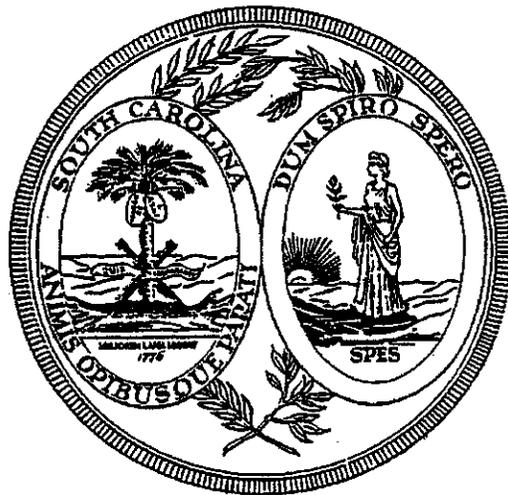


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Workers' Compensation Commission

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To the Citizens of South Carolina:

The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission is pleased to provide a report of its activities and accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2004 - 2005. As documented in the following pages, the Commission has worked hard to continue to improve its administration and management of South Carolina's workers' compensation system. Fiscal year 2004 - 2005 was a year during which the Commission worked to maintain its level of services despite the budgetary challenges it continued to face.

It is anticipated, however, that due to the current economic conditions and a significant increase in the number of cases being filed, the workload at the Commission will continue to increase at a rate that will be difficult to meet. Despite these challenges, the Commission remains committed to providing an equitable and timely system of benefits to injured workers and employers in the most responsive, accurate, and reliable manner possible.

Sincerely,

David W. Huffstetler
Chairman

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Workers' compensation laws are designed to provide a satisfactory means of handling occupational disabilities. A 20th century development in North America, workers' compensation laws evolved as the economy became more industrial and less agricultural.

Before these laws were enacted, a well-established common-law principle held that a master or employer was responsible for the injury or death of employees resulting from a negligent act by the master or employer. Thus, disabled workers who sued employers for damages had to prove their injuries were due to employer negligence. This was often a very slow, costly, and uncertain legal process. As business enterprise and machine production expanded, the number of industrial accidents and personal injury suits increased. By the close of the 19th century, it became apparent that a new system -- one that was legally-based, economically-sound, and socially-acceptable -- had to be developed.

In 1911, the first workers' compensation laws were enacted in the United States on an enduring basis. Workers' compensation laws held that employers should assume the costs of occupational disabilities without regard to any fault involved. Resulting economic losses are considered costs of production, chargeable, to the extent possible, as a price factor. The laws serve to relieve employers of liability from common-law suits involving negligence in exchange for becoming responsible for medical costs and lost wages of on-the-job injuries regardless of fault.

Historically, six basic objectives underlie the workers' compensation laws:

1. Provide sure, prompt, and reasonable income and medical benefits to work-related accident victims, or income benefits to their dependents, regardless of fault;
2. Provide a single remedy and reduce court delays, costs, and judicial workloads arising out of personal injury litigation;
3. Relieve public and private charities of financial demands incident to uncompensated occupational accidents;
4. Minimize payment of fees to lawyers and witnesses as well as time-consuming trials and court appeals;
5. Encourage maximum employer interest in safety and rehabilitation through an appropriate experience-rating mechanism; and,
6. Promote frank study of the causes of accidents (rather than concealment of fault) in an effort to reduce preventable accidents and human suffering.

The South Carolina Industrial Commission was created on September 1, 1935, to administer and enforce South Carolina's first workers' compensation law. During the past seventy years, the law has been amended by statute, defined by case law, and altered through administrative policies and procedures; however, the basic premise and purpose of the law has remained unaltered. In May, 1986, the name of the Industrial Commission was changed to the more descriptive South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission.

Every South Carolina employer and employee, with certain notable exceptions, is presumed to be covered by the State's Workers' Compensation Act. Exceptions to this provision include railroad and railway express companies and employees, certain casual employees, Federal employees in South Carolina, businesses with less than four employees, agricultural employees, and certain real estate salespersons, and, by election, corporate officers.

Employers covered by the provisions of the Act are required to maintain insurance sufficient for the payment of compensation, or they shall furnish the Commission satisfactory proof of their ability to pay the compensation in the amount and manner due an injured employee. The Director of the South Carolina Department of Insurance is responsible for approving rates and classifications for all workers' compensation insurers.

An employee may expect compensation for personal injury or death by accident arising out of and in the course of his or her employment. Workers' compensation pays for necessary medical treatment, loss of wages during a period of disability, and compensation for permanent disability or disfigurement. If an employee is injured and unable to work for more than seven days, he or she is eligible to be compensated at a rate of 66 ⅔% of the employee's average weekly wage, limited to 100% of the State's average weekly wage as established each year by the South Carolina Employment Security Commission. If the period of total disability exceeds fourteen days, the employee is eligible for compensation beginning with the date of the accident.

The maximum award for total disability or death is limited by law to five hundred weeks of compensation. The rate of compensation is determined by the injured employee's average weekly wage and cannot exceed 100% of the state's average weekly wage. The loss of both hands, arms, feet, legs, or vision in both eyes, or a combination of two such losses, constitutes total and permanent disability. In addition, a commissioner can make other disability determinations based on the particular loss or impairment to the whole person.

Amounts of compensation for partial disability or disfigurement are generally established and limited by statute or Commission regulation. Awards are usually made in terms of the number of weeks of compensation to which the employee is entitled based on the extent of the disabling injury.

In South Carolina, the disability or death of an employee resulting from an occupational disease is treated as an injury by accident, and the employee, or in the case of death, the deceased's dependents, may be entitled to compensation. A disease may be recognized as an occupational disease only if it is caused by a hazard recognized as peculiar to a particular trade, process, occupation, or employment as a direct result of continuous exposure to normal working conditions. In addition to occupational diseases, injury from harmful exposures to ionizing radiation is also defined for particular attention under the Workers' Compensation Act.

When an employee is injured on the job, he or she should immediately report the accident to the employer, or the employee may jeopardize the payment of medical fees and other compensation he or she may be entitled to under the Act. In no event should the employee wait more than ninety days from the date of the accident to report it to the employer. Claims for compensation must be made within two years after the accident or the date of death. Failure to comply with the timeliness statutes could negate any possible award or other compensation. The Commission monitors the payment of medical treatment and compensation provided by the employer or its insurance carrier to the injured worker.

An employee may file an application for a hearing before a commissioner if the employer does not report the accident, if the employer denies that the injury was sustained in the course and scope of employment, or if the employee believes that he or she did not receive all of the available benefits. An employee may also file for a hearing if the employer does not begin compensation for more than seven days of disability within fourteen days after the employer has knowledge or notice of the accident, or in the event payment is made, if there is a subsequent disagreement over the continuance of any weekly payment. The hearing will usually take place in the county in which the injury occurred.

The decision of the hearing commissioner may be appealed to the Commission for review. A panel of either three or six commissioners, excluding the original hearing commissioner, will consider the appeal. The decision of the appellate panel may be appealed to a Court of Common Pleas and the State Appellate Courts.

The Workers' Compensation Commission is responsible for administering the workers' compensation law in South Carolina. The Commission works closely with the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Commission's many constituents to ensure that the workers' compensation system is fair, equitable, and responsive to the needs of the citizens of South Carolina.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Fiscal Year 2004-2005 was a very productive one for the Commission. The General Assembly approved nearly \$1 million for a new computer system, and funded three new positions at the agency. In addition, the Commission activated its Hospital Advisory Committee to undertake a comprehensive review of the inpatient and outpatient fee schedules.

The agency badly needs a new computer system, according to a report from the Division of the State Chief Information Officer at the State Budget and Control Board. The Commission had asked the CIO's office to assess its computer system and make recommendations for improvement. According to the CIO's office, the computer system that was state-of-the-art when installed in 1990 has since suffered from budget cuts and is now inadequate for the Commission's needs. As the infrastructure aged, the Commission's IT staff did an excellent job of keeping the technical environment operational. However, the technical infrastructure no longer can meet the current and future needs of the Commission and its clients. A new computer system will enable the us to provide more services online, along with giving us the capacity to conduct analyses and provide more meaningful reports to our clients.

