

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.

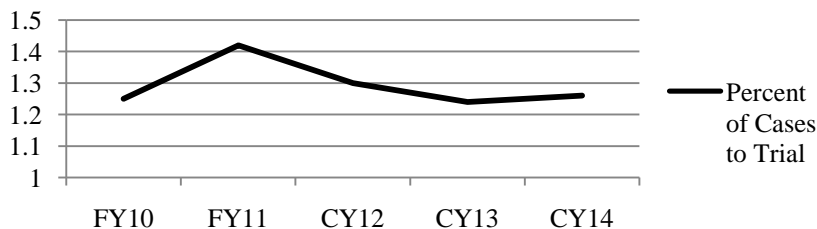
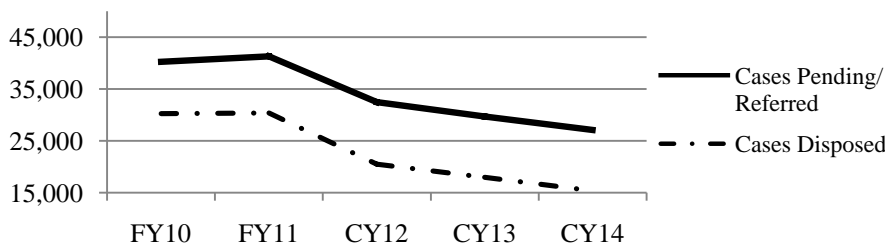
Explanations for Data Listed In the Below Charts:

- 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.

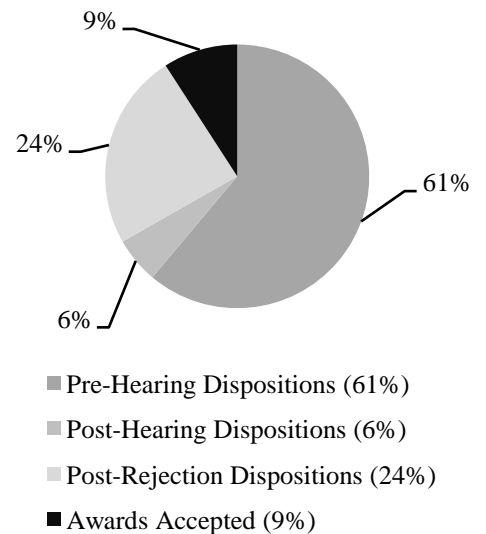
CY2014 Statewide Caseload

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	27,120
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	9,391
Arbitration Hearings	5,995
Awards Accepted	1,404

Post-Hearing Dispositions	868
Awards Rejected	3,123
Post-Rejection Dispositions	3,703
Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	306



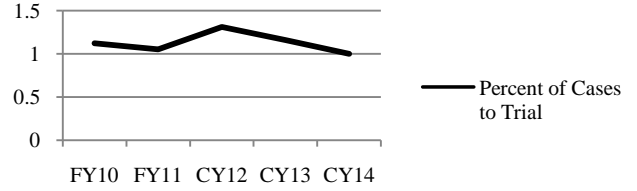
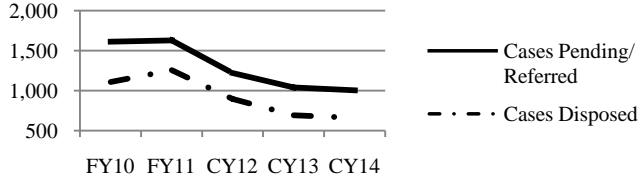
CY2014 Case Dispositions



CY2014 Circuit Caseload

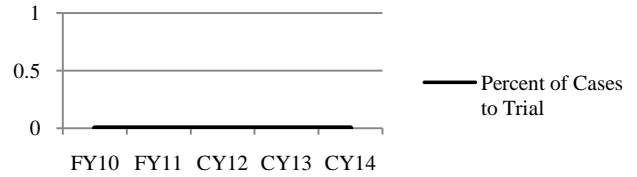
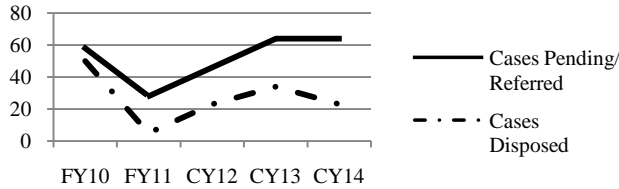
Third Judicial Circuit - Madison County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,005	Post-Hearing Dispositions	20
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	566	Awards Rejected	41
Arbitration Hearings	110	Post-Rejection Dispositions	29
Awards Accepted	46	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	10



