

MANDATORY ARBITRATION

Mandatory Arbitration Program Statistics



In Illinois, court-annexed arbitration is a mandatory, non-binding, non-court procedure designed to resolve civil disputes by utilizing a neutral third party, called an arbitration panel. Mandatory arbitration applies rules of evidence and procedure which are less formal than those followed in trial courts and usually leads to more timely and less expensive resolution of disputes. An arbitration panel can recommend, but not impose, a decision. In the exercise of its general administrative and supervisory authority over Illinois courts, Supreme Court rules prescribe actions which are subject to mandatory arbitration. The rules address a range of operational procedures including: appointment, qualifications, and compensation of arbitrators; scheduling of hearings; discovery process; conduct of hearings; absence of a party; award and judgment on an award; rejection of an award; and form of oath, award and notice of award. In the sixteen jurisdictions approved by the Supreme Court to operate such programs, all civil cases filed in which the amount of monetary damages being sought falls within the program's jurisdictional limit, are subject to the arbitration process. These modest sized claims are amenable to closer management and quicker resolution by using a less formal alternative process than a typical trial court proceeding.

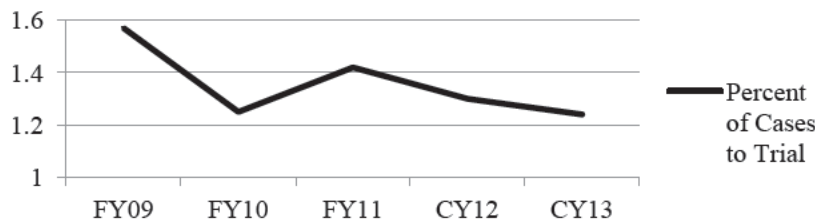
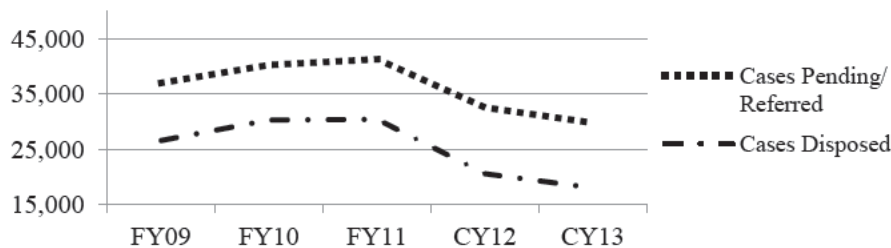
Explanations for Data Listed In the Below Charts:

- Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration - number of cases filed and pending in arbitration program as of a certain date.
- Pre-Hearing Dispositions - number of cases disposed prior to an arbitration hearing.
- Arbitration Hearings - number of cases that had an arbitration hearing.
- Awards Accepted - number of arbitration awards that were accepted by a party.
- Post-Hearing Dispositions - number of cases disposed after an arbitration hearing.
- Awards Rejected - number of arbitration awards rejected by a party.
- Post-Rejection Dispositions – number of cases disposed after an award was rejected by a party.
- Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial - number of cases that went to trial after an award was rejected.

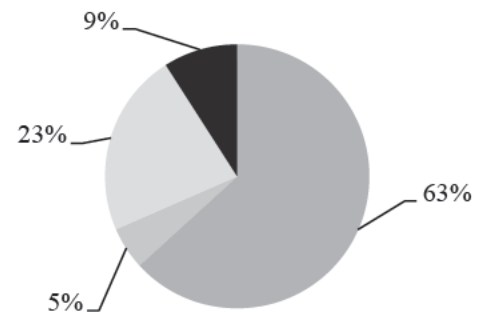
CY2013 Statewide Caseload

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	29,709
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	11,363
Arbitration Hearings	6,534
Awards Accepted	1,630

Post-Hearing Dispositions	932
Awards Rejected	3,562
Post-Rejection Dispositions	4,038
Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	367



