

BWC & OIC Budgets in Brief

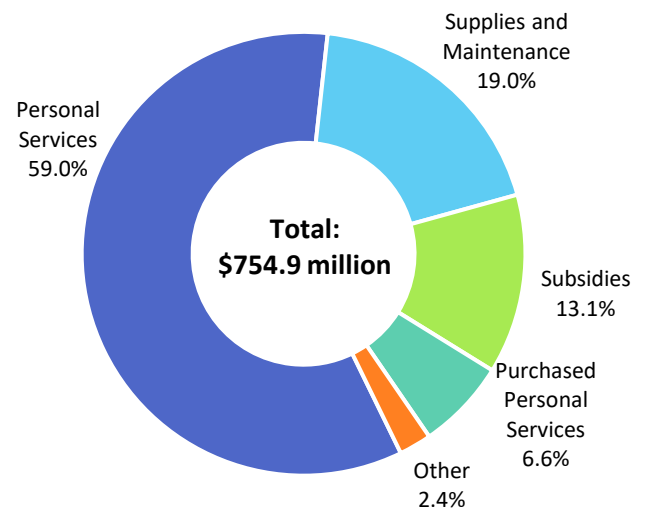
H.B. 81 and H.B. 80 – As Introduced

- R.C. 101.532 requires the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) and the Ohio Industrial Commission (OIC) each have its own budget bill, separate from the main operating budget bill.
- BWC and OIC budgets receive no General Revenue Fund (GRF) funding. They are primarily funded by administrative assessments charged to employers. A small portion of the BWC budget is supported by federal grants.

Bureau of Workers' Compensation

- BWC is governed by a board of directors who, along with the Administrator, are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- BWC provides workers' compensation insurance to all public and private employers except for those who qualify for self-insurance.
- In FY 2024, BWC covered almost 259,000 Ohio employers, paid about \$1.27 billion in benefits, and approved over 66,000 new claims. Most claims are paid from the State Insurance Fund, a trust fund that is not part of the state treasury and that is not subject to appropriations by the General Assembly.
- The largest spending category for BWC is personal services, which accounts for 59.0% of BWC's proposed budget (H.B. 81) for FY 2026 and FY 2027. BWC had a state employee headcount of 1,594 as of January 2025.
- H.B. 81's proposed subsidy appropriations include, in each fiscal year, \$34.3 million for Safety Grants, \$14.2 million for the Safety and Health Workforce Safety Innovation Center, and \$1.0 million for other safety programs.

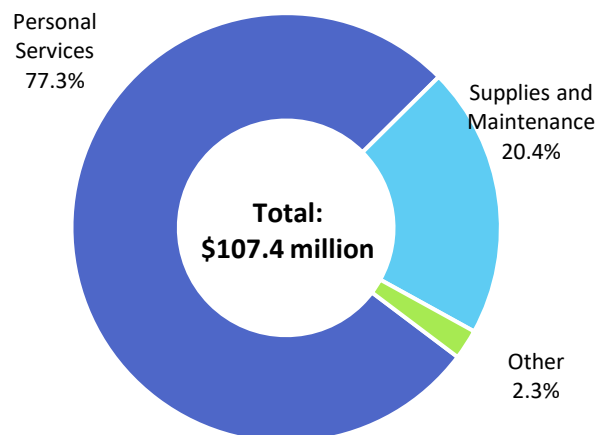
H.B.81 BWC Appropriations



Ohio Industrial Commission

- OIC is governed by a panel of commissioners who are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- OIC adjudicates disputes in the workers' compensation system.
- The largest spending category for OIC is personal services, which accounts for 77.3% of OIC's proposed budget (H.B. 80) for FY 2026 and FY 2027. OIC has a state employee headcount of 282 as of January 2025.

H.B.80 OIC Appropriations



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Fund	ALI	ALI Title	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
H.B. 81, As Introduced - BWC budget						
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group						
7023	855407	Claims, Risk and Medical Management	\$110,933,935	\$127,366,065	\$123,887,269	\$128,050,202
7023	855408	Fraud Prevention	\$15,697,353	\$18,486,443	\$0	\$0
7023	855409	Administrative Services	\$118,711,929	\$142,777,652	\$167,215,851	\$168,637,822
7023	855410	Attorney General Payments	\$5,945,906	\$6,080,080	\$6,384,084	\$6,607,527
8220	855606	Coal Workers' Fund	\$160,249	\$195,832	\$197,040	\$197,040
8230	855608	Marine Industry	\$53,807	\$81,508	\$75,000	\$75,000
8250	855605	Disabled Workers Relief Fund	\$118,130	\$204,981	\$201,000	\$201,000
8260	855609	Safety and Hygiene Operating	\$20,305,164	\$24,486,602	\$21,471,244	\$23,281,721
8260	855610	Safety Grants	\$45,643,360	\$35,000,000	\$34,300,000	\$34,300,000
8260	855611	Health and Safety Initiative	\$2,664,754	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
8260	855612	Safety Campaign	\$138,194	\$1,500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
8260	855613	Research Grants	\$893,334	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
8260	855618	Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program	\$459,165	\$450,000	\$0	\$0
8260	855619	Safety and Health Workforce Safety Innovation Center	\$4,008,837	\$15,000,000	\$14,700,000	\$14,700,000
		Dedicated Purpose Fund Group subtotal	\$325,734,117	\$375,629,163	\$371,681,488	\$379,300,312
		% change	--	15.3%	-1.1%	2.0%
Federal Fund Group						
3490	855601	OSHA Enforcement	\$1,625,914	\$1,876,338	\$1,751,293	\$1,751,293
3FW0	855614	BLS SOII Grant	\$179,865	\$195,104	\$199,000	\$199,000
		Federal Fund Group sub-total	\$1,805,779	\$2,071,442	\$1,950,293	\$1,950,293
		% change	--	14.7%	-5.8%	0.0%
		BWC all-funds budget total	\$327,539,895	\$377,700,605	\$373,631,781	\$381,250,605
		% change	--	15.3%	-1.1%	2.0%
H.B. 80, As Introduced - OIC budget						
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group						
5W30	845321	Operating Expenses	\$42,698,303	\$51,498,298	\$48,801,400	\$49,840,500
5W30	845402	Rent - William Green Building	\$1,149,837	\$1,073,421	\$1,158,000	\$1,158,000
5W30	845410	Attorney General Payments	\$2,483,497	\$3,034,920	\$3,186,666	\$3,298,199
		OIC budget total	\$46,331,637	\$55,606,639	\$53,146,066	\$54,296,699
		% change	--	20.0%	-4.4%	2.2%
H.B. 81 & H.B. 80, As Introduced						
		ODWIS & OIC budget grand total	\$373,871,533	\$433,307,244	\$426,777,847	\$435,547,304
		% change	--	15.9%	-1.5%	2.1%