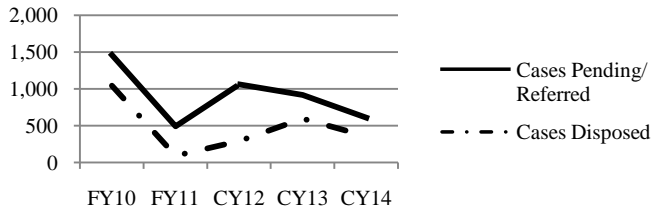
Eleventh Judicial Circuit - Ford County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	64	Post-Hearing Dispositions	0
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	23	Awards Rejected	0
Arbitration Hearings	1	Post-Rejection Dispositions	0
Awards Accepted	0	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



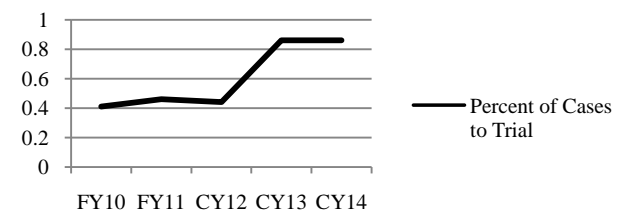
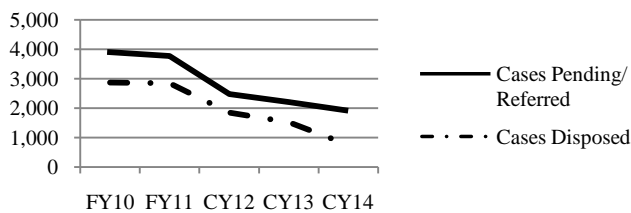
Eleventh Judicial Circuit - McLean County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	607	Post-Hearing Dispositions	5
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	330	Awards Rejected	7
Arbitration Hearings	35	Post-Rejection Dispositions	2
Awards Accepted	17	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	2



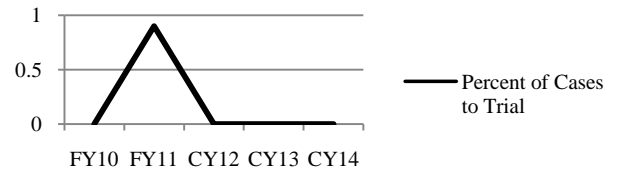
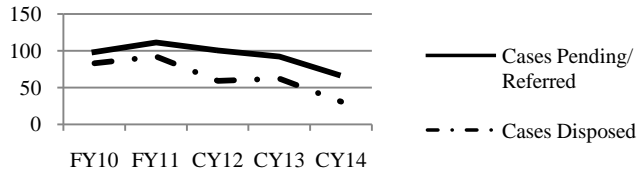
Twelfth Judicial Circuit - Will County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,907	Post-Hearing Dispositions	44
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	649	Awards Rejected	62
Arbitration Hearings	156	Post-Rejection Dispositions	30
Awards Accepted	26	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	4



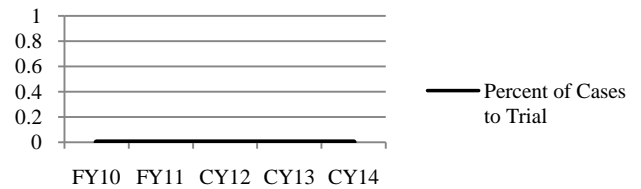
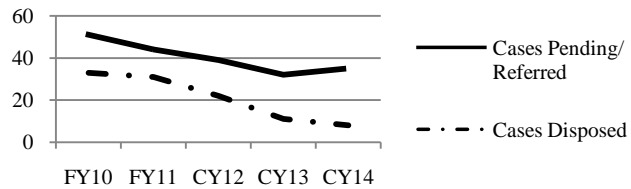
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit - Henry County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	66	Post-Hearing Dispositions	0
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	31	Awards Rejected	1
Arbitration Hearings	1	Post-Rejection Dispositions	0
Awards Accepted	0	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