CY2013 Case Dispositions

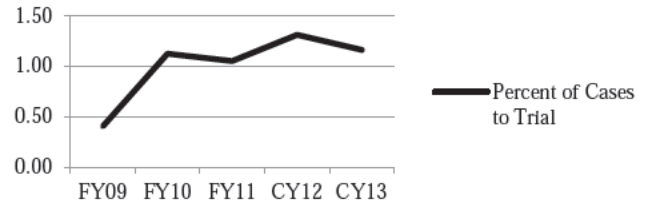
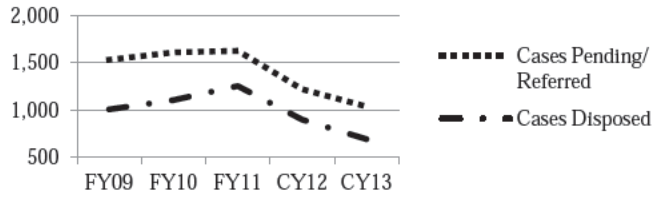


- Pre-Hearing Dispositions (63%)
- Post-Hearing Dispositions (5%)
- Post-Rejection Dispositions (23%)
- Awards Accepted (9%)

CY2013 Circuit Caseload

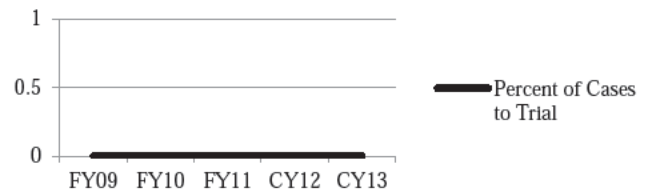
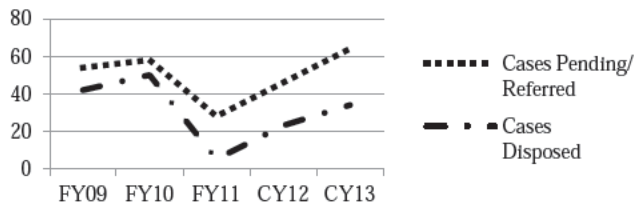
Third Judicial Circuit - Madison County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,038	Post-Hearing Dispositions	12
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	594	Awards Rejected	39
Arbitration Hearings	102	Post-Rejection Dispositions	33
Awards Accepted	53	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	12



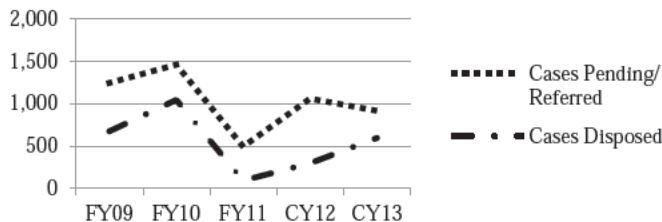
Eleventh Judicial Circuit - Ford County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	64	Post-Hearing Dispositions	0
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	34	Awards Rejected	0
Arbitration Hearings	2	Post-Rejection Dispositions	0
Awards Accepted	0	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



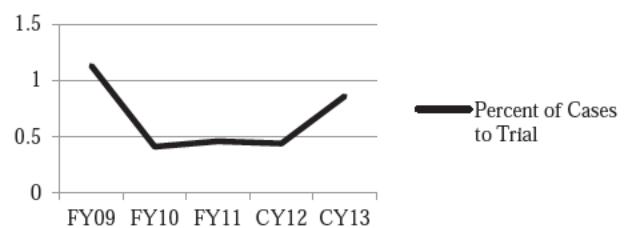
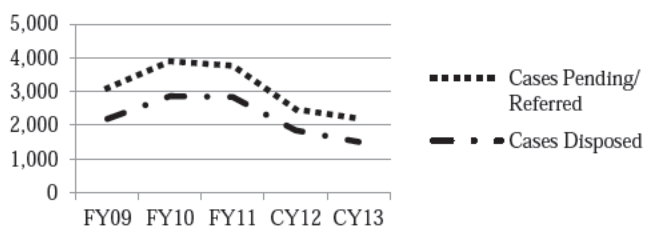
Eleventh Judicial Circuit - McLean County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	917	Post-Hearing Dispositions	15
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	563	Awards Rejected	7
Arbitration Hearings	27	Post-Rejection Dispositions	4
Awards Accepted	13	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	1