One example of a useful service is the Commission's initiative with the National Council on Compensation Insurance. The agency recently developed an online link to make it easy for individuals to identify commercial carriers providing workers' compensation insurance coverage to employers in South Carolina. The online database identifies carriers writing coverage through the voluntary or assigned risk market in South Carolina. An online visitor can access the carrier's address and telephone number for service and or contact.

In a continuation of its efforts to assure that workers' compensation medical fee schedules adequately pay for services provided, ensure access to quality care and contain costs for business and industry, the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission reconvened the Hospital Advisory Committee in November 2004 to advise the Commission on what, if any, changes were necessary to improve the hospital inpatient payment system. The committee also is charged with making recommendations on the establishment of an outpatient fee schedule. The fourteen member Advisory Committee is composed of representatives of the hospital industry, medical association, property and casualty insurance carriers, a self-insured fund, business and industry, and State Government. The committee is expected to make its recommendations the later part of 2005 or in early 2006.

The popularity of the Commission's series of one-day seminars on claims management, *Claims Administration Made Easy*, continued as the Commission held two seminars in Columbia which were well attended. The workshops provide a thorough overview of the workers' compensation system in South Carolina, as well as a comprehensive review of claims-processing requirements. The workshops cover the legal and administrative requirements for sumitting complete and accurate claims information. In addition, the Commission teamed up with the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association to co-sponsor the 28th Annual Workers' Compensation Medical Seminar, a three-day event devoted to medical issues relevant to workers' compensation.

The Commission developed an additional feature for its web site providing anyone with internet access the ability to find insurance coverage for all South Carolina employers who are commercially insured. Employers can now verify workers' compensation insurance coverage online.

At the beginning of FY 02-03, the time it took for an injured worker to receive a hearing had increased from between 90 to 120 days to in excess of 180 days from the request for a hearing. This past year the Commission continued to work diligently to reduce that time. By mid 2005 it took slightly less than 160 days from the date the hearing request was made to the time the hearing was held. It is expected that all hearing requests will be heard within four to five months by the end of 2006. Given the notice requirements in the Workers' Compensation Act, which accounts for over sixty days of this time, the Commission is holding hearings as expeditiously as possible. By allocating more days for appellate hearings, the time required for the agency to hear an appeal also was considerably reduced, from four months to three months.

On August 24, 2004, Governor Sanford appointed Commissioner David W. Huffstetler to fill the seat of Commissioner Harry B. Gregory, Jr. Commissioner Huffstetler previously served on the Commission from July 1990 to June 1996. Prior to joining the Commission, he was a manager of human resources at Michelin North America.

In November 2004, Alicia Clawson, Executive Director, left the Commission and Gary R. Thibault was appointed Interim Executive Director. Mr. Thibault had served as the Commissions Director of Insurance & Medical Services. In June 2005 Mr. Thibault was appointed Executive Director.

The ongoing success of any organization is a direct and proximate result of the performance of its employees. For her achievements and accomplishments during FY 04-05, the Commission recognized Vivian Brown as its Employee of the Year. Ms. Brown has been a claims examiner in the Claims Department for a majority of her tenure with Commission. Other employees receiving recognition for outstanding contributions included: Kathryn Gantt, Administration, Mary Bates, Insurance & Medical Services, and Eugenia Hollman with the Commission's Judicial Department.

Commission employees routinely participate in community events. The Commission is a longtime supporter of the United Way, and our United Way Campaign during this fiscal year was a success.

The Commission works closely with a number of State agencies. For example, we exchange coverage information with the Employment Security Commission; serve as a satellite office of the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; maintain established fraud reporting protocols with the Office of the State Attorney General; exchange workplace safety information with the Department of Labor; maintain direct data links to our claims database for the Uninsured Employers Fund and the Second Injury Fund; participate in joint fraud investigations and prosecutions with the FBI and the U.S. Office of the Attorney General; and provide information to the Social Security Administration.

When compared to other states, South Carolina has moderate workers' compensation benefits (neither high nor low) with relatively low insurance premium costs for employers. In national comparisons, both overall and within the manufacturing sector, South Carolina premium rates are consistently among the lowest in the country.

South Carolina must have a workers' compensation system that is stable, objectively balanced, competently managed, and cost effective if it is to enhance the efforts of economic development within the State by providing a fair, equitable and timely system of benefits to

injured workers and their employers. The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission is committed to such a system and will continue to that end as directed by the General Assembly.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

A cooperative arrangement between the Workers' Compensation Commission and the Vocational Rehabilitation Department exists to establish the means for a practical and effective working relationship between the two agencies and to provide maximum services to industrially injured, vocationally handicapped persons.

A Vocational Rehabilitation office, with a counselor and casework assistant, is located at the Workers' Compensation Commission to serve as liaison between the Vocational Rehabilitation Department and the Workers' Compensation Commission. This office not only provides services to injured workers, it also makes initial identifications and refers injured workers to vocational rehabilitation facilities throughout the state. These referrals are generated from Commission staff, commissioners, attorneys, insurance carriers, physicians, and others.

Among the chief advantages to the cooperative working arrangement is the opportunity to obtain early referral of injured workers so they can begin the rehabilitation process with the shortest time lapse between injury and re-employment. Referrals with first reports of injury and medical information are screened and assigned to the counselor in the area of the state where the claimant resides. In each instance, the receiving counselor is requested to supply a progress report within thirty days after the initial contact and to continue to report significant events.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Department places strong emphasis on providing services to injured workers, and the designated counselors facilitate the exchange of information and the delivery of rehabilitation services to workers' compensation recipients. Local vocational rehabilitation workshops are assessed for evaluation and adjustment training, and a network of statewide comprehensive facilities which specializes in a variety of rehabilitation services directed toward severely disabled clients is available.

As a result of these cooperative efforts, four hundred sixty-three (463) referrals were made during Fiscal Year 2004-2005.

**LEGISLATION PASSED DURING THE 2005 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WHICH AFFECTS THE
SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW**

Act No. 36
§42-3-250
Effective 4/1/05

Provides that Workers' Compensation Commissioners are bound by the Code of Judicial Conduct, as contained in Rule 501 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules; and requires Commissioners and their administrative assistants to attend yearly a workshop concerning ethics and the Administrative Procedures Act.

Act No. 80
§42-7-65
Effective 5/31/05

Provides that workers' compensation premiums for voluntary state constables must be paid from the State General Fund upon warrant of the Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division.

Act No. 85
§42-3-80
Effective 5/26/05

Provides that the administrative department of the commission shall be under the direction of an administrative director, appointed by the commission, serve at its pleasure and shall receive an annual salary not to exceed eighty-five percent of the salary paid to the Commissioners.

Act No. 98
§42-1-500
Effective 6/1/05

Authorizes municipalities to provide workers' compensation coverage to prisoners in their custody and sets their average weekly wage.

Act No. 108
§42-11-30
Effective 6/2/05

Provides that a cardiac-related incident resulting in impairment or injury to a law enforcement officer resulting in total or partial disability, or death, is presumed, under certain conditions, to have arisen out of and in the course of employment.

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Our Vision: Be the driving force in a workers' compensation system of excellence that delivers superior service to employers and their workers, thereby enhancing economic development in South Carolina.

Our Mission: Provide an equitable and timely system of benefits to injured workers and to employers in the most responsive, accurate, and reliable manner possible.

Commissioners:

Mission: Establish policies consistent with the mission of the organization and resolve or adjudicate all matters brought under the Workers' Compensation Act.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, designates one commissioner as chairman for a term of two years, and the chairman may serve two terms in a six-year period, but not consecutively. The chairman is the chief executive officer of the Commission and responsible for implementing the policies established by the Commission in its capacity as the governing board.

The Commissioners are responsible for hearing and determining all contested cases, conducting informal conferences, approving settlements, and hearing appellant applications. In their capacity as administrative law judges, the Commissioners must conduct the legal proceedings in the county in which the claimant was injured. For administrative purposes, the State is divided into seven districts. Commissioners are assigned to a district for a period of two months before being reassigned to another district. During the course of a fourteen-month period, the Commissioners serve in each of the State's forty-six counties.