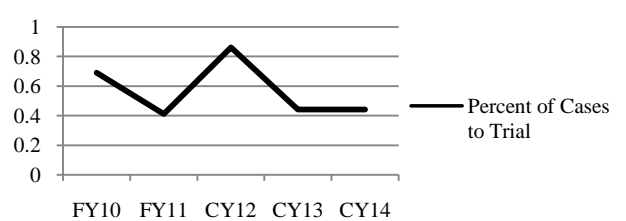
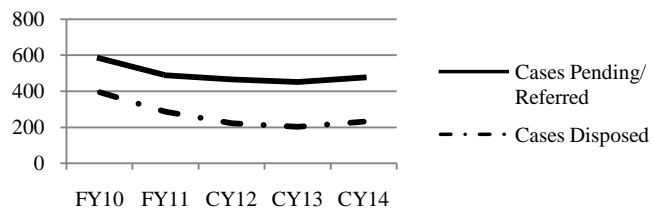
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit - Mercer County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	35	Post-Hearing Dispositions	1
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	6	Awards Rejected	0
Arbitration Hearings	2	Post-Rejection Dispositions	0
Awards Accepted	1	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



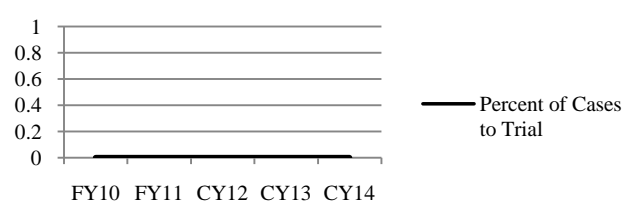
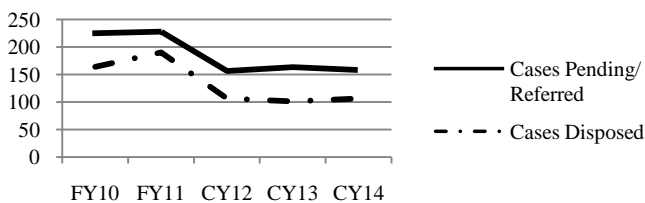
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit - Rock Island County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	477	Post-Hearing Dispositions	19
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	197	Awards Rejected	4
Arbitration Hearings	32	Post-Rejection Dispositions	11
Awards Accepted	3	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	5



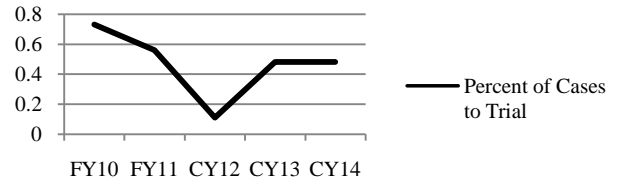
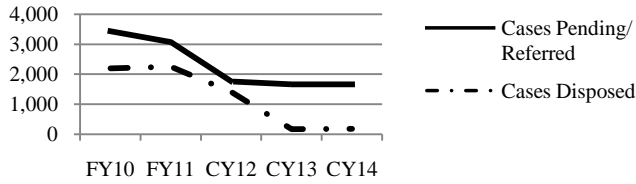
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit - Whiteside County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	158	Post-Hearing Dispositions	2
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	103	Awards Rejected	1
Arbitration Hearings	4	Post-Rejection Dispositions	0
Awards Accepted	1	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	0



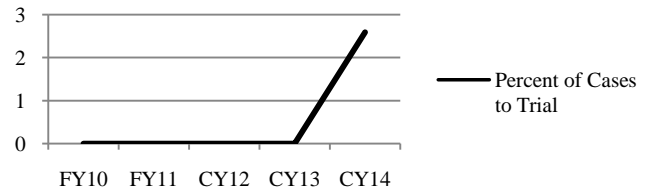
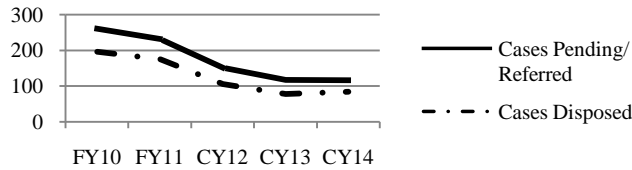
Sixteenth Judicial Circuit - Kane County

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



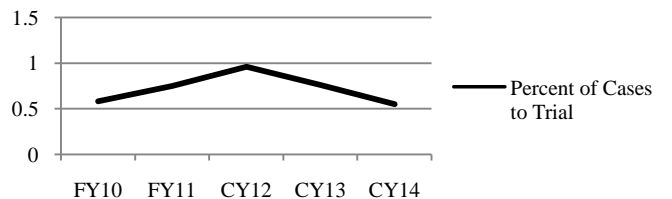
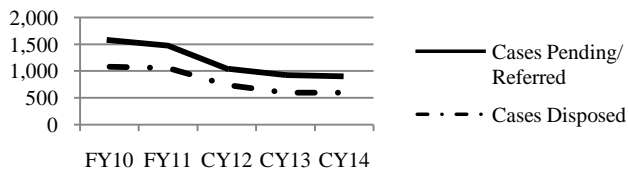
Seventeenth Judicial Circuit - Boone County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	116	Post-Hearing Dispositions	2
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	74	Awards Rejected	1
Arbitration Hearings	6	Post-Rejection Dispositions	4
Awards Accepted	4	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	3