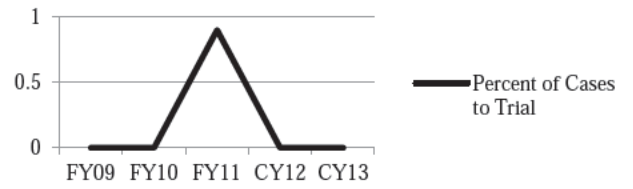
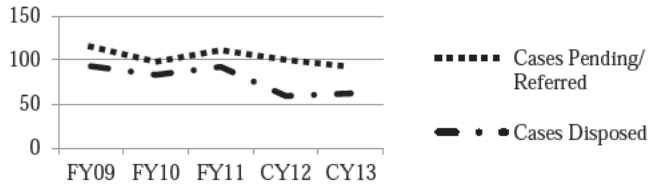
Twelfth Judicial Circuit - Will County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	2,200	Post-Hearing Dispositions	52
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	1,380	Awards Rejected	71
Arbitration Hearings	154	Post-Rejection Dispositions	58
Awards Accepted	26	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	19



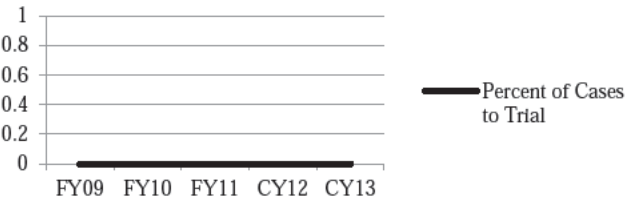
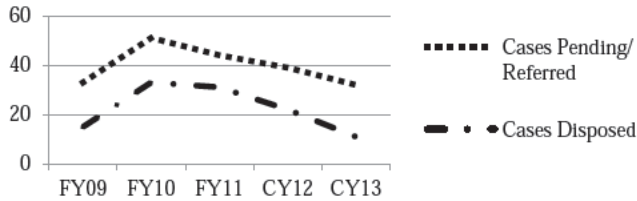
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit - Henry County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	92	Post-Hearing Dispositions	6
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	51	Awards Rejected	3
Arbitration Hearings	6	Post-Rejection Dispositions	5
Awards Accepted	0	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



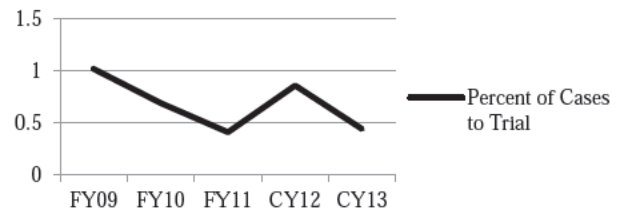
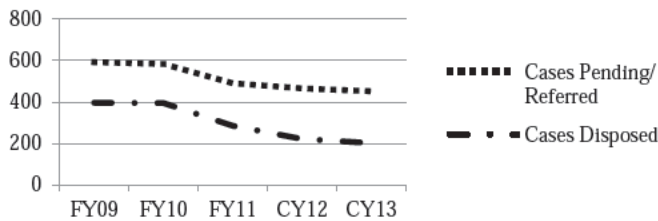
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit - Mercer County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	32	Post-Hearing Dispositions	0
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	11	Awards Rejected	0
Arbitration Hearings	0	Post-Rejection Dispositions	0
Awards Accepted	0	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



