



MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL

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**MONTANA MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS,
HEARINGS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS**

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**PROVIDERS IN CLAIMS, HEARINGS, LAWSUITS
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MONTANA PROVIDERS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Provider	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	275	79	196	91	97	72	5	2	2	0
2005	289	60	229	107	111	88	5	5	4	1
2006	222	50	172	76	85	63	4	5	3	2
2007	240	71	169	66	98	71	3	8	7	1
2008	195	41	154	66	77	39	8	1	1	0
2009	212	39	173	58	91	30	3	0	0	0
2010	177	29	148	47	70	11	0	0	0	0
2011	166	43	123	23	56	11	0	0	0	0
2012	192	56	133	22	42	0	0	0	0	0
2013	165	38	121	15	27	0	0	0	0	0
2014	189	23	75	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,322	529	1,693	574	754	385	28	21	17	4
ANNUAL AVERAGE	211	48	153.9	52.2	68.5	35.0	2.5	1.9	1.5	0.4

Note: Special Ruling involves claims or individual health care providers that are dismissed from MMLP level where no party prevails.

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MONTANA PHYSICIANS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA PHYSICIANS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Physician	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	183	48	135	66	64	49	3	1	1	0
2005	193	43	150	73	70	57	3	3	3	0
2006	149	35	114	55	54	40	3	4	3	1
2007	154	43	111	47	60	43	1	7	7	0
2008	122	28	94	47	40	18	3	1	1	0
2009	140	26	114	41	55	17	2	0	0	0
2010	109	20	89	30	40	5	0	0	0	0
2011	101	21	80	17	36	7	0	0	0	0
2012	107	24	80	17	20	0	0	0	0	0
2013	104	22	78	10	16	0	0	0	0	0
2014	116	13	46	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,478	323	1,091	404	455	236	15	16	15	1
ANNUAL AVERAGE	134	29	99.2	36.7	41.4	21.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	0.1

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MONTANA HOSPITALS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA HOSPITALS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Hospital	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	78	27	51	22	26	18	1	0	0	0
2005	72	13	59	28	29	22	1	1	0	1
2006	45	11	34	13	20	16	1	1	0	1
2007	66	22	44	16	28	20	2	1	0	1
2008	50	10	40	17	20	12	2	0	0	0
2009	53	10	43	15	24	10	1	0	0	0
2010	48	7	41	13	1	3	0	0	0	0
2011	49	17	32	4	16	4	0	0	0	0
2012	61	25	36	3	16	0	0	0	0	0
2013	50	12	37	3	9	0	0	0	0	0
2014	59	8	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	631	162	437	135	209	105	8	3	0	3
ANNUAL AVERAGE	57	15	39.7	12.3	19.0	9.5	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.3

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MONTANA FACILITIES IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA FACILITIES

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									In Favor Of Facility	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	10	3	7	1	6	5	1	0	0	0
2005	9	2	7	3	3	1	0	1	1	0
2006	13	2	11	3	7	6	0	0	0	0
2007	14	3	11	2	8	7	0	0	0	0
2008	12	0	12	0	12	5	2	0	0	0
2009	10	1	9	2	8	2	0	0	0	0
2010	14	1	13	2	8	2	0	0	0	0
2011	7	2	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
2012	11	4	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
2013	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2014	7	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	111	21	89	17	59	28	3	1	1	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	10	2	8.1	1.5	5.4	2.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0

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MONTANA DENTISTS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA DENTISTS

Panel Claim Filing Year	In Claims Filed	In Claims Abandoned, Settled Or Special Ruling Without A Panel Hearing	In Claims With A Hearing	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Hearing Prior To A Lawsuit	In Lawsuits After The Panel	In Claims Abandoned Or Settled After A Lawsuit & Prior To A Trial	In Lawsuits Ending In Summary Judgment Or Dismissal	In Jury Trials	In Trials With Jury Verdicts And Verdict Results	
									In Favor Of Dentist	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	8	1	7	2	4	4	0	0	0	0
2006	13	1	12	5	2	1	0	0	0	0
2007	4	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
2008	10	3	7	2	5	4	1	0	0	0
2009	5	2	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
2010	5	1	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
2011	7	3	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
2012	9	1	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
2013	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	73	18	54	17	21	12	1	0	0	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7	2	4.9	1.5	1.9	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

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MONTANA PODIATRISTS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA PODIATRISTS

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									In Favor Of Podiatrist	In Favor Of Claimant
2004	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
2005	7	1	6	1	5	4	1	0	0	0
2006	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2007	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2008	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2010	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	29	5	22	1	10	4	1	1	1	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	3	0	2.0	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

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NUMBER AND RATE OF FILED MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS

ANNUAL DATA

Panel Claim Filing Year	Number Of Claims Filed At The Panel¹	Number Of Hearings	Number Of Health Care Providers²	Number Of Claims As A Percentage Of Montana Health Care Providers
1985	80	76	1,266	6.3%
1986	124	92	1,226	10.1%
1987	97	95	1,226	7.9%
1988	101	71	1,795	5.6%
1989	110	90	1,806	6.1%
1990	102	109	1,808	5.6%
1991	85	75	1,765	4.8%
1992	101	68	1,947	5.2%
1993	121	90	1,983	6.1%
1994	121	106	2,073	5.8%
1995	150	106	2,122	7.1%
1996	139	128	2,143	6.5%
1997	143	110	2,148	6.7%
1998	146	131	2,189	6.7%
1999	149	134	2,230	6.7%
2000	145	141	2,272	6.4%
2001	139	112	2,416	5.8%
2002	149	124	2,414	6.2%
2003	170	132	2,547	6.7%
2004	153	127	2,558	6.0%
2005	175	162	2,623	6.7%
2006	130	125	2,618	5.0%
2007	136	107	2,738	5.0%
2008	110	98	2,783	4.0%
2009	122	93	2,905	4.2%
2010	100	98	3,015	3.3%
2011	94	78	3,215	2.9%
2012	108	81	3,215	3.4%
2013	92	75	3,367	2.7%
2014	118	90	3,480	3.4%
Total	3,710	3,124		

¹Number Of Claims Filed At The Panel represents: Claims deemed complete.

²Montana Health Care Providers include: Physicians, Podiatrists, Dentists, Facilities and Hospitals.