



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
AND JURY TRIALS**

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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
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	63	82	45	8	1	1	0
2009	212	39	173	59	96	35	4	4	2	0
2010	177	29	148	54	72	23	2	3	0	3
2011	166	43	123	37	62	19	0	0	0	0
2012	193	59	134	36	56	13	1	2	2	0
2013	165	39	126	21	51	7	0	0	0	0
2014	199	63	136	40	46	2	0	0	0	0
2015	181	44	137	12	29	3	1	0	0	0
2016	185	33	86	2	7	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,135	511	1,558	466	684	281	23	23	15	6
ANNUAL AVERAGE	194	46	141.6	42.4	62.2	25.5	2.1	2.1	1.4	0.5

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
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	45	43	21	3	1	1	0
2009	140	26	114	42	59	20	2	1	1	0
2010	109	20	89	33	40	11	1	1	0	1
2011	101	21	80	25	39	12	0	0	0	0
2012	107	27	80	24	28	8	1	2	2	0
2013	104	22	82	14	32	5	0	0	0	0
2014	121	42	79	23	26	1	0	0	0	0
2015	115	27	88	8	10	1	0	0	0	0
2016	110	17	53	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,332	308	984	317	394	162	11	16	14	2
ANNUAL AVERAGE	121	28	89.5	28.8	35.8	14.7	1.0	1.5	1.3	0.2

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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
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	16	21	13	2	0	0	0
2009	53	10	43	15	24	10	2	1	1	0
2010	48	7	41	15	23	9	1	2	0	2
2011	49	17	32	8	19	7	0	0	0	0
2012	62	25	37	8	20	4	0	0	0	0
2013	50	13	37	4	17	2	0	0	0	0
2014	64	18	46	13	17	1	0	0	0	0
2015	46	9	37	4	15	2	1	0	0	0
2016	56	10	28	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	589	152	419	113	207	84	9	5	1	4
ANNUAL AVERAGE	54	14	38.1	10.3	18.8	7.6	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.4

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MONTANA FACILITIES IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS

MONTANA FACILITIES

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 Facility	In Favor Of Claimant
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	6	2	0	0	0
2009	10	1	9	2	7	3	0	1	0	0
2010	14	1	13	4	8	2	0	0	0	0
2011	7	2	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
2012	11	4	7	2	3	1	0	0	0	0
2013	4	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2014	7	1	6	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
2015	5	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2016	7	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	104	20	82	18	54	25	2	1	0	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	9	2	7.5	1.6	4.9	2.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	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
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	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
2013	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	5	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	9	3	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2016	8	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	79	21	55	17	21	8	1	0	0	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7	2	5.0	1.5	1.9	0.7	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
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	1	1	0	0	0	0
2009	4	0	4	0	3	1	0	1	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	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	6	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2016	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	31	10	18	1	8	2	0	1	0	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	3	1	1.6	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

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**NUMBER & RATE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS FILED
AT THE PANEL**

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NUMBER AND RATE OF FILED MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS				
ANNUAL DATA				
Panel Claim Filing Year	Number Of Claims Filed At The Panel	Number Of Hearings	Number Of Health Care Providers*	Number Of Claims As A Percentage Of Montana Health Care Providers
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	80	3,215	3.4%
2013	92	75	3,367	2.7%
2014	118	77	3,480	3.4%
2015	113	99	3,446	3.3%
2016	120	90	3,689	3.3%
Total	3,739	3,131		

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