

Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

(Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties)

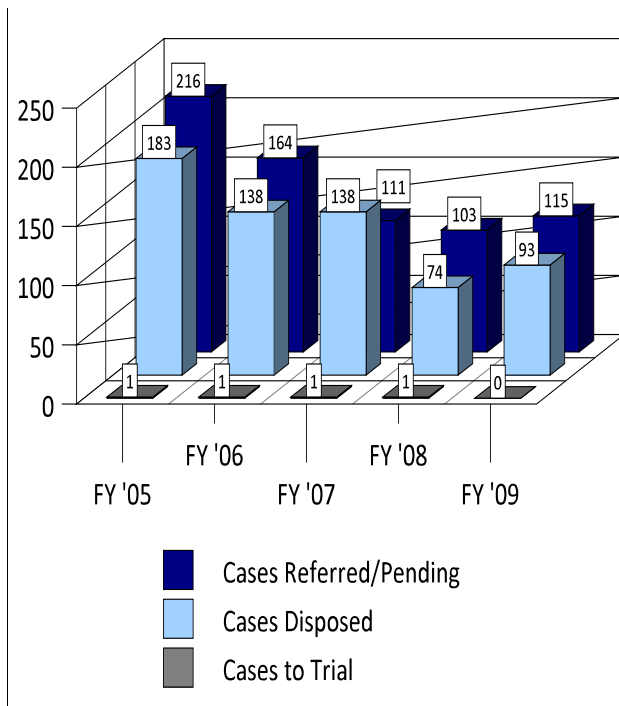
Henry County

Arbitration Program Information

The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit is comprised of Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties. In November 1999, the Supreme Court authorized the inception of the program and arbitration hearings began in October 2000. This circuit is the first to receive permanent authorization to hear cases with damage claims up to \$50,000. Hearings are conducted in the arbitration center located in Rock Island. A supervising judge oversees arbitration matters for all counties and is assisted by a trial court administrator and arbitration program assistant.

Henry County

Five - Year Disposition Trend



The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 81 percent (93 of 115 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Henry County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate is lower than the five-year average of 89 percent and higher than the statewide average of 78 percent.

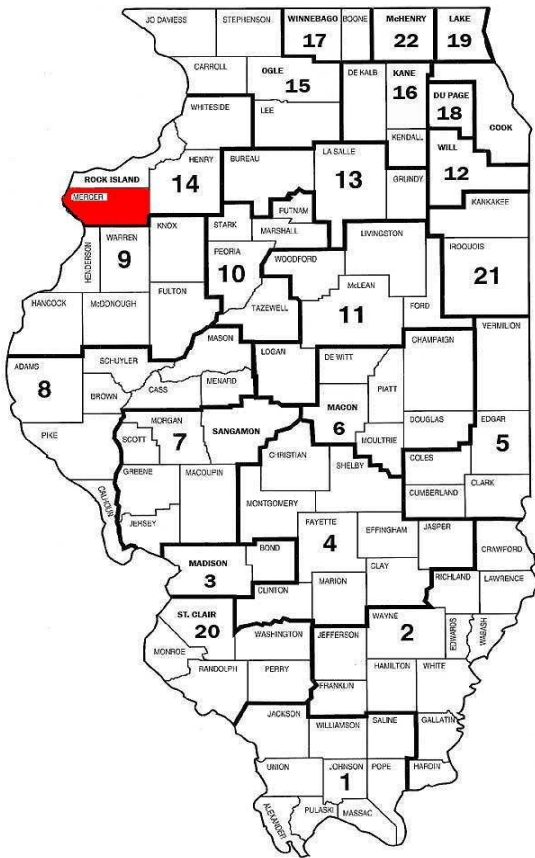
**State Fiscal Year 2009
Henry County
At-a-Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	115
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed	93
Number of Arbitration Hearings	6
Number of Awards Accepted	0
Number of Awards Rejected	2
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

The number of cases referred to Henry County's arbitration program from 2005 through 2009 decreased from a high of 216 in 2005 to a low of 103 in 2008, and increased slightly in 2009. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration, from 2005 through 2008, may be attributed to Supreme Court Rule 281 which raised the small claims jurisdiction to \$10,000 thereby reducing the number of cases eligible for mandatory arbitration. From 2005 through 2009, an annual average of 147 cases have been referred to or are pending in arbitration.