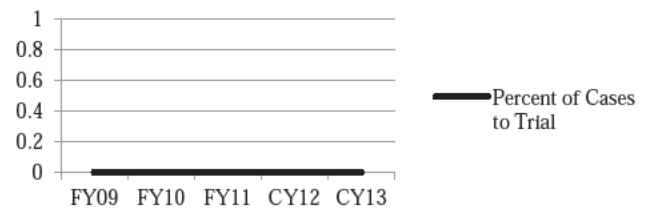
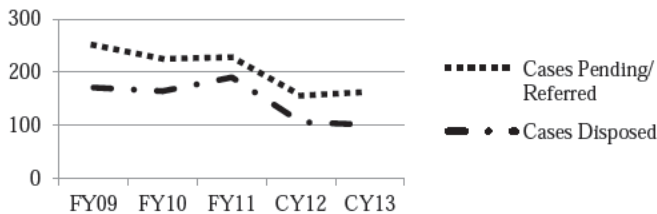
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit - Rock Island County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	452	Post-Hearing Dispositions	25
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	164	Awards Rejected	15
Arbitration Hearings	32	Post-Rejection Dispositions	11
Awards Accepted	2	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	2



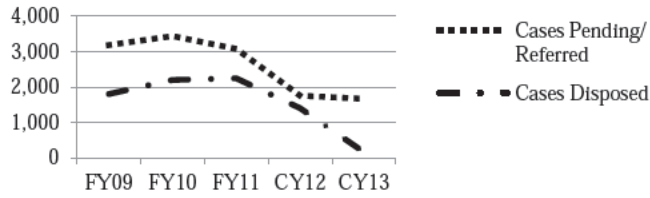
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit - Whiteside County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	163	Post-Hearing Dispositions	0
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	101	Awards Rejected	2
Arbitration Hearings	3	Post-Rejection Dispositions	0
Awards Accepted	0	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



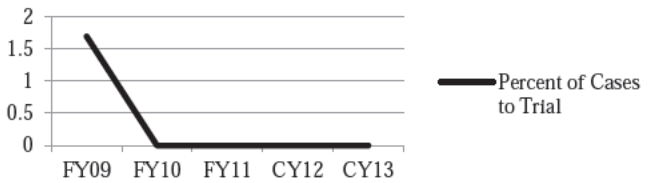
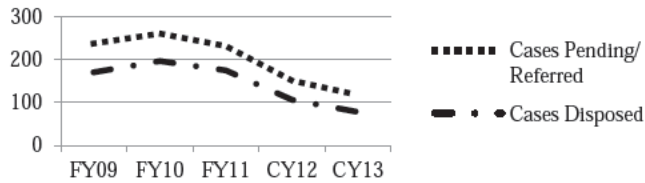
Sixteenth Judicial Circuit - Kane County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,665	Post-Hearing Dispositions	31
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	49	Awards Rejected	42
Arbitration Hearings	130	Post-Rejection Dispositions	56
Awards Accepted	33	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	8



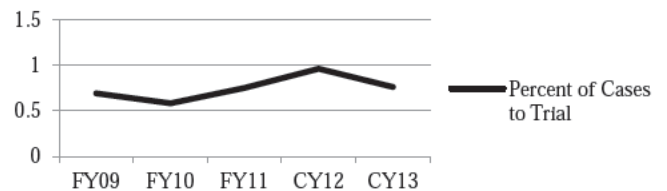
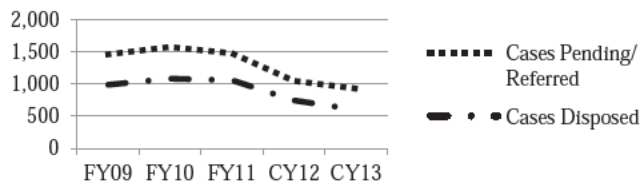
Seventeenth Judicial Circuit - Boone County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	117	Post-Hearing Dispositions	2
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	69	Awards Rejected	4
Arbitration Hearings	9	Post-Rejection Dispositions	3
Awards Accepted	4	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



Seventeenth Judicial Circuit - Winnebago County

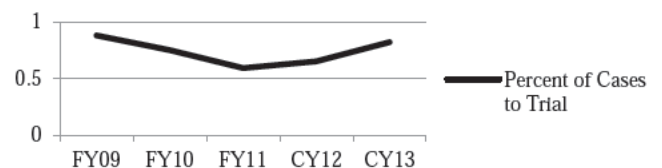
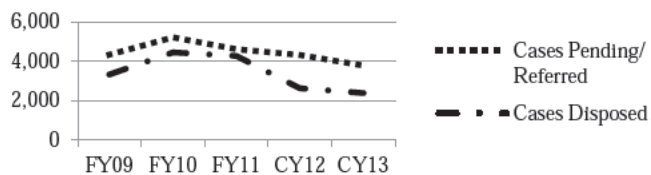
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Pre-Hearing Dispositions	533	Awards Rejected	42
Arbitration Hearings	81	Post-Rejection Dispositions	28
Awards Accepted	18	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	7



Note: New local rule provides that small claims cases with jury demands be transferred into arbitration.