It is the responsibility of the Commission to administer the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law, generally found in Title 42 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina. In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, the Commission also promulgates rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of Title 42.

Executive Director

Mission: Provide the leadership vital to accomplishing the organization's mission.

The day-to-day administration and operation of the Commission is the responsibility of the executive director who is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the seven Commissioners acting in their capacity as the board of directors of the agency. The executive director functions as the Commission's chief operating officer.

Under the general supervision and management of the executive director are the Commission's six functional departments: (1) Administration, (2) Claims, (3) Insurance & Medical Services, (4)

Judicial, (5) Legal, and (6) Information Services. Each department is under the supervision of a director and is organized into one or more operational divisions.

Administration Department

Mission: Provide the administrative support necessary to enable employees to accomplish the organization's mission.

The Administration Department is responsible for a variety of internal programs, including finance, budgeting, human resources, purchasing, inventory, facility maintenance, motor vehicles, mail and printing, office services, and affirmative action, as well as administrative operations and decision making processes of the Commission.

Claims Department

Mission: Improve the timeliness and accuracy of benefits provided to injured workers.

The administration and management of accident reports and any resulting claims are responsibilities of the Claims Department. After an accident is reported to the Claims Department, its progress through the system is monitored at various stages by claims personnel. Individual case records are reviewed to ensure the requirements of the Workers' Compensation Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission are being observed. Conflicts of a non-judicial matter are often resolved in the Claims Department.

Insurance and Medical Services Department

Mission: Assure availability of workers' compensation benefits to injured workers, provide employers a self-insurance alternative, and contain medical costs.

The Department of Insurance and Medical Services is responsible for maintaining, monitoring, and enforcing the various requirements that employers obtain and maintain sufficient workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Coverage Division maintains insurance records of employers who purchase coverage from commercial insurance carriers. The responsibility for investigating uninsured employers to determine if they are subject to the Workers' Compensation Act is the responsibility of the Compliance Division. Under certain conditions, South Carolina employers may self-insure themselves against losses resulting from on-the-job injuries. Qualifying and regulating the self-insured employers is the responsibility of the Self-Insurance Division. The department's Medical Services Division is responsible for maintaining the fee schedules that regulate charges by doctors and hospitals and for approving various fees and charges in accordance with the established schedules.

Judicial Department

Mission: Assess and assign for disposition all claims that require mediation, adjudication, or appellate review.

The Judicial Department is responsible for scheduling contested matters and viewings before a commissioner and for scheduling appeals before an appellate panel of Commissioners. Case preparation in anticipation of a hearing consists of reviewing a file, requesting additional documentation from the parties, preparing a case summary, sending notices to the parties, and maintaining the docket. The Commission's claims mediation services also are a responsibility of the Judicial Department.

Information Services Department

Mission: Provide the necessary support to agency employees to enable them to accomplish the organization's mission.

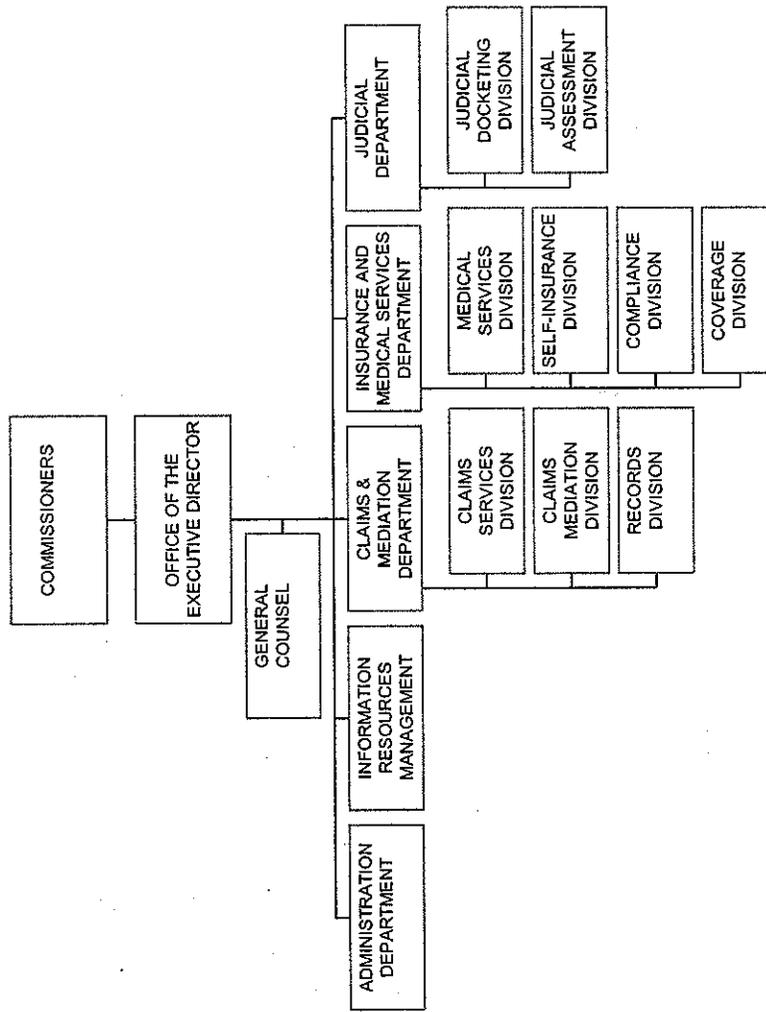
The Information Services Department is responsible for the use and management of information, data processing functions, research and statistics, and records, both electronic and manual. One of the primary goals of this department is to increase the availability, accuracy, timeliness, and the quality of data and information used in the delivery of services.

Legal Department

Mission: Provide legal counsel to the agency, prosecute uninsured employers, and draft changes to legislation and regulations.

The staff attorney serves as legal counsel and advisor to the Commission. In addition, the staff attorney brings show cause actions on behalf of the Commission, drafts proposed legislation and regulations, and monitors the legal and legislative developments in the field of workers' compensation.

SC WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION



**SOUTH CAROLINA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

COMMISSIONERS

July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

David W. Huffstetler, Chairman
Lexington
Appointed: August 27, 2004
Term of Office: 2006

Lisa D. Glover, Vice Chair
Columbia
Appointed: June 5, 2000
Term of Office: 2006

J. Alan Bass
Myrtle Beach
Appointed: May 17, 2002
Term of Office: 2008

J. Michelle Childs
Columbia
Appointed: May 17, 2002
Term of Office: 2008

George N. Funderburk
Greenville
Appointed: May 17, 2002
Term of Office: 2008

G. Bryan Lyndon
Anderson
Appointed: April 10, 2004
Term of Office: 2010

Susan S. Barden
Columbia
Appointed: May 27, 2004
Term of Office: 2010

**SOUTH CAROLINA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION DIRECTORS

As of June 30, 2005

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gary R. Thibault, Executive Director

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Janice Sanders Sutton, Finance & Human Resources Director

Cathy Dean, Administrative Services Manager

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Greg Line, Director

Laverne Spry, Deputy Commissioner & Claims Mediator

Sallie Wider, Records Control Supervisor

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Vacant, Director

W. C. Smith, Self-Insurance Director

Garry Smith, Coverage and Compliance Director

Vacant, Medical Services Director

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Herman B. Lightsey, Jr., Director

Eugenia Hollmon, Judicial Docketing Director

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Duane Earles, Director

Barbara James, Accident Reporting Supervisor

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Janet Godfrey Griggs, General Counsel

**SOUTH CAROLINA
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
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ADMINISTRATION

Director	57,983.00	57,983.00	0.00
Classified Positions	369,033.00	369,033.00	0.00
Terminal Leave	16,941.00	16,941.00	0.00
Contractual Services	43,084.00	43,084.00	0.00
Supplies & Materials	29,984.00	29,984.00	0.00
Fixed Charges & Contributions	24,002.00	24,002.00	0.00
Travel	2,290.00	2,290.00	0.00
Equipment	2,434.00	2,434.00	0.00
Total Administration	545,751.00	545,751.00	0.00

