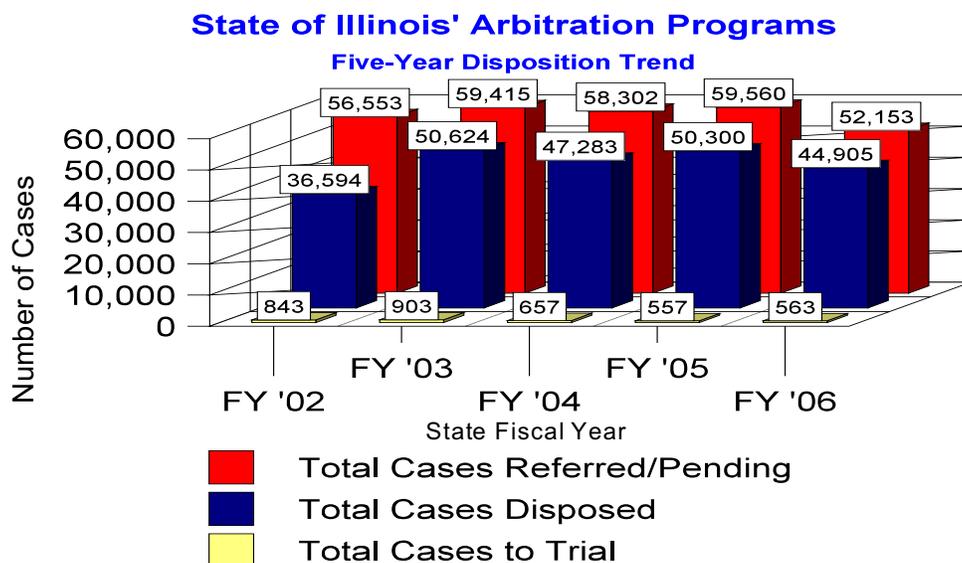
Following are charts and diagrams which contain data from State Fiscal Year 2006.

<b>State Fiscal Year 2006 State of Illinois At A Glance Arbitration Caseload Information</b>	
Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration .....	52,153
Number of Cases Settled /Dismissed .....	45,468
Number of Cases Pending .....	7,845
Number of Arbitration Hearings .....	10,484
Number of Awards Accepted .....	2,481
Number of Awards Rejected .....	5,385
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial .....	563



While the number of cases referred to Illinois' arbitration programs vary annually, an average of 31,938 cases were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

In State Fiscal Year 2006, only 28,100 cases entered the mandatory arbitration process. This represents a 5,196 case decline (almost 16%) from the previous State Fiscal Year 2005. The January 1, 2006, Supreme Court Rule 281 amendment, which expanded the small claims jurisdiction from \$5,000 to \$10,000, is a likely contributing factor to the decline. This trend will be monitored to assess the possible impact on resources required for arbitration programs.

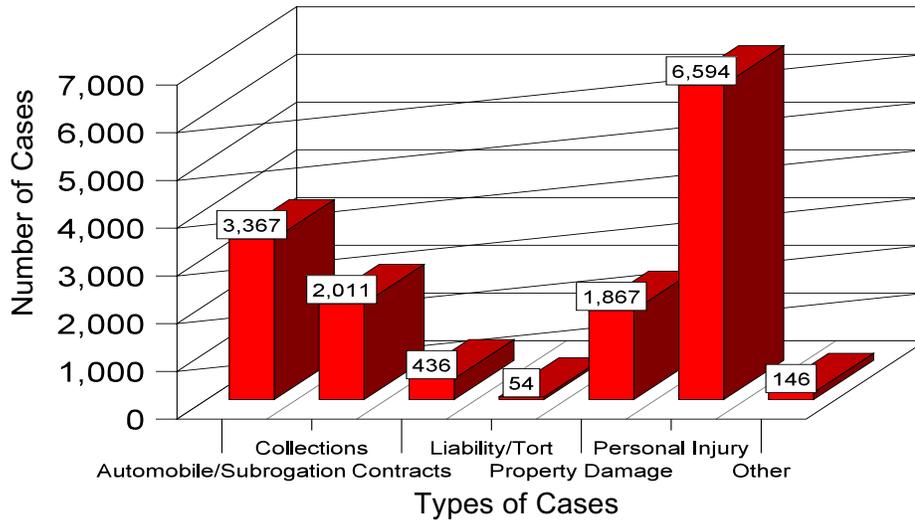


The chart above reflects the total number of cases litigated in all fifteen arbitration programs which either resulted in a disposition through arbitration or ultimately proceeded to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 86% (44,905 of 52,153 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in Illinois' arbitration programs for State Fiscal Year 2006. This disposition rate is higher than the five year average of 81%.

A more significant performance indicator for arbitration, however, is measuring the number of cases which, having been arbitrated, proceed to trial. In State Fiscal Year 2006, statewide figures indicate that 1% of the cases filed in Illinois' arbitration programs proceeded to trial. This rate tracks the five-year trend.

## State of Illinois Arbitration Programs

Types of Cases in Arbitration



The graph above provides information on the types of cases that are heard in arbitration. Personal injury cases account for the largest share (46%) of the arbitration hearings in the State of Illinois.

## State of Illinois Arbitration Programs

Average Award for Arbitration Hearing by Case Type and  
Average Number of Days a Case remains in the Arbitration System

Case Type	Average Award	Average Age (Days)
Automobile/Subrogation	\$ 4,211	173
Collections	\$5,081	154
Contracts	\$10,463	358
Liability/Tort	\$3,671	314
Property Damage	\$4,595	158
Personal Injury	\$8,859	160
Other	\$7,327	233

Note: Due to its internal process, Cook County reports combined Collections and Contracts data, which are here reported in the Collections case type, and combined Liability and Property data, which are here reported in the Liability/Tort case type.

The above table offers information on the types of cases processed in mandatory arbitration and the average award granted at the time of the hearing. The table also presents data regarding the average amount of time each case type remains pending in the arbitration system. When all of the state's arbitration cases are combined, the average period that an arbitration case pends is 169 days.