Seventeenth Judicial Circuit - Winnebago County

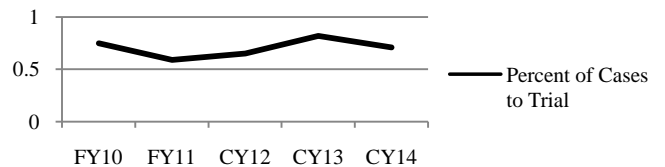
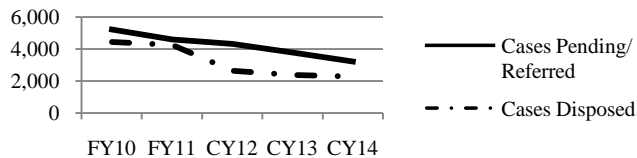
Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	901	Post-Hearing Dispositions	19
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	528	Awards Rejected	38
Arbitration Hearings	70	Post-Rejection Dispositions	36
Awards Accepted	15	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	5



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

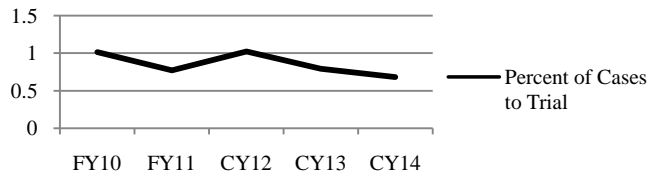
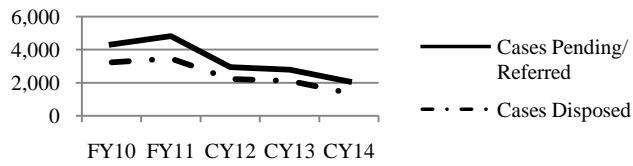
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit - DuPage County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	3,225	Post-Hearing Dispositions	51
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	2,011	Awards Rejected	130
Arbitration Hearings	249	Post-Rejection Dispositions	130
Awards Accepted	79	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	23



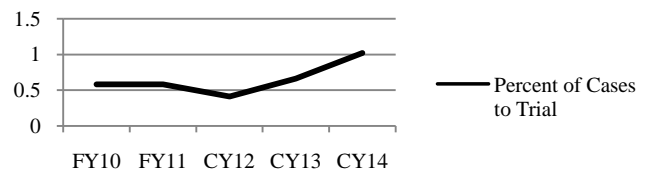
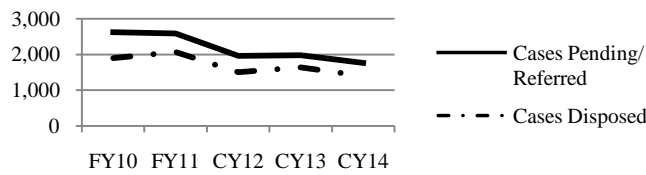
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit - Lake County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	2,059	Post-Hearing Dispositions	34
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	1,168	Awards Rejected	104
Arbitration Hearings	216	Post-Rejection Dispositions	93
Awards Accepted	78	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	14



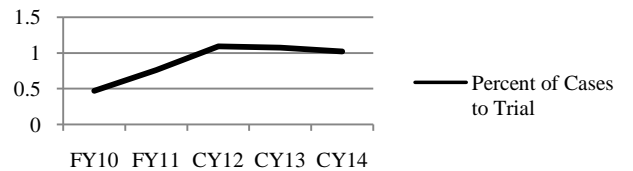
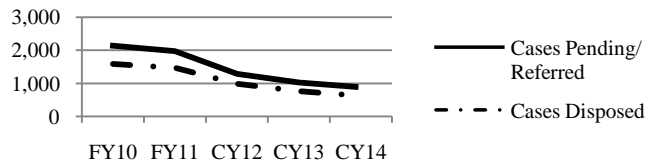
Twentieth Judicial Circuit - St. Clair County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	1,759	Post-Hearing Dispositions	21
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	1,259	Awards Rejected	40
Arbitration Hearings	119	Post-Rejection Dispositions	55
Awards Accepted	57	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	18



