

# Ohio Industrial Commission

## Role and Overview

The Industrial Commission (OIC) serves as the adjudicative branch of the workers' compensation system where disputed issues are resolved on an impartial basis. The agency hears a volume of 150,000 claims annually in 12 regional offices located around the state. The hearing process begins when the Commission assumes jurisdiction of an issue after an appeal of a Bureau of Workers' Compensation order. The hearings, which are quasi-judicial in nature, are conducted at three levels within the Commission. The first level is the district hearing level. If the district level decision is appealed, a staff hearing is held. If this decision is appealed, a hearing may be held before the three-member commission. This hearing is discretionary and is based on criteria set forth in an OIC resolution. Any further appeals are handled through the court system where the Attorney General's Office represents the commission. The office is governed by a three-member commission appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each member is required to have six or more years of recognized expertise in the field of workers' compensation and at least one member is required to be a licensed attorney. Daily operations are administered by the Executive Director who oversees a total current workforce of 407 employees.

More information regarding the Ohio Industrial Commission is available at <http://www.ohioic.com/>.

## Agency Priorities

- Provide fair and impartial resolutions to disputes in workers' compensation claims through an easily accessible hearing process completed within the time frames mandated by law at the least possible cost to Ohio employers.

## Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

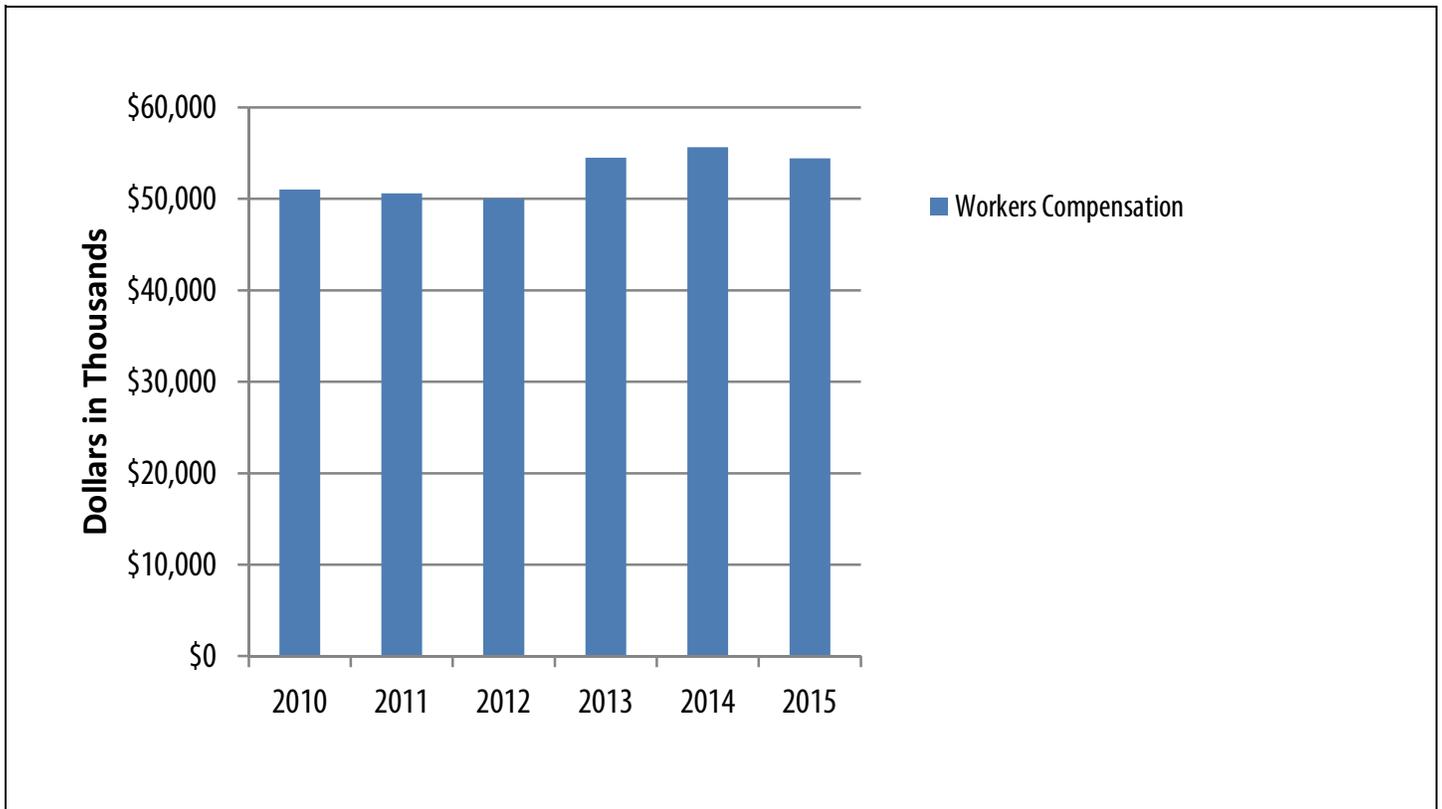
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$55.6 million (or a 2.1% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$54.4 million (or a 2.2% decrease from fiscal year 2014).