The data for Henry County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In Henry County, none of the cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

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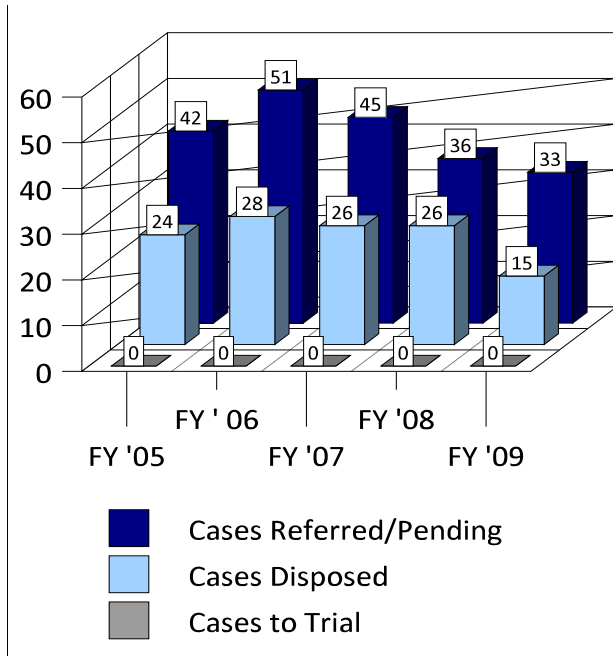
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Mercer County

While cases referred to Mercer County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 41 cases per year were referred or pending in arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

Mercer County
Five - Year Disposition Trend



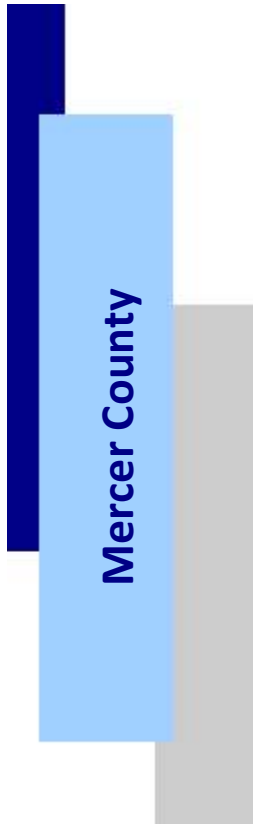
The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 46 percent (15 of 33 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Mercer County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate is considerably lower than the five-year average of 58 percent and the statewide average of 78 percent.

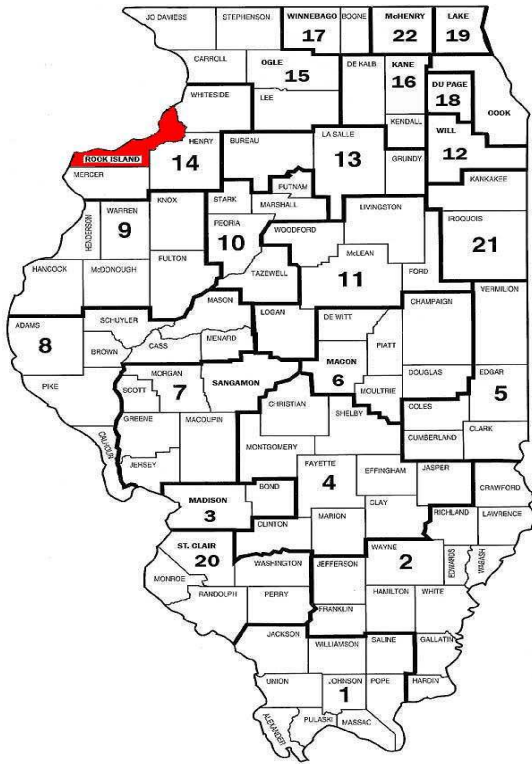
Mercer County

**State Fiscal Year 2009
Mercer County
At-a-Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	33
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed	15
Number of Arbitration Hearings	1
Number of Awards Accepted	0
Number of Awards Rejected	0
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

The data for Mercer County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In Mercer County, none of the cases litigated in arbitration proceeded to trial.





