



COURT OF CLAIMS

The Court of Claims has statewide original jurisdiction over all civil actions filed against the state of Ohio. Created pursuant to the Court of Claims Act in 1976, the Court of Claims sits in Franklin County. Appeals from the Court of Claims are heard by the 10th District Court of Appeals in Columbus.

Civil actions in the Court of Claims are determined in one of two ways, depending on the amount of monetary damages claimed.

Civil cases involving \$10,000 or less are determined administratively by the clerk or deputy clerk of the court. Cases involving more than \$10,000 are heard by a judge. A judge of the court also may review and enter final judgment in a civil action determined administratively. Judges on the Court of Claims are assigned by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

In addition to civil actions against the state of Ohio, the Court of Claims hears appeals from decisions of the Attorney General regarding claims for reparations by victims of crime.

Viewed over the past five years, the number of incoming judicial cases is declining overall at a fairly steady rate, with year-over-year decreases each year. In 2014, a total of 309 cases were filed, which is 33 percent fewer than the five-year high in 2011 of 441 cases. (See **Table 1** and **Figure 1**).

The make-up of the court's incoming caseload in 2014 is shown in **Figure 2**.

TABLE 1

Court of Claims
Total incoming cases

Case Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Judicial Cases	463	441	359	342	309
Administrative Determinations	768	796	447	371	635
Victims of Crime Appeals	96	100	59	80	63
All Case Types	1,327	1,337	865	793	1,007

FIGURE 1

Judicial Cases
Total incoming cases

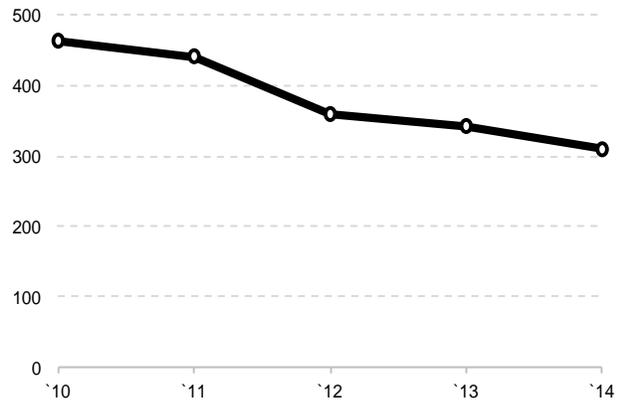


FIGURE 2

Incoming Cases in 2014
All Case Types

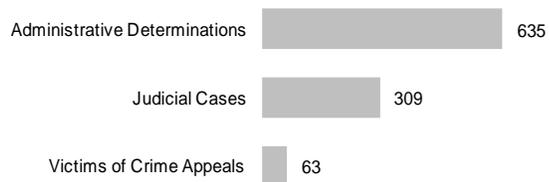
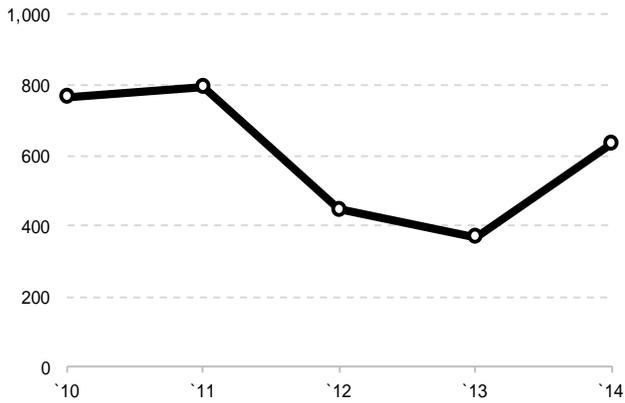


FIGURE 3

Administrative Determinations
Total incoming cases



The number of administrative determination cases filed each year varies widely with no discernible trend over the past five years. In 2014, the court saw the filing of 635 cases, which represents an increase of 71 percent over 2013. (See **Figure 3**).

The volume of appeals from victims of crime decisions has experienced similar large fluctuations over the past five years. In 2014, a total of 63 appeals were filed, representing a 21-percent decrease over 2013. (See **Figure 4**).

FIGURE 4

Victims of Crime Appeals
Total incoming cases