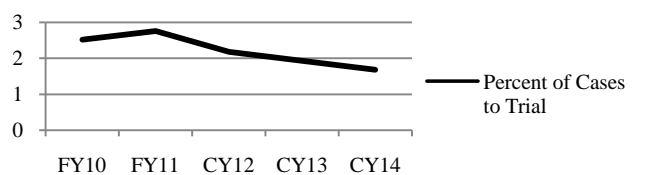
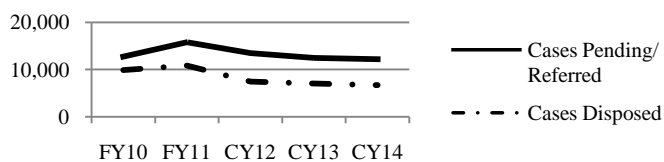
Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit - McHenry County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	879	Post-Hearing Dispositions	11
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	556	Awards Rejected	35
Arbitration Hearings	62	Post-Rejection Dispositions	31
Awards Accepted	22	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	9



Circuit Court of Cook County

Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	12,197	Post-Hearing Dispositions	608
Pre-Hearing Dispositions	1,841	Awards Rejected	2,617
Arbitration Hearings	4,802	Post-Rejection Dispositions	3,226
Awards Accepted	1,022	Arbitration Cases Proceeding to Trial	205



2014 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	\$17,415.88	\$15,341.33	\$16,610.00			\$22,626.86	
	Average Number of Days	335.8	179.5	263.9		816	582.4	159.1
Cook	Average Award	\$7,470.80		3877.73*	\$3,574.13	\$3,413.74	\$6,454.37	\$4,333.07
	Average Number of Days	226.3		181.4*	217.5	197.3	221.9	209.8
DuPage	Average Award	\$9,545.42		\$13,478.24	\$9,244.57			\$12,828.52
	Average Number of Days	324.6	169	177	317			324.5
Ford	Average Award							
	Average Number of Days		85.7	136.1				82
Henry	Average Award							
	Average Number of Days	516						237.2
Kane	Average Award	\$5,856.37	\$2,542.50	\$9,911.35	\$7,904.70	\$10,356.00	\$6,477.55	
	Average Number of Days	357.6	244	475	522.5	277	592	658
Lake	Average Award	\$7,044.11	\$16,132.76	\$11,624.47	\$8,663.06	\$2,416.64	\$13,360.88	\$2,177.10
	Average Number of Days	298.6	371.9	119.7	151.6	227.8	444.2	230.6
Madison	Average Award	\$21,907.91	\$8,295.96	\$12,291.84	\$6,600.00	\$6,844.72	\$13,878.84	\$4,592.36
	Average Number of Days	397.6	306.5	327	491	381.6	330.9	162.2
McHenry	Average Award	\$8,597.53	\$9,425.33	\$10,581.72		\$8,693.84	\$15,150.53	\$969.65
	Average Number of Days	344.9	202.7	190.1		351.2	485.4	154.8
McLean	Average Award	\$17,157.05	\$9,860.32	\$18,893.77			\$9,800.00	\$13,124.93
	Average Number of Days	655.2	220.5	252.4		194.4	375.8	372.2
Mercer	Average Award			\$0.00			\$12,750.00	
	Average Number of Days			303			616	220.2
Rock Island	Average Award	\$8,150.00	\$14,769.10	\$9,831.25	\$0.00	\$14,413.57	\$10,691.52	\$19,962.25
	Average Number of Days	257	117.5	346.5	638	169.5	426.27	198.6
St. Clair	Average Award	\$11,304.18	\$8,044.47	\$4,243.17	\$8,516.79	\$3,699.39	\$16,976.11	\$10,806.68
	Average Number of Days	193.9	131.6	190.7		208.1	252.4	197.3
Whiteside	Average Award	\$25,294.10					\$0.00	
	Average Number of Days	222					1029	199.3
Will	Average Award	\$15,749.08	\$12,308.10	\$14,921.51			\$2,834.28	\$5,571.67
	Average Number of Days	368.1	108.4	210.9		69	473.5	310.1
Winnebago	Average Award	\$6,006.33	\$4,006.92	\$6,936.23		\$3,387.00	\$15,635.71	\$12,500.00
	Average Number of Days	164	118.3	136.8		227.6	409.6	241.6

*This figure includes Collections and Contracts.