JUDICIAL

A. COMMISSIONERS

Chairman	104,199.00	104,199.00	0.00
Commissioners	580,172.00	580,172.00	0.00
Classified Positions	255,578.00	255,578.00	0.00
Terminal Leave	18,637.00	18,637.00	0.00
Contractual Services	6,129.00	6,129.00	0.00
Supplies & Materials	434.00	434.00	0.00
Fixed Charges & Contributions	12,945.00	12,945.00	0.00
Travel	12,314.00	12,314.00	0.00
Total Commissioners	990,408.00	990,408.00	0.00

B. MANAGEMENT

Classified Positions	251,002.00	251,002.00	0.00
Unclass. Positions	57,255.00	57,255.00	0.00
Terminal Leave	9,149.00	9,149.00	0.00
Contractual Services	283.00	283.00	0.00
Supplies & Materials	228.00	228.00	0.00
Fixed Charges & Contributions	4,406.00	4,406.00	0.00
Total Management	322,323.00	322,323.00	0.00

INSURANCE & MEDICAL SERVICES

Classified Positions	226,441.00	226,441.00	0.00
Contractual Services	355.00	355.00	0.00
Fixed Charges & Contributions	5,081.00	5,081.00	0.00
Travel	933.00	933.00	0.00
Total Ins. & Med. Svc	232,810.00	232,810.00	0.00

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
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CLAIMS

Classified Positions	155,905.00	155,905.00	0.00
Contractual Services	697.00	697.00	0.00
Supplies & Materials	249.00	249.00	0.00
Fixed Charges & Contributions	5,441.00	5,441.00	0.00
Total Claims	162,292.00	162,292.00	0.00

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employer Contributions	603,309.00	603,309.00	0.00
Total Employee Benefits	603,309.00	603,309.00	0.00

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,856,893.00	2,856,893.00	0.00
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OTHER FUNDS

ADMINISTRATION

Classified Positions	77,983.00	77,983.00	0.00
Temporary Positions	54,392.00	53,920.00	472.00
Contractual Services	300,167.00	78,953.00	221,214.00
Supplies & Materials	218,656.00	110,729.00	107,927.00
Fixed Charges & Contr.	268,978.00	210,509.00	58,469.00
Travel	30,000.00	13,215.00	16,785.00
Taxes	19,000.00	7,873.00	11,127.00
Equipment Non-Capital	13,000.00	12,931.00	69.00
Total Administration	982,176.00	566,113.00	416,063.00

A. COMMISSIONERS

Taxable Subsistence	33,519.00	27,465.00	6,054.00
Classified Positions	32,716.00	32,716.00	0.00
Temporary Positions	2,775.00	2,775.00	0.00
Contractual Services	119,350.00	117,568.00	1,782.00
Supplies & Materials	165.00	165.00	0.00
Fixed Charges & Contr.	155,349.00	155,349.00	0.00
Travel	80,000.00	76,264.00	3,736.00
Transportation	23.00	23.00	0.00
Total Commissioners	423,897.00	412,325.00	11,572.00

B. MANAGEMENT

Classified Positions	109,910.00	106,990.00	2,920.00
Temporary Positions	13,100.00	11,907.00	1,193.00
Contractual Services	14,792.00	14,153.00	639.00
Supplies & Materials	74,129.00	856.00	73,273.00
Fixed Charges & Contr.	52,869.00	48,462.00	4,407.00
Equipment Non-Capital	28,501.00	28,501.00	0.00
Total Management	293,301.00	210,869.00	82,432.00

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
<u>INSURANCE & MEDICAL SERVICES</u>			
Classified Positions	71,042.00	71,042.00	0.00
Temporary Positions	20,300.00	17,913.00	2,387.00
Contractual Services	7,982.00	6,067.00	1,915.00
Supplies & Materials	10,101.00	1,262.00	8,839.00
Fixed Charges & Contr.	61,000.00	55,898.00	5,102.00
Travel	9,706.00	2,506.00	7,200.00
Taxes	592.00	592.00	0.00
Equipment Non-Capital	2,023.00	2,023.00	0.00
Total Ins. & Med. Svc	182,746.00	157,303.00	25,443.00
<u>CLAIMS</u>			
Classified Positions	74,410.00	74,410.00	0.00
Temporary Positions	25,233.00	25,232.00	1.00
Contractual Services	8,837.00	8,107.00	730.00
Supplies & Materials	9,636.00	46.00	9,590.00
Fixed Charges & Contr.	65,300.00	59,855.00	5,445.00
Travel	8,616.00	208.00	8,408.00
Total Claims	192,032.00	167,858.00	24,174.00
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>			
Employer Contributions	133,125.00	133,125.00	0.00
Total Employee Benefits	133,125.00	133,125.00	0.00
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	2,207,278.00	1,647,593.00	559,684.00
TOTAL AGENCY	5,064,171.00	4,504,486.00	559,684.00
Appropriation of Remaining Cash Balance For FY04-05			0.00

OTHER FUNDS RETAINED

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Penalties, Fees, Fines *	4,160,462.00	1,633,176.00	2,527,286.00
Training Conference**	12,577.00	9,789.00	2,788.00
Sale of Publication***	95,568.00	4,629.00	90,939.00
Total Other Funds	4,268,607.00		4,268,607.00

OTHER FUNDS - GENERAL FUNDS

Workers' Comp. Self- Insurance Tax	5,558,570.00	0.00	5,558,570.00
Insolvency Fund	(452,400.00)	0.00	(452,400.00)
Self-Insurance Application Fee	8,902.00	0.00	8,902.00

ACCOUNTS	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Miscellaneous Revenue	448.00	0.00	448.00
Total Funds	5,115,520.00	0.00	5,115,520.00

*Receipts include \$2,196,828.00 carried forward from FY2004.

**Receipts include \$2,707.00 carried forward from FY2004.

***Receipts include \$82,498 carried forward from FY2004.

ACTIVITY SUMMARY & STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

The following tables and charts illustrate the work activity of the Workers' Compensation Commission for FY 2004 - 2005. Activity is measured primarily by the number of cases handled at each stage in the system. Once an accident is reported, there are a number of steps that must be taken before a claim can be closed. The most serious accidents and those that are disputed require additional processing and are open for a longer period of time.

South Carolina continues to be among those states with the lowest rates in the country for workers' compensation insurance. We have been fortunate to be in this position for a number of years now, and making this even more significant is the fact our workers' compensation benefits are relatively moderate, neither high nor low when compared to other states.

According to the 2004 Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking conducted by the Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services, South Carolina employers in the voluntary market pay, on average, the thirteenth lowest rates in the nation. Other rate studies have confirmed this finding. Actuarial and Technical Solutions of New York found South Carolina had the eighth lowest workers' compensation costs in the nation among firms in the manufacturing industry.

The number of employers purchasing workers' compensation insurance increased 4.2% from 92,651 to 96,504. The self-insurance market was relatively unchanged. The number of employers self-insured, individually and through self-insured funds, decreased three-tenths of one percent, from 4,710 to 4,694. Self-insurance taxes collected increased 7.2%, from \$5.2 to \$5.6 million.

In FY 2004-2005, 87,441 accidents were filed with the Commission, down 1.3% from 88,625 filed the previous year. However, individually reported accidents increased 20.4%, from 29,300 to 35,267. The number of minor medical only cases decreased 3.5%, from 58,691 to 56,623.

Total compensation and medical paid on cases closed last year increased 19.5% to \$771,537,200. Medical costs rose 22.2% to \$286,467,000 with compensation costs increasing 18.0% to \$485,070,200. The increase in medical costs can be attributed to medical inflation as well as greater utilization of services per case. Compensation costs increased, in part, as a result of the increase in the average weekly wage along with a 4.4% increase in the number of cases closed during the year.

