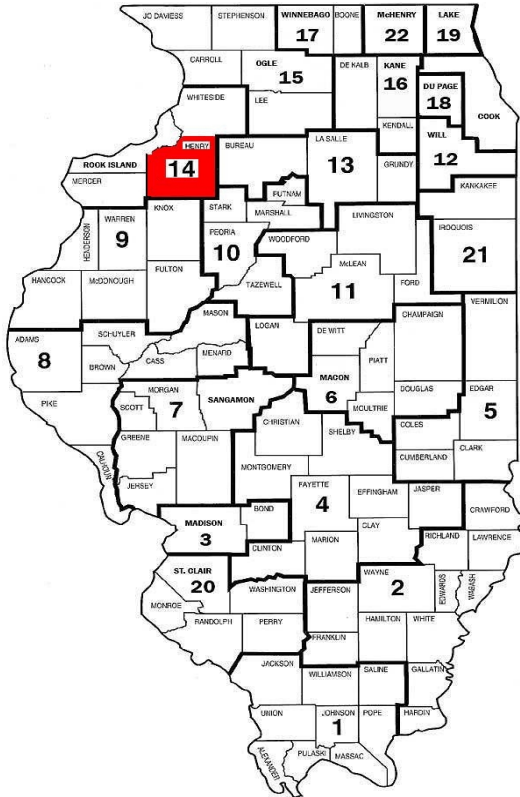


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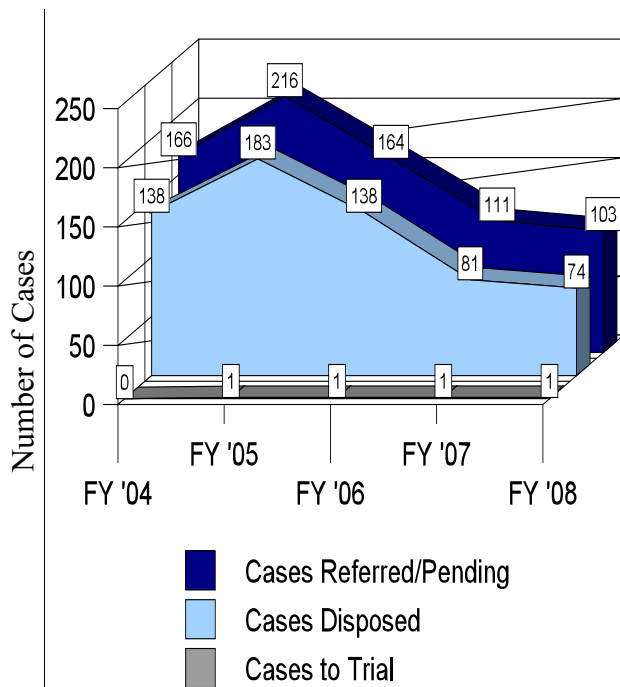
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Arbitration Program Information

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 resolved during the arbitration process or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that 72% (74 of 103) of the cases filed in the Henry County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2008 were disposed. This disposition rate is lower than the five year average of 81% and statewide average of 78%.

Henry County

**State Fiscal Year 2008
Henry County
At A Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	103
Number of Cases Disposed	74
Number of Arbitration Hearings	4
Number of Awards Accepted	1
Number of Awards Rejected	2
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	1

While cases referred to Henry County's arbitration program increased from 2004 to 2005, the same cannot be said for the past three years. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration may be influenced by Supreme Court Rule 281 which, effective January 1, 2006, raised the small claims jurisdiction from \$5,000 to \$10,000. However, due to the relatively few number of arbitration matters in Henry County, it is difficult to make any generalizations. From 2004 through 2008, an annual average of 152 cases have been referred to arbitration.

The data for Henry County's 2008 arbitration operations is reflected in the chart to the left. In Henry County, only one of the cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.

