

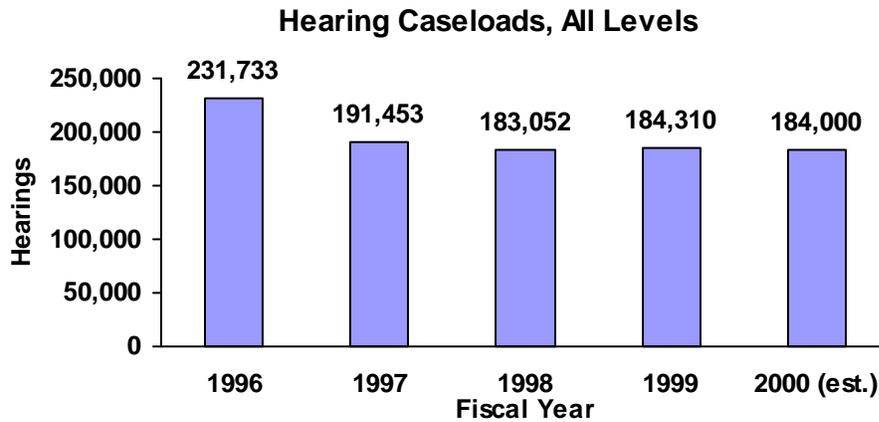
ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

Industrial Commission Staffing Levels, Calendar Years 1998 to 2003

Program Series/Division	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002*	2003*
Industrial Commission	591	587	571	587	500-570	500-570
Totals	591	587	571	571	500-570	500-570

Source: OIC. *Estimated figures

Hearing Caseloads, 1996 to 2000



- According to Industrial Commission data, the total number of hearings held between 1996 and 2000 has dropped from 231,733 to an estimated 184,000, a 20.6 percent decrease in workload. This accounts for hearings at the: 1) District Hearing Officer (DHO); 2) Staff Hearing Officer (SHO); and 3) Commission levels.
- OIC has a mandate to hear claims and issue an order at the District level within 52 days. If this decision is appealed, OIC has another 52 days to conduct the second level hearing and issue an order. In the last four quarters (4th quarter of 1999 through 3rd quarter of 2000), OIC compiled a 94% compliance rate at the District Hearing Officer level and a 92% compliance rate at the Staff Hearing Officer level.
- Monthly case backlogs declined from a range of 38,000 to 53,000 in FY 1995, to a range of 28,000 to 29,100 in FY 1998. Currently, OIC has no backlog of claims.

Imaging Process Model

The Ohio Industrial Commission is considering an imaging process system modeled after an imaging process system implemented by the New York State Workers' Compensation Board (NYS Board). This program will take several years to implement. The system would be paperless and allow for greater flexibility among OIC hearing officers. The system would replace paper-filled files and be immediately accessible to hearing officers throughout the state without the requirement of transporting paper files to the proper destination. OIC will work in conjunction with the Bureau of Workers' Compensation to ensure that the system will be compatible with BWC technology.