The vast majority of workers' compensation claims are processed and resolved with the injured employee receiving timely and appropriate medical care and returning to work with little or no time lost from work. Even the majority of the remainder of the more complex cases are resolved between the parties. Of the 87,441 cases filed with the Commission during the past fiscal year, 14,335, 16.4%, requested a hearing to resolve a dispute between the parties. Of the 14,335 hearings scheduled, 2,882 hearings were held, a 7% increase from the previous year. Overall, 2,762 single commissioner decisions, opinions and orders were released. In FY 2004 - 2005, 5,066 informal conferences were held, a 1.3% decrease, and 9,834 common law settlements approved, a 6% increase from the previous year. Cases appealed to the Full Commission for review increased 13.4% to 1,094, and decisions appealed to Circuit Court decreased by 25.6% to 195.

Recapitulation

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
1. Number of Employers Purchasing Insurance	89,544	92,651	96,504
2. Number of Employers Qualifying as Self-Insurers	4,587	4,710	4,694
3. Investigations Active Beginning of Fiscal Year	234	309	213
4. Investigations Initiated	775	800	760
5. Investigations Set for Show Cause Hearings/ Consent Agreements Received	486	372	391
6. Total Investigations Closed	700	896	813
7. Investigations Active at Close of Fiscal Year	309	213	160
8. Number of Accident Cases Filed with the Commission	88,419	88,625	87,441
A. New Cases	86,153	86,617	85,077
B. Reopened cases	2,266	2,008	2,364
9. Number of Cases Closed during Fiscal Year	88,913	87,991	91,890
A. Individually Reported Accidents	30,667	29,300	35,267
B. Minor Medical Only Accidents Reported in Summary	58,246	58,691	56,623
10. Total Compensation & Medical Cost Paid on Closed Cases	\$ 571,622,097	\$ 645,579,071	\$ 771,537,200
A. Medical Costs	\$ 211,908,560	\$ 234,362,277	\$ 286,467,000
B. Compensation	\$ 359,713,537	\$ 411,216,794	\$ 485,070,200
11. Temporary Total Compensation Agreements	14,859	14,726	14,207
12. Supplemental Compensation Agreements	9,959	8,853	8,207
13. Applications for Stop Payment *	3,101	3,462	3,093
14. Cases Docketed for Hearings	9,595	11,287	14,335
15. Cases Assigned for Informal Conferences	6,305	5,911	5,680
16. Hearings Conducted by Single Commissioners	2,697	2,694	2,882
17. Informal Conferences Conducted	5,557	5,134	5,066
18. Decisions, Opinions & Orders, Single Commissioners	3,325	2,502	2,762
19. Cases Appealed to Full Commission for Review	1,003	965	1,094
20. Reviews Conducted by Full Commission or Panel	736	870	820
21. Decisions and Opinions by Full Commission or Panel	522	631	748
22. Commission Decisions Appealed to Circuit Court	192	262	195
23. Common Law Settlements	9,164	9,275	9,834
24. Attorney Fee Approvals	9,732	10,299	10,737
25. Self-Insurance Tax Collected and Deposited to the General Fund	\$ 4,948,140	\$ 5,180,134	\$ 5,555,236

* Includes 60-Day Hearings

AGGREGATED BENEFITS - FY 1935 THROUGH FY 2005

This chart reports the number of cases closed per fiscal year and the amount of compensation and medical expenses paid.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Cases</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Medical</u>
1934-35.....	11,458	\$ 250,577	\$ 170,670
1939-40.....	25,994	\$ 394,223	\$ 405,019
1944-45.....	36,864	\$ 1,358,293	\$ 474,681
1949-50.....	35,667	\$ 1,755,179	\$ 912,597
1954-55.....	44,035	\$ 3,275,755	\$ 1,573,474
1959-60.....	43,884	\$ 5,072,006	\$ 2,608,076
1964-65.....	59,725	\$ 6,768,829	\$ 3,828,226
1965-66.....	65,365	\$ 6,867,203	\$ 4,278,421
1966-67.....	69,297	\$ 7,704,629	\$ 4,407,379
1967-68.....	64,915	\$ 9,655,456	\$ 5,101,658
1968-69.....	73,013	\$ 9,615,519	\$ 5,677,654
1969-70.....	80,293	\$ 10,738,366	\$ 6,289,786
1970-71.....	72,379	\$ 11,201,101	\$ 6,964,646
1971-72.....	83,273	\$ 11,527,419	\$ 7,634,332
1972-73.....	79,597	\$ 11,792,332	\$ 9,012,884
1974-75.....	93,591	\$ 18,289,965	\$ 10,493,286
1975-76.....	83,366	\$ 20,351,297	\$ 11,038,204
1976-77.....	88,388	\$ 23,362,924	\$ 10,464,476
1977-78.....	101,938	\$ 33,263,746	\$ 16,111,918
1978-79.....	111,739	\$ 40,421,561	\$ 18,771,706
1979-80.....	114,459	\$ 47,077,247	\$ 21,878,795
1980-81.....	120,216	\$ 54,637,463	\$ 25,995,462
1981-82.....	111,400	\$ 61,695,438	\$ 29,252,885
1982-83.....	98,632	\$ 69,970,953	\$ 31,990,075
1983-84.....	80,172	\$ 73,003,062	\$ 33,776,506
1984-85.....	81,925	\$ 68,180,229	\$ 35,485,599
1985-86.....	88,521	\$ 96,422,558	\$ 47,820,349
1986-87.....	115,128	\$137,045,282	\$ 66,854,808
1987-88.....	112,247	\$120,649,315	\$ 66,740,699
1988-89.....	102,630	\$164,599,203	\$ 78,849,921
1989-90.....	129,951	\$176,323,354	\$ 91,160,407
1990-91.....	113,143	\$187,827,035	\$ 99,556,117
1991-92.....	103,695	\$213,342,923	\$119,931,934
1992-93.....	116,593	\$236,374,239	\$135,846,583
1993-94.....	143,167	\$295,903,349	\$177,061,906
1994-95.....	137,004	\$223,564,528	\$142,896,705
1995-96.....	105,874	\$233,868,938	\$149,644,830
1996-97.....	93,709	\$250,579,855	\$150,574,664
1997-98.....	93,551	\$237,017,627	\$147,749,239
1998-99.....	120,128	\$253,371,802	\$162,104,819
1999-2000.....	65,658	\$278,849,036	\$164,957,331
2000-2001.....	92,555	\$316,041,961	\$186,702,667
2001-2002.....	88,891	\$327,510,789	\$199,210,160
2002-2003.....	88,913	\$359,713,537	\$211,908,560
2003-2004.....	87,991	\$411,216,794	\$204,934,938
2004-2005.....	91,890	\$485,070,200	\$286,467,000

COMPENSATION RATES

The General Assembly is responsible for establishing compensation rates. The table below illustrates the change in both weekly and maximum compensation since 1975.

<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM WEEKLY RATE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM COMPENSATION</u>
January 1, 1975	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 91.17	\$ 40,000.00
July 1, 1975	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 95.35	\$ 40,000.00
April 14, 1976	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 147.44	\$ 40,000.00
January 1, 1977	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 160.00	\$ 40,000.00
January 1, 1978	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 172.00	\$ 40,000.00
May 19, 1978	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 172.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1979	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 185.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1980	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 197.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1981	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 216.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1982	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 235.00	500 Weeks
January 1, 1983	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 254.38	500 Weeks
January 1, 1984	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 268.99	500 Weeks *
January 1, 1985	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 287.02	500 Weeks
January 1, 1986	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 294.95	500 Weeks
January 1, 1987	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 308.24	500 Weeks
January 1, 1988	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 319.20	500 Weeks
January 1, 1989	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 334.87	500 Weeks
January 1, 1990	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 350.19	500 Weeks
January 1, 1991	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 364.37	500 Weeks
January 1, 1992	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 379.82	500 Weeks
January 1, 1993	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 393.06	500 Weeks
January 1, 1994	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 410.26	500 Weeks
January 1, 1995	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 422.48	500 Weeks
January 1, 1996	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 437.79	500 Weeks
January 1, 1997	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 450.62	500 Weeks
January 1, 1998	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 465.18	500 Weeks
January 1, 1999	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 483.47	500 Weeks
January 1, 2000	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 507.34	500 Weeks
January 1, 2001	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 532.77	500 Weeks
January 1, 2002	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 549.42	500 Weeks
January 1, 2003	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 563.55	500 Weeks
January 1, 2004	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 577.73	500 Weeks
January 1, 2005	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ %	\$ 592.56	500 Weeks