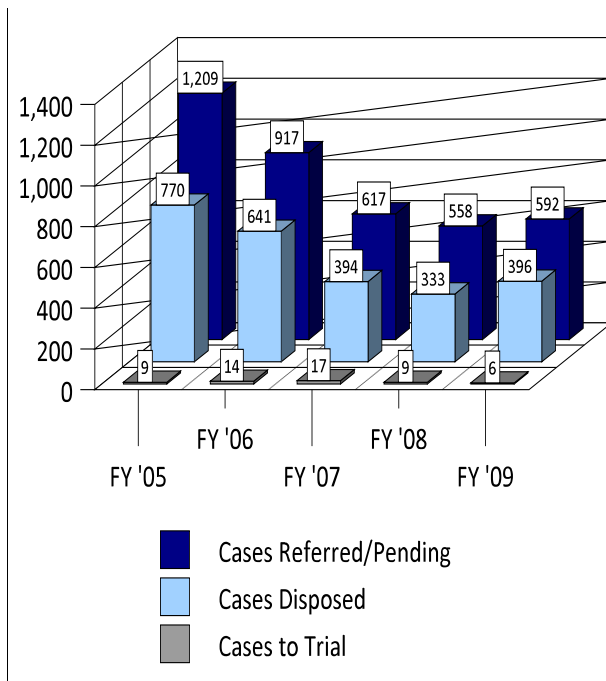
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Rock Island County

From 2005 through 2009, an annual average of 779 cases have been referred to arbitration. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration may be attributed to Supreme Court Rule 281 which raised the small claims jurisdiction to \$10,000 thereby reducing the number of cases eligible for mandatory arbitration.

Rock Island County
Five-Year Disposition Trend



The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 67 percent (396 of 592 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Rock Island County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate is higher than the five-year average of 65 percent and significantly less than the statewide average of 78 percent.

Rock Island County

**State Fiscal Year 2009
Rock Island County
At-a-Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	592
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed	396
Number of Arbitration Hearings	43
Number of Awards Accepted	5
Number of Awards Rejected	17
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	6

The data for Rock Island County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In Rock Island County, one percent of the cases (6 of the 592) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.





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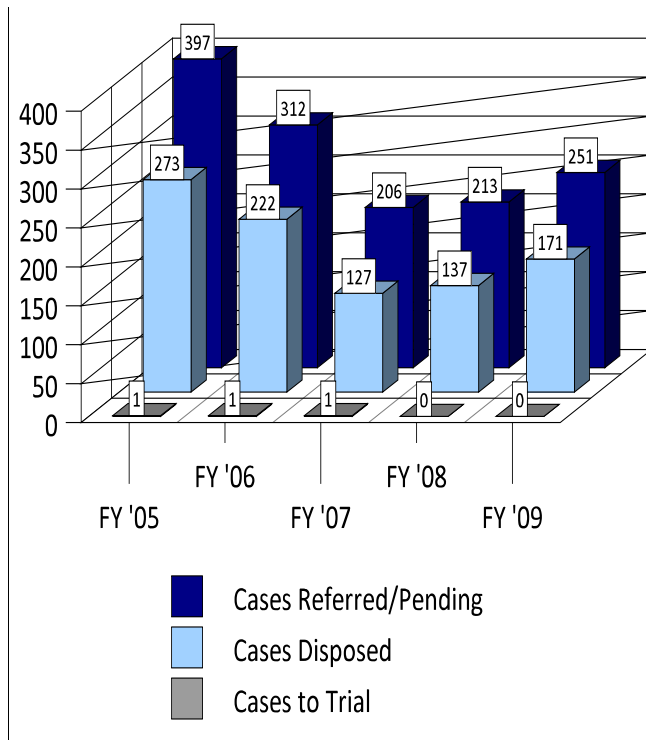
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Whiteside County

While cases referred to Whiteside County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 276 cases per year were referred or are pending in arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

Whiteside County

Five-Year Disposition Trend



The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process, or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicate that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 68 percent (171 of 251 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the Whiteside County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2009. This disposition rate is slightly higher than the five-year average of 68 percent and less than the statewide average of 78 percent.

Whiteside County

**State Fiscal Year 2009
Whiteside County
At-a-Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	251
Number of Cases Settled/Dismissed	171
Number of Arbitration Hearings	4
Number of Awards Accepted	1
Number of Awards Rejected	1
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration that Proceeded to Trial	0

The data for Whiteside County's 2009 arbitration operations are reflected in the chart to the left. In Whiteside County, none of the cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