## The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Enable the administration of hearings across three appeal levels, the adjudication of disputed claims, and processing of over 150,000 contested claims per year affecting nearly 69,000 claimants across 12 regional offices located throughout Ohio.
- Provide funding to the Ohio Attorney General (OAG) Workers' Compensation section to represent the commission in approximately 5,500 to 6,000 case filings heard in the Ohio courts system each year.

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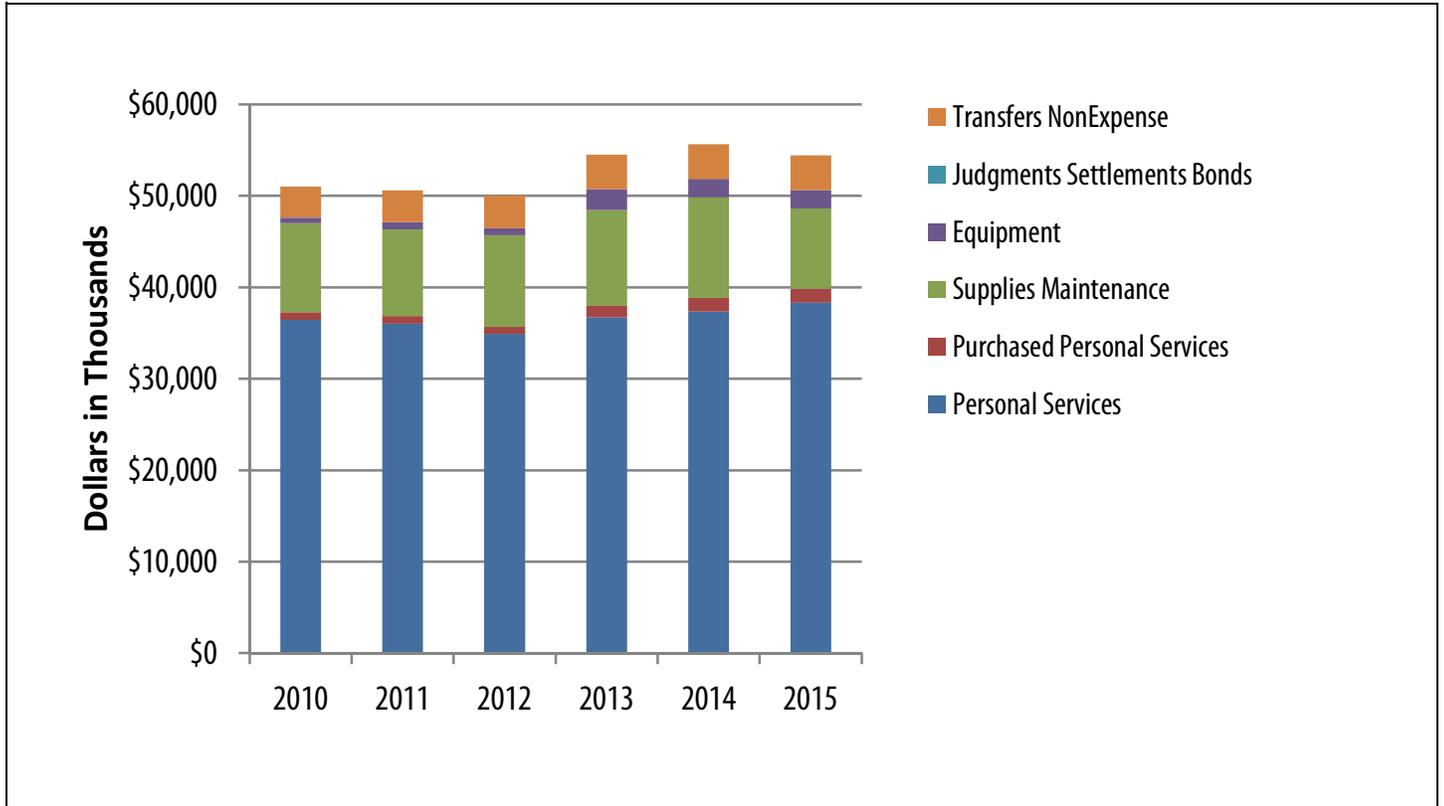
Budget Fund Group Information