* Effective May 31, 1984, (Act No. 417), "Any person determined to be totally and permanently disabled who as a result of a compensable injury is a paraplegic, a quadriplegic, or who has suffered physical brain damage is not subject to the five hundred week limitation and shall receive such benefits for life." (Section 42-9-10, as amended)

CASES ASSIGNED THROUGH THE MONTHLY PULLING PROCESS FOR HEARINGS AND VIEWINGS DURING FISCAL YEAR

County	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
	Hearings	Hearings	Hearings	Hearings	Viewings	Viewings	Viewings	Viewings
ABBEVILLE	39	38	37	41	29	31	28	23
AIKEN	254	248	249	287	147	155	162	152
ALLENDALE	30	22	27	42	22	9	14	18
ANDERSON	445	447	446	472	305	227	218	248
BAMBERG	35	15	13	23	34	13	17	19
BARNWELL	46	51	35	45	26	12	13	13
BEAUFORT	354	335	359	388	162	188	200	161
BERKELEY	232	193	261	276	148	139	169	137
CALHOUN	20	26	27	23	8	13	9	7
CHARLESTON	1,037	1011	1,222	1,235	659	642	581	518
CHEROKEE	131	147	121	152	116	127	113	88
CHESTER	110	91	100	84	50	66	51	45
CHESTERFIELD	78	90	104	82	51	71	60	54
CLARENDON	60	70	67	69	17	26	19	24
COLLETON	84	119	86	103	66	62	58	54
DARLINGTON	114	120	107	104	68	80	62	52
DILLON	37	29	35	45	19	37	26	23
DORCHESTER	159	166	202	243	146	120	111	131
EDGEFIELD	24	21	31	29	18	23	6	11
FAIRFIELD	59	64	74	52	40	34	23	34
FLORENCE	296	349	377	332	194	208	192	185
GEORGETOWN	178	129	204	252	148	141	120	99
GREENVILLE	1,210	1214	1,141	1,326	894	879	851	802
GREENWOOD	175	145	125	149	140	133	136	116
HAMPTON	31	38	36	54	34	39	33	43
HORRY	534	540	537	518	274	255	244	266
JASPER	33	32	27	59	13	11	8	7
KERSHAW	117	111	119	155	58	101	94	61
LANCASTER	86	95	58	96	78	77	65	58
LAURENS	132	167	120	119	83	77	63	74
LEE	28	29	23	42	17	13	13	8
LEXINGTON	434	470	505	500	420	300	349	331
MCCORMICK	13	21	17	19	7	19	6	5
MARION	54	41	48	68	29	37	30	22
MARLBORO	35	42	54	33	31	21	28	33
NEWBERRY	58	78	70	95	67	86	59	76
OCONEE	150	144	147	169	135	122	97	113
ORANGEBURG	222	231	221	242	152	113	149	88
PICKENS	204	190	173	189	159	170	149	125
RICHLAND	934	866	983	968	681	558	515	570
SALUDA	24	17	12	16	12	13	6	9
SPARTANBURG	646	680	662	796	461	434	384	402
SUMTER	291	277	239	277	164	181	146	141
UNION	36	37	44	50	37	41	31	18
WILLIAMSBURG	42	32	50	60	39	21	27	35
YORK	338	317	296	318	195	180	176	181
TOTALS:	9,649	9,595	9,891	10,697	6,653	6,305	5,911	5680

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
 NUMBER AND COST OF DISABILITY BY INDUSTRY GROUP FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/04 THRU 06/30/05

	---DEATH---		---DISFIGUREMENT---		-DISMEMBERMENT-		LOSS OF USE AND		---TEMPORARY TOTAL---		MEDICAL
	# INC	COMP	# INC	COMP	# INC	COMP	# INC	COMP	# INC	COMP	
AGRICULTURE			2	3,438			19	221,356	65	636,354	992,467
MINING-QUARRYING			1	1,908			1	3,677	1	640	2,387
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	4	99,972	1	38,578			53	900,514	214	3,406,101	5,375,152
ROAD CONSTRUCTION			1	3,065			14	272,137	55	814,267	2,231,448
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	6	695,534	2	2,964			102	1,469,040	328	3,945,046	5,832,968
FOOD	1	109,480	7	16,770			56	875,077	139	1,016,515	2,027,222
TEXTILE MILLS	1	173,789	9	25,256			53	718,259	74	835,267	1,634,403
CLOTHING MANUFACTURING			4	8,778			3	14,840	9	33,377	144,409
LUMBER AND WOOD	1	2,500					27	405,135	87	1,028,911	1,538,469
FURNITURE MANUFACTURING			4	7,207			5	51,027	21	251,020	331,911
PAPER-PULP MILLS			4	7,207			17	232,903	26	514,299	524,311
PRINTING PUBLISHING	1	39,988	1	1,309			11	48,342	17	78,396	205,058
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS			2	3,583			42	548,256	58	706,748	1,237,464
PETROLEUM REFINING			1	2,626			4	94,397	26	404,914	433,456
RUBBER-PLASTIC PRODUCTS			7	9,778			32	408,749	64	1,237,002	1,192,124
STONE GLASS CLAY CONCRETE	3	53,099	7	11,296			26	407,977	70	904,385	965,176
METAL INDUSTRY			4	15,352			36	514,747	59	645,376	985,195
FABRICATED METAL PROD	1	135,423	3	10,160			29	243,171	66	965,007	1,376,410
MACHINERY INSTALLATION			1	1,134			21	188,786	35	472,685	825,509
ELECTRIC MACHINERY			4	5,216			18	228,276	15	366,045	356,521
TRANSPORTATION REPAIR & MFG.			12	23,295			49	671,203	102	1,168,055	1,232,078
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING	2	5,000	2	2,954			153	2,646,358	235	3,478,010	4,713,972
TRANSPORTATION	1	137,094	1	903			20	435,285	84	935,284	1,618,894
MOTOR FREIGHT			1				51	789,399	195	2,942,676	3,595,856
COMMUNICATION							23	384,021	48	606,577	544,929
ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER			10	19,953			18	289,920	34	482,370	601,234
WHOLESALE	1	243,272	1	2,845			217	2,551,877	579	4,432,837	8,312,127
BUILDING MATERIAL	1	211,589	1	6,014			30	382,515	70	820,200	1,342,591
AUTO DEALERS	1	102,670	2	17,009			34	413,683	87	1,142,492	2,116,165
RESTURANTS			11	4,962			51	423,548	217	1,254,217	2,630,622
FINANCE			2	28,492			29	296,450	96	1,215,646	2,206,259
HOTELS			12	280,803			10	183,506	73	501,992	784,233
PERSONAL SERVICES	3	284,161	150	471,658			187	2,447,042	464	4,452,239	8,566,186
MISCELLANEOUS	45	1,966,862	34	37,557			3,176	37,312,354	8,383	75,962,427	130,988,216
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	5	135,771					564	7,668,094	1,027	8,522,998	15,234,226
INDUSTRY TOTAL	77	4,396,204	297	554,627			5,181	64,741,921	13,123	126,180,375	212,699,648
MEDICAL ONLY CASES											
TOTALS	77	4,396,204	297	554,627			5,181	64,741,921	13,123	126,180,375	212,699,648

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
 NUMBER AND COST OF DISABILITY BY INDUSTRY GROUP FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/04 THRU 06/30/05
 (CONTINUED)