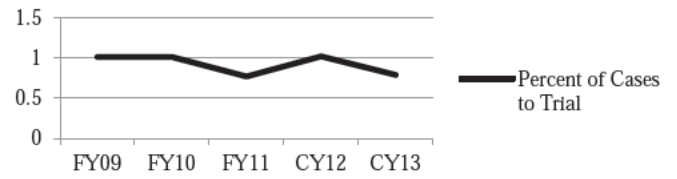
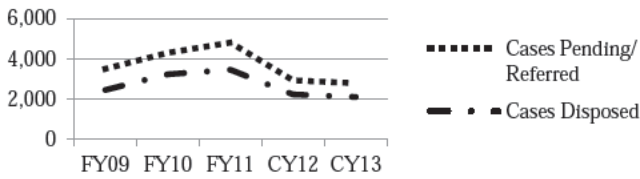
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit - DuPage County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	3,775	Post-Hearing Dispositions	48
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	2,142	Awards Rejected	155
Arbitration Hearings	257	Post-Rejection Dispositions	132
Awards Accepted	59	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	31



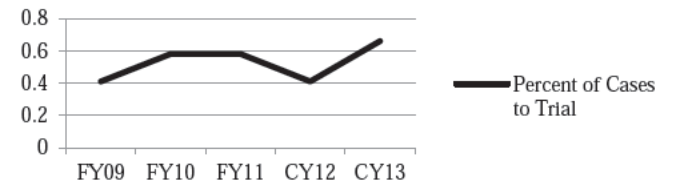
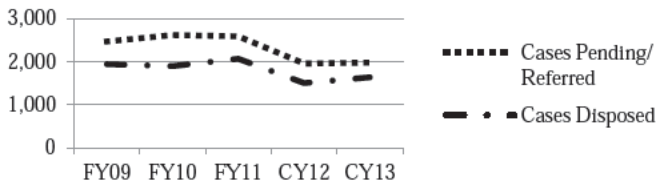
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit - Lake County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	2,781	Post-Hearing Dispositions	60
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	1,769	Awards Rejected	114
Arbitration Hearings	217	Post-Rejection Dispositions	106
Awards Accepted	171	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	22



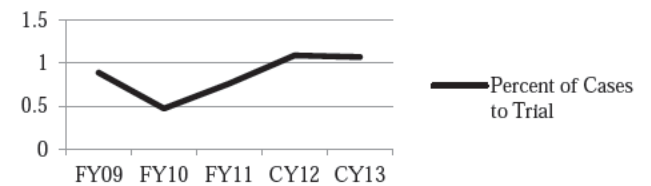
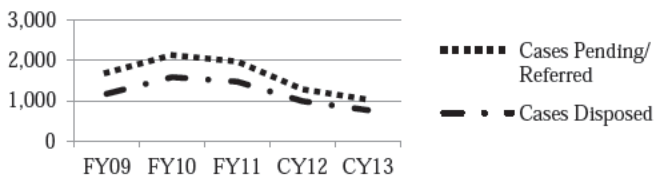
Twentieth Judicial Circuit - St. Clair County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,974	Post-Hearing Dispositions	22
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	1,543	Awards Rejected	51
Arbitration Hearings	118	Post-Rejection Dispositions	29
Awards Accepted	44	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	13