(in Thousands) Budget Fund Group	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
Workers' Compensation	51,021	50,597	50,046	54,494	8.9%	55,642	2.1%	54,428	-2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,021</b>	<b>50,597</b>	<b>50,046</b>	<b>54,494</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>55,642</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>54,428</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>

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Expense Account Category Information



(in Thousands) Expense Account Category	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
Personal Services	36,434	36,038	34,894	36,733	5.3%	37,349	1.7%	38,335	2.6%
Purchased Personal Services	832	816	790	1,251	58.5%	1,500	19.9%	1,500	0.0%
Supplies & Maintenance	9,759	9,468	10,026	10,455	4.3%	11,000	5.2%	8,800	-20.0%
Equipment	591	797	760	2,300	202.5%	2,000	-13.0%	2,000	0.0%
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	31	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transfers & Non-Expense	3,373	3,478	3,576	3,755	5.0%	3,794	1.0%	3,794	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,021</b>	<b>50,597</b>	<b>50,046</b>	<b>54,494</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>55,642</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>54,428</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>

**Program Series 1: Claims Adjudication (151A0)**

This program series serves injured workers and their employers through expeditious and impartial resolutions of issues arising from workers' compensation claims. The Claims Adjudication Program (151B1) conducts hearings on workers' compensation issues.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
5W30	845321	Operating Expenses	46,172,413	47,148,786	2.1%	48,634,518	3.2%
5W30	845402	Rent-William Green Building	4,566,794	4,700,000	2.9%	2,000,000	-57.4%
5W30	845410	Attorney General Payments	3,755,252	3,793,650	1.0%	3,793,650	0.0%
<b>Total for Claims Adjudication</b>			<b>54,494,459</b>	<b>55,642,436</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>54,428,168</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>

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Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Actual			Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
5W30	845321	Operating Expenses	42,452,571	42,131,017	41,778,471	46,172,413	47,148,786	2.1%	48,634,518	3.2%
5W30	845402	Rent-William Green Building	5,182,311	4,988,098	4,691,125	4,566,794	4,700,000	2.9%	2,000,000	-57.4%
5W30	845410	Attorney General Payments	3,372,802	3,477,793	3,576,430	3,755,252	3,793,650	1.0%	3,793,650	0.0%
8210	845605	Service Account	13,523	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Workers' Compensation</b>			<b>51,021,207</b>	<b>50,596,908</b>	<b>50,046,026</b>	<b>54,494,459</b>	<b>55,642,436</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>54,428,168</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>
<b>Grand Total Ohio Industrial Commission</b>			<b>51,021,207</b>	<b>50,596,908</b>	<b>50,046,026</b>	<b>54,494,459</b>	<b>55,642,436</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>54,428,168</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>