	REL-			MEDICAL ONLY-			TOTALS-			
	# INC	COMP	# INC	MEDICAL	# INC	COMP	MEDICAL	# INC	COMP	MEDICAL
AGRICULTURE	42	769,381	17	35,427	120	1,630,529	1,078,684	16,831		
MINING-QUARRYING	2	22,131	1	2,131	7	26,448	19,568	14		
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	210	6,759,655	58	365,577	492	11,143,150	6,251,455	81,771		
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	62	2,317,781	9	37,183	117	3,365,653	2,384,554	15,133		
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	228	6,649,949	74	458,646	625	12,757,533	7,215,967	128,397		
FOOD	115	2,472,763	60	114,395	367	4,474,739	2,389,167	21,849		
TEXTILE MILLS	96	2,828,995	42	296,681	263	4,568,566	2,299,834	30,229		
CLOTHING MANUFACTURING	7	129,293	2	2,221	17	177,510	154,499	1,078		
LUMBER AND WOOD	75	2,231,405	20	55,590	170	3,676,729	1,736,665	23,153		
FURNITURE MANUFACTURING	23	355,037	3	2,296	45	657,084	356,903	6,596		
PAPER-PULP MILLS	28	1,008,170	10	16,602	74	1,762,579	614,211	9,890		
PRINTING PUBLISHING	8	312,471	9	16,607	47	480,506	254,708	4,922		
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	51	2,146,888	33	174,395	181	3,400,808	1,571,119	25,436		
PETROLEUM REFINING	23	805,173	8	8,713	48	1,307,110	458,029	7,374		
RUBBER-PLASTIC PRODUCTS	54	2,807,177	32	37,522	172	4,462,706	1,316,388	23,738		
STONE GLASS CLAY CONCRETE	60	2,054,968	19	181,663	169	3,421,725	1,273,136	27,264		
METAL INDUSTRY	39	1,549,539	14	17,315	134	2,725,014	1,064,959	11,167		
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	62	1,936,668	18	50,144	151	3,290,429	1,490,152	17,182		
MACHINERY INSTALLATION	38	1,051,610	11	25,677	99	1,714,215	917,186	8,774		
ELECTRIC MACHINERY	15	508,972	7	16,550	57	1,108,509	430,570	8,934		
TRANSPORTATION REPAIR & MFG.	62	1,722,570	20	89,461	211	3,561,828	1,431,576	25,051		
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING	157	5,849,709	62	242,259	488	11,997,372	5,321,422	67,796		
TRANSPORTATION	50	1,724,368	28	45,135	166	3,086,891	1,985,899	13,820		
MOTOR FREIGHT	113	4,341,340	78	98,546	397	8,211,412	3,799,936	55,945		
COMMUNICATION	26	1,225,833	14	20,207	98	2,216,431	738,767	7,450		
ELECTRIC LIGHT & POWER	20	618,597	9	133,597	74	1,390,887	798,617	22,032		
WHOLESALE	391	9,296,143	208	457,298	1,289	16,522,217	9,722,379	118,494		
BUILDING MATERIAL	53	1,483,908	48	86,399	203	2,901,057	1,630,016	18,267		
AUTO DEALERS	73	2,509,181	40	189,412	218	4,174,040	2,629,071	33,161		
RESTURANTS	206	2,553,130	82	72,006	614	4,223,904	3,022,011	47,606		
FINANCE	104	3,136,792	41	106,327	276	4,653,850	2,648,062	31,722		
HOTELS	68	1,000,815	28	22,700	166	1,644,853	917,001	15,187		
PERSONAL SERVICES	346	10,856,083	177	433,127	1,090	18,042,017	9,726,137	116,008		
MISCELLANEOUS	6,733	179,437,225	3,534	9,586,625	22,494	294,536,940	158,363,774	1,763,972		
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	632	18,792,488	578	1,638,639	2,625	34,922,849	20,963,635	221,432		
INDUSTRY TOTAL	10,272	283,266,208	5,394	15,137,073	33,764	478,238,090	256,976,057	3,027,675		
MED. ONLY CASES					56,623		29,486,549			
TOTALS	10,272	283,266,208	5,394	15,137,073	90,387	478,238,090	286,462,606	3,027,675		

SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
 LOCATION OF INJURY BY NATURE OF INJURY FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/04 THROUGH 06/30/05

	LOSS OF USE AMPUTATION	DISLOCATION	BURNS	CUTS AND ABRASIONS	TRAUMA	BRUISES SPRAINS	FRACTURES	OCC. DISEASES	HERNIAS	ALL OTHERS
BRAIN/SKULL	8				2	117	5	30		93
EYE	103		35	54		36		11		288
EAR			4	4		8		4		29
NOSE	6		1	20		11	28	1		20
MOUTH/TOOTH		1	3	19	1	21	84	11		63
NECK		10	6	12	3	445	18	20		183
HEAD/FACE			36	200	4	316	19	16		254
SPINE		5			1	120				80
BACK		55	3	9	2	4,745	126	16	4	1,164
RIBS/SIDE/SHOULDER			15	15	4	1,480		56		437
LUNGS								172		95
THORAX						1				10
HIP/PELVIS		8	2	6		198	47			110
ABDOMEN			7	8	1	229			286	129
TRUNK			3	4	2	167		7		95
ARM	2	25	124	172	5	969	234	65		515
WRIST	5	2	15	42	1	514	241	284		310
HAND	202	1	90	358	50	460	160	269		528
UPPER EXTREMITY		27	44	869	135	555	377	82		1,139
LEG/THIGH	2		41	141	6	416	133	8		306
KNEE	5	30	1	51	2	1,794	86	9		835
ANKLE	2	2	10	15	3	667	261	4		231
FOOT	1		34	40	23	337	307	7		307
TOE	6			13	8	33	79	1		40
LOWER EXTREMITY			14	12	6	167	24	16		223
ALL OTHERS	1	6	98	87	10	1,294	104	362		4,246
SUB TOTALS	343	172	586	2,151	269	15,100	2,349	1,444	290	11,730
MED. ONLY CASES										
TOTALS	343	172	586	2,151	269	15,100	2,349	1,444	290	11,730

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 LOCATION OF INJURY BY NATURE OF INJURY FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/04 THROUGH 06/30/05
 (CONTINUED)

LOCATION	# OF INC	COMPENSATION	MEDICAL	DAYS LOST	PERCENTAGE
BRAIN/SKULL	247	3,877,360	2,263,094	17,787	000.72
EYE	432	2,778,100	1,228,325	14,868	001.26
EAR	152	826,186	164,006	1,014	000.45
NOSE	82	502,654	338,468	2,029	000.24
MOUTH/TOOTH	199	678,207	668,773	2,245	000.58
NECK	688	14,584,598	7,015,045	90,525	002.00
HEAD/FACE	849	10,266,072	4,949,992	40,525	002.47
SPINE	222	5,941,094	2,228,827	35,705	000.65
BACK	5,939	117,806,946	52,546,181	749,293	017.25
RIBS/SIDE/SHOULDER	2,192	31,797,239	19,044,001	190,284	006.37
LUNGS	267	5,240,343	802,603	10,036	000.78
THORAX	11	308,192	103,976	651	000.04
HIP/PELVIS	371	6,852,661	4,838,922	60,081	001.08
ABDOMEN	667	3,380,648	3,019,834	28,166	001.94
TRUNK	278	3,295,433	1,551,531	19,702	000.81
ARM	2,111	26,387,007	15,002,545	169,659	006.14
WRIST	1,409	13,586,287	7,402,923	90,999	004.10
HAND	1,921	13,576,214	9,273,182	88,805	005.58
UPPER EXTREMITY	3,430	25,026,694	15,431,215	124,157	009.97
LEG/THIGH	1,053	13,774,705	10,217,337	112,652	003.06
KNEE	2,813	39,014,036	23,787,026	249,804	008.17
ANKLE	1,195	11,729,841	7,940,739	103,455	003.48
FOOT	1,056	8,966,364	5,163,143	70,195	003.07
TOE	180	1,506,484	957,158	11,858	000.53
LOWER EXTREMITY	462	7,274,656	3,431,007	29,970	001.35
ALL OTHERS	6,208	116,092,179	57,610,598	713,238	018.03
SUB TOTALS	34,434	485,070,200	256,980,451	3,027,703	100.00*
MED. ONLY CASES	56,623		29,486,549		
TOTALS	91,057	485,070,200	286,467,000	3,027,703	