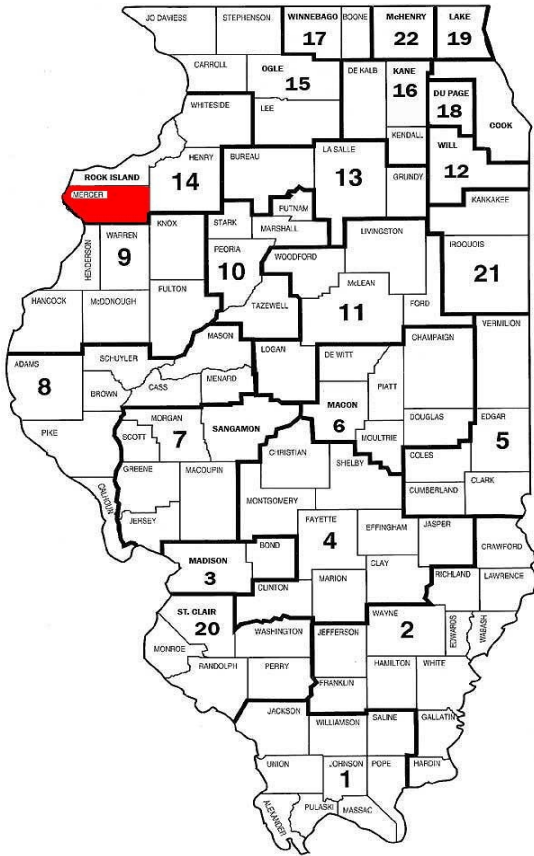
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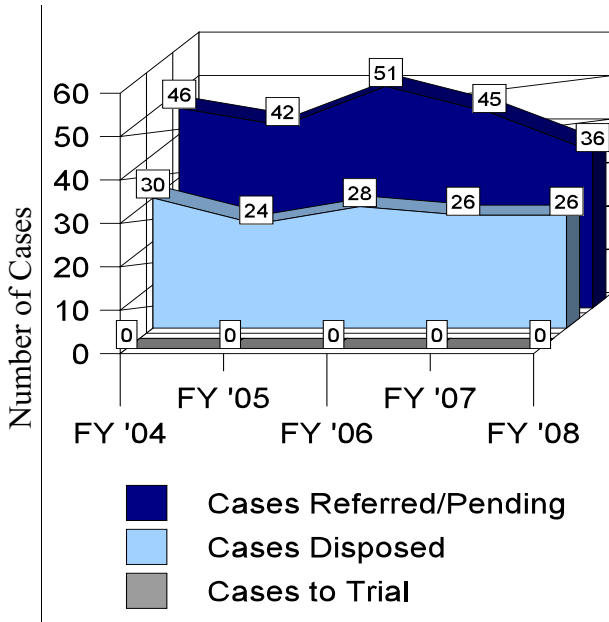
Mercer County

While cases referred to Mercer County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 44 cases per year were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were resolved during the arbitration process or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that 72% (26 of 36) of the cases filed in the Mercer County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2008 were disposed. This disposition rate is considerably higher than the five year average of 61%, but less than the statewide average of 78%.



**Mercer County
Five - Year Disposition Trend**



Mercer County

**State Fiscal Year 2008
Mercer County
At A Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	36
Number of Cases Disposed	26
Number of Arbitration Hearings	4
Number of Awards Accepted	1
Number of Awards Rejected	2
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	0

The data for Mercer County's 2008 arbitration operations is reflected in the chart to the left. In Mercer County, none of the cases litigated in arbitration proceeded to trial.

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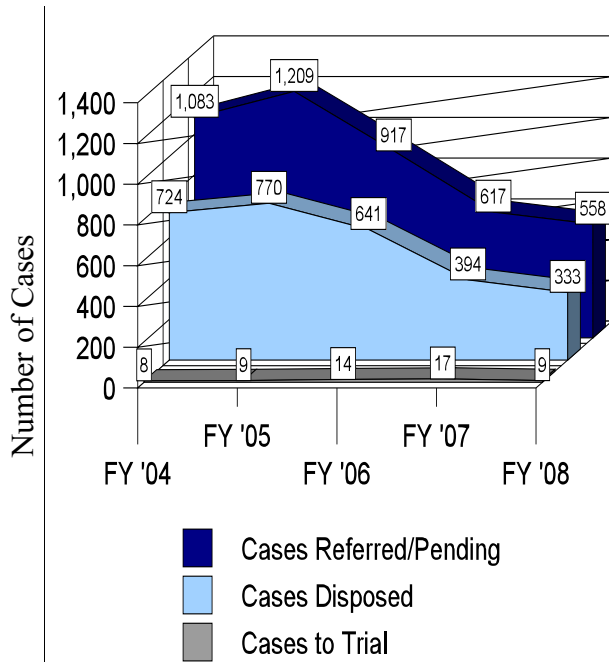
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Rock Island County

While cases referred to Rock Island County's arbitration program increased in 2005, the same cannot be said for the past three years. The decrease in cases referred to arbitration may be influenced by Supreme Court Rule 281 which, effective January 1, 2006, raised the small claims jurisdiction from \$5,000 to \$10,000. From 2004 through 2008, an annual average of 877 cases have been referred to arbitration.