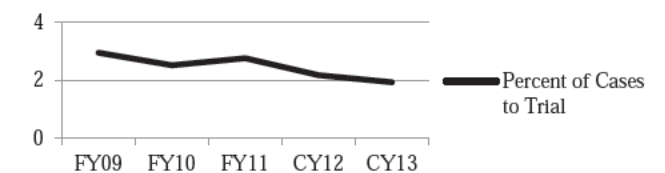
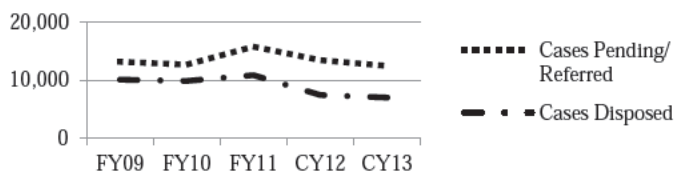
Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit - McHenry County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,027	Post-Hearing Dispositions	16
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	698	Awards Rejected	34
Arbitration Hearings	75	Post-Rejection Dispositions	31
Awards Accepted	21	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	11



Circuit Court of Cook County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	12,487	Post-Hearing Dispositions	625
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	1,662	Awards Rejected	2,983
Arbitration Hearings	5,321	Post-Rejection Dispositions	3,542
Awards Accepted	1,186	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	241



2013 Mandatory Arbitration Program Statistics
Average Award Amounts and Average Number of Days (By Case Type)

Arbitration Program		Automobile/ Subrogation	Collections	Contracts	Liability/Tort	Property Damage	Personal Injury	Other
Boone	Average Award		\$10,570.00	\$30,610.00		\$24,147.00	\$11,729.00	
	Average Number of Days		937	192		478	697	
Cook	Average Award	\$5,854.00	\$5,600.50*		\$5,302.50		\$9,425.50	\$3,392.00
	Average Number of Days	211	201		228		230	172
DuPage	Average Award	\$8,251.00	\$14,113.00	\$15,741.00	\$12,904.00	\$6,381.00	\$15,431.00	\$21,568.00
	Average Number of Days	352	578	418	318	334	343	427
Ford	Average Award		\$7,268.43					\$5,658.00
	Average Number of Days		220	201				120
Henry	Average Award		\$73,346.49	\$5,000.00			\$62,277.96	
	Average Number of Days		2442	906		633	3070	
Kane	Average Award	\$6,736.00	\$60,483.50	\$6,048.50	\$11,699.00	\$4,509.00	\$10,152.62	\$9,570.00
	Average Number of Days	320	542	317	215	238	395	545
Lake	Average Award	\$6,787.46	\$14,338.88	\$11,348.42		\$2,204.39	\$14,496.41	
	Average Number of Days	221	317	409		223	364	572
Madison	Average Award	\$18,985.00	\$11,648.00	\$9,957.00	\$10,861.00	\$5,750.00	\$14,809.00	\$45,269.00
	Average Number of Days	390	394	332	283	317	369	321
McHenry	Average Award	\$5,490.75	\$17,154.55	\$11,413.49		\$5,830.01	\$13,950.59	
	Average Number of Days	400.2	356.6	400.6		176	442.3	
McLean	Average Award	\$14,989.20	\$7,694.61	\$3,824.27		\$6,018.22	\$13,889.58	\$2,604.12
	Average Number of Days	388	187.4	417		486	416.5	602.5
Mercer	Average Award	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Average Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Island	Average Award	\$8,360.55	\$11,897.28	\$6,650.00	\$25,000.00		\$16,736.75	
	Average Number of Days	554	446	551	253		448	
St. Clair	Average Award	\$18,555.00	\$7,479.00	\$7,770.00	\$8,944.00	\$2,667.00	\$14,176.00	\$7,243.00
	Average Number of Days	391	384	383	428	226	450	393
Whiteside	Average Award						\$21,528.39	
	Average Number of Days						680	
Will	Average Award	\$14,360.00	\$16,622.00	\$12,337.00			\$6,502.00	\$11,476.00
	Average Number of Days	498	401	360			667	364
Winnebago	Average Award	\$8,708.00	\$7,443.00	\$11,933.00		\$4,609.00	\$13,667.00	\$8,500.00
	Average Number of Days	342	489	337		333	417	343

*This figure includes Collections and Contracts.