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 TYPE OF COMPENSATION BY COUNTY OF OCCURRENCE FOR CASES CLOSED FROM 07/01/04 THRU 06/30/05

	DEATH	DISF	DISM	LOSS OF USE		TEMP TOTAL	REL	MEDICAL ONLY	#INC.	TOTALS	
				PERM PART	PART					COMP	MEDICAL
UNKNOWN	2	2		15	15	92	46	29	386	2,962,764	1,555,936
ABBEVILLE	2	2		20	20	51	44	15	129	1,633,511	894,988
AIKEN	9	15		126	126	274	259	147	935	13,571,902	6,778,091
ALLENDALE	3	18		226	226	526	393	220	1,321	17,072,390	9,190,824
ANDERSON	3	3		14	14	34	18	11	83	812,548	417,330
BAMBERG	1	1		18	18	47	28	21	112	1,661,907	915,034
BARNWELL	2	2		117	117	454	300	202	1,089	13,809,625	10,975,537
BEAUFORT	4	9		141	141	301	235	116	742	12,569,166	6,725,525
BERKELEY	10	22		530	530	1,432	1,188	515	3,596	52,972,344	25,821,700
CALHOUN	6	6		90	90	168	121	75	479	7,098,840	4,032,287
CHARLESTON	2	2		34	34	85	91	36	242	4,062,693	1,830,043
CHEROKEE	2	2		54	54	124	72	40	284	3,680,820	2,080,970
CHESTER	2	2		23	23	72	63	48	191	2,435,089	1,261,234
CHESTERFIELD	2	2		39	39	119	102	31	274	4,012,210	2,118,234
CLARENDON	2	2		43	43	127	97	37	315	4,371,975	2,781,467
COLLETON	2	2		25	25	57	44	17	132	2,289,298	1,319,189
DARLINGTON	1	1		106	106	311	230	113	751	9,916,017	5,308,847
DILLON	3	3		12	12	42	32	21	106	1,852,548	1,161,366
DORCHESTER	2	2		29	29	68	54	21	195	3,641,621	1,179,754
EDGEFIELD	2	2		167	167	509	346	231	1,264	17,823,048	9,538,270
FAIRFIELD	2	2		95	95	277	212	69	630	11,045,130	6,010,429
FLORENCE	6	13		726	726	1,652	1,215	593	4,164	57,767,688	26,412,987
GEORGETOWN	12	12		102	102	252	182	108	619	6,769,584	5,201,141
GREENVILLE	3	3		23	23	69	56	17	154	2,727,320	2,111,456
GREENWOOD	13	13		214	214	892	573	312	1,946	25,209,036	15,720,629
HAMPTON				4	4	27	33	7	86	979,810	1,576,166
HORRY	1	2		51	51	129	94	48	336	3,917,685	2,204,039
JASPER	2	2		63	63	115	83	70	320	4,449,770	2,277,365
KERSHAW	1	2		78	78	149	112	65	400	4,984,701	2,359,928
LANCASTER	1	2		10	10	29	24	12	69	802,587	482,903
LAURENS	4	20		273	273	775	507	267	1,753	23,624,921	12,609,227
LEE				7	7	19	17	9	47	777,843	667,298
LEXINGTON	1	1		31	31	75	48	21	169	1,973,237	1,325,647
MCCORMICK	1	3		35	35	59	47	26	165	1,643,600	1,694,676
MARION	3	3		62	62	149	108	35	308	5,126,991	2,653,487
MARLBORO	1	1		86	86	174	158	79	475	7,263,834	3,847,870
NEWBERRY	2	5		102	102	314	261	106	746	10,516,276	5,522,523
OCONEE	5	5		117	117	226	201	92	637	9,390,458	4,999,680
ORANGEBURG	6	42		548	548	1,406	1,058	626	4,746	48,003,528	26,014,124
PICKENS				11	11	18	18	11	51	793,601	537,380
RICHLAND	5	27		353	353	760	677	281	2,080	33,476,293	16,179,334
SALUDA	3	5		106	106	297	262	119	760	11,197,250	6,074,642
SPARTANBURG	2	2		24	24	56	50	25	143	2,386,237	1,279,345
SUMTER	1	1		23	23	76	56	18	159	2,769,216	1,448,943
UNION	4	6		161	161	373	297	140	1,020	13,811,837	7,277,667
WILLIAMSBURG	2	1		30	30	160	123	18	498	7,094,578	3,371,155
YORK											
OUT OF STATE											
SUB-TOTALS	77	297		5,181	5,181	13,483	10,273	5,146	35,267	478,256,054	256,980,451
MED. ONLY CASES									56,623		29,486,549
TOTALS	77	297		5,181	5,181	13,483	10,273	5,146	91,890	478,256,054	286,467,000

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Form 2	-Poster
Form 5	-Corporate Officer Notice To Reject
Form 6	-Application To Create A Self-Insurance Fund
Form 6A	-Application For Membership In A Self-Insurance Fund
Form 7	-Application To Individually Self-Insure
Form 7A	-Corporate Guaranty
Form 8	-Proof Of Compliance, Surety Bond
Form 8A	-Proof Of Compliance, Securities Pledge
Form 8B	-Proof Of Compliance, Memorandum Of Understanding, And Irrevocable Letter Of Credit
Form 8C	-Proof Of Compliance, Excess Insurance
Form 9	-Certificate For Self-Insurance
Form 10	-Self-Insurance Tax Return (Reserved)
Form 11	-Self-Insurer's Quarterly Financial Report
Form 11A	-Self-Insurer's Annual Financial Report
Form 12-A	-Employer's First Report Of Injury (ACORD 4)
Form 12-M	-Report Of Injury, Medical Only
Form 14-A	-Physician's Report and Itemized Statement -HCFA-1500 for physicians -UB-92 for hospitals
Form 15	-Temporary Compensation Report
Form 15S	-Supplemental Report of Varying Temporary Partial Payments
Form 16	-Agreement for Permanent Disability/Disfigurement Compensation
Form 17	-Receipt Of Compensation
Form 18	-Periodic Report
Form 19	-Status Report And Compensation Receipt
Form 20	-Statement Of Earnings Of Injured Employee
Form 21	-Employer's Request For Hearing
Form 23	-Order Closing File
Form 24	-Application For Lump Sum Award
Form 27	-Subpoena
Form 30	-Request For Commission Review
Form 31	-Notice of Review Hearing
Form 32	-Request To Waive Appeal Filing Fee
Form 36	-Medical Fee Approval
Form 38	-Employer's Withdrawal Of Election To Adopt The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Act

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Form 40	-Motion for Expedited Adjudication
Form 50	-Employee's Notice of Claim And/Or Request For Hearing
Form 51	-Employer's Answer To Request For Hearing
Form 52	-Employee's Notice Of Claim And/Or Request For Hearing Death Case
Form 53	-Employer's Answer To Request For Hearing, Death Case
Form 54	-Employer's Notice Of Claim And/Or Request For Hearing
Form 55	-Second Injury Fund's Answer To Employer's Request For Hearing
Form 58	-Pre-Hearing Brief
Form 61	-Attorney Fee Petition
Form 62	-Compliance Agreement
Form 65	-Waiver Of Claim Involving An Occupational Disease
Form SIF-1	-Agreement to Reimburse Compensation
Form SIF-2	-Reimbursement Request
Form SIF-3	-Employer's Notice Of Claim For Reimbursement From Second Injury Fund
Form SIF-4	-Medical Information Request
Form S-1	-Notice Of Third Party Action, Employer
Form S-2	-Notice Of Third Party Action, Employee
Form S-3	-Entitlement To Right Of Action
Form S-4	-Court Certificate
Bulletins	-"For You" (Claims Information) -"What Every Employer Should Know About Workers' Compensation" -"Frequently Asked Questions About Informal Conferences"
	<i>Claims Administration Made Easy Workbook</i>
	<i>Commission Update</i>
	<i>South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law (The West Group, Publishers)</i>
	<i>Medical Services Provider Manual</i>
	<i>Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Manual</i>