**Rock Island County
Five-Year Disposition Trend**



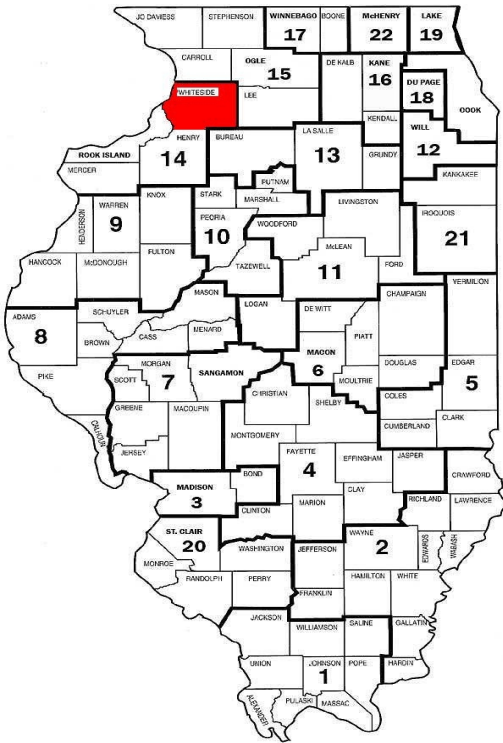
The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were resolved during the arbitration process or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that 60% (333 of 558) of the cases filed in the Rock Island County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2008 were disposed. This disposition rate is lower than the five year average of 65% and significantly less than the statewide average of 78%.

Rock Island County

**State Fiscal Year 2008
Rock Island County
At A Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending / Referred to Arbitration	558
Number of Cases Disposed	333
Number of Arbitration Hearings ...	51
Number of Awards Accepted	10
Number of Awards Rejected	23
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	9

The data for Rock Island County's 2008 arbitration operations is reflected in the chart to the left. In Rock Island County, less than 2% of the cases (9 of the 558) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.



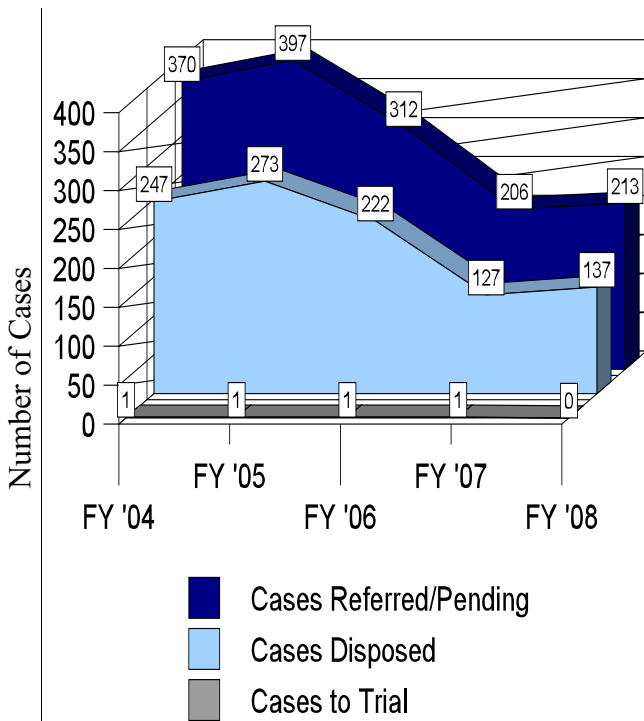
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Whiteside County

While cases referred to Whiteside County's arbitration program vary annually, an average of 300 cases per year were referred to arbitration over the past five state fiscal years.

The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were resolved during the arbitration process or ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that 64% (137 of 213) of the cases filed in the Whiteside County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2008 were disposed. This disposition rate is slightly lower than the five year average of 67% and significantly less than the statewide average of 78%.

Whiteside County
Five-Year Disposition Trend



Whiteside County

**State Fiscal Year 2008
Whiteside County
At A Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending /	
Referred to Arbitration	213
Number of Cases Disposed	137
Number of Arbitration Hearings	11
Number of Awards Accepted	1
Number of Awards Rejected	6
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	0

The data for Whiteside County's 2008 arbitration operations is reflected in the chart to the left. In Whiteside County, none of the cases filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.