

SUMMARY OF REPORTED ACTIVITY FOR YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers of Texas were reauthorized and expanded in scope in 1987 by the 70th Legislature "to encourage the peaceable resolution of disputes, with special consideration given to disputes involving the parent-child relationship, and the early settlement of pending litigation through voluntary settlement procedures." (Acts 1987, 70th Legislature, Chapter 1121, Section 1.) Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers provide an opportunity to resolve conflicts creatively and effectively outside the courtroom using a variety of mechanisms including mediation, arbitration, negotiation, and moderated settlement conferences.

Eleven of the 14 centers submitted reports for the period of September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003. (Note: This summary does not include data from judges, court clerks, private groups, and other organizations that actively employ alternative dispute resolution procedures, but do not formally report associated statistics.)

MEDIATION SECTION						
<u>Centers & Type of Case</u>	<u>Cases Pending 9/1/2002</u>	<u>Cases Received</u>	<u>Cases Closed</u>			<u>Cases Pending 8/31/2003</u>
			<u>Prior to Hearing</u>	<u>Hearing Held</u>	<u>Unresolved but Closed</u>	
AMARILLO - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	36	433	259	166	25	19
Employer-Employee	1	5	3	3	0	0
Landlord-Tenant	1	28	26	1	1	1
Business Consumer- Merchant	1	13	8	4	1	1
Other	6	68	52	16	3	3
Total	45	547	348	190	30	24
AUSTIN – TRAVIS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
NO REPORTS RECEIVED						
BEAUMONT - MEDIATION CENTER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INC.						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	10	484	226	115	85	68
Employer-Employee	1	35	25	4	6	1
Landlord-Tenant	2	78	51	8	21	0
Business Consumer- Merchant	8	429	256	59	105	17
Other	8	723	497	148	73	13
Total	29	1,749	1,055	334	290	99
BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION - BRAZOS COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	13	66	2	49	28	0
Employer-Employee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Landlord-Tenant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business Consumer- Merchant	2	8	0	4	2	4
Other	7	9	1	7	8	0
Total	22	83	3	60	38	4
CONROE – MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
NO REPORTS RECEIVED						

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CORPUS CHRISTI - NUECES COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	246	342	21	116	172	279
Employer-Employee	8	22	1	6	23	0
Landlord-Tenant	26	29	0	14	30	11
Business Consumer- Merchant	218	619	150	95	346	246
Other	5	40	2	19	24	0
Total	503	1,052	174	250	595	536

DALLAS - DISPUTE MEDIATION SERVICE, INC.

NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY

Total	495	2,359	897	973	495	489
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EL PASO - EL PASO COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	17	369	238	100	32	16
Employer-Employee	1	14	5	6	4	0
Landlord-Tenant	4	56	33	18	7	2
Business Consumer- Merchant	30	306	235	48	30	23
Other	8	290	197	61	22	18
Total	60	1,035	708	233	95	59

FORT WORTH - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	422	470	36	383	76	397
Employer-Employee	13	3	0	3	0	13
Landlord-Tenant	27	2	1	3	1	24
Business Consumer- Merchant	311	376	56	170	55	406
Other	274	512	77	275	103	331
Total	1,047	1,363	170	834	235	1,171

HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	48	688	49	537	92	58
Employer-Employee	4	73	9	23	32	13
Landlord-Tenant	5	208	32	116	39	26
Business Consumer- Merchant	43	511	31	449	35	39
Other	215	1,386	104	765	195	537
Total	315	2,866	225	1,890	393	673

LUBBOCK - SOUTH PLAINS DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

Neighbors, Friends, & Relatives	666	1,905	866	561	659	485
Employer-Employee	10	15	7	1	10	7
Landlord-Tenant	31	264	20	8	247	20
Business Consumer- Merchant	244	683	267	148	379	133
Other	32	146	18	89	38	33
Total	983	3,013	1,178	807	1,333	678

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RICHMOND – FORT BEND COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
NO REPORTS RECEIVED						
SAN ANTONIO - BEXAR COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY						
Total	672	6,144	4,891	529	603	793
WACO - McLENNAN COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
NOT REPORTED BY CASE CATEGORY						
Total	9	145	12	107	25	10
MEDIATION SECTION TOTALS	4,180	20,356	9,661	6,207	4,132	4,536

COURT ANNEXED ARBITRATION SECTION

<u>Centers & Type of Case</u>	<u>Cases Pending 9/1/2002</u>	<u>Cases Received</u>	<u>Cases Closed</u>			<u>Cases Pending 8/31/2003</u>
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HOUSTON - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER						
Injury/Damage Involving Motor Vehicle	1	4	0	5	0	0
Injury/Damage Other than Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Workers' Compensation, Tax, Condemnation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceptive Trade Practices Act	1	3	0	2	1	1
Divorce	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts, Contracts, Notes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Civil Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	7	0	7	1	1