



MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL

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

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<p>PROVIDERS IN CLAIMS, HEARINGS, LAWSUITS AND JURY TRIALS</p>

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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
2009	212	39	173	59	96	35	4	4	2	0
2010	177	29	148	57	72	23	2	3	0	3
2011	166	43	123	41	61	19	0	0	0	0
2012	193	59	134	47	64	14	3	4	3	1
2013	165	39	126	33	61	10	1	3	3	0
2014	199	63	136	52	58	3	1	2	2	0
2015	181	44	137	35	48	5	3	0	0	0
2016	195	59	135	40	69	3	1	0	0	0
2017	232	49	182	30	53	0	0	0	0	0
2018	250	82	162	35	32	0	1	0	0	0
2019	236	30	70	3	12	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,206	536	1,526	432	626	112	16	16	10	4
ANNUAL AVERAGE	201	49	138.7	39.3	56.9	10.2	1.5	1.5	0.9	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
2009	140	26	114	42	59	20	2	1	1	0
2010	109	20	89	36	40	11	1	1	0	1
2011	101	21	80	29	38	12	0	0	0	0
2012	107	27	80	29	33	9	1	3	3	0
2013	104	22	82	23	37	7	0	2	2	0
2014	121	42	79	32	34	2	1	2	2	0
2015	115	27	88	26	24	3	1	0	0	0
2016	115	33	81	23	42	3	1	0	0	0
2017	131	28	103	19	27	0	0	0	0	0
2018	144	47	95	21	17	0	0	0	0	0
2019	129	18	35	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,316	311	926	281	355	67	7	9	8	1
ANNUAL AVERAGE	120	28	84.2	25.5	32.3	6.1	0.6	0.8	0.7	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
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	11	22	4	2	1	0	1
2013	50	13	37	6	22	3	1	1	1	0
2014	64	18	46	15	21	1	0	0	0	0
2015	46	9	37	8	19	2	2	0	0	0
2016	60	19	41	13	22	0	0	0	0	0
2017	74	16	57	10	17	0	0	0	0	0
2018	74	23	48	10	13	0	1	0	0	0
2019	78	9	30	2	8	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	658	166	449	113	210	36	9	5	2	3
ANNUAL AVERAGE	60	15	40.8	10.3	19.1	3.3	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.3

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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
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	3	3	1	0	0	0	0
2013	4	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
2014	7	1	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
2015	5	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2016	8	4	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
2017	18	5	13	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
2018	24	8	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
2019	17	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	125	28	82	20	37	6	0	1	0	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	11	3	7.5	1.8	3.4	0.5	0.0	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
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	3	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	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
2016	8	2	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
2017	6	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2018	6	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	8	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	72	23	45	15	16	2	0	0	0	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	7	2	4.1	1.4	1.5	0.2	0.0	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
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	1	1	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	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
2018	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2019	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	35	8	24	3	8	1	0	1	0	0
ANNUAL AVERAGE	3	1	2.2	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

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MONTANA MEDICAL LEGAL PANEL**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
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	123	90	3,689	3.3%
2017	133	110	3,844	3.5%
2018	150	129	4,041	3.7%
2019	145	96	4,011	3.6%
Total	3,862	3,210		

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