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Over the past forty years, the State of Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission has worked diligently to eliminate discrimination. In addition to investigating allegations of discrimination, the NEOC places a significant focus on education and prevention. We believe strongly in educating Nebraska on what illegal discrimination encompasses. Consequently, we work closely with businesses, companies, property owners, *and* private individuals. Annually, the agency works with roughly 8,000 persons in a variety of different capacities. From July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

- The NEOC Intake Unit was contacted by 3,794 individuals wishing to discuss or file a complaint of alleged discrimination.
- The NEOC accepted 1,226 charges of discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations.
- The NEOC reached roughly 4,400 individuals through outreach and educational seminars. These outreach efforts are designed to educate employers and individuals about the laws so they can avoid commonly made mistakes which may lead to a complaint of discrimination. The agency works diligently to educate the public on what *is* and what *is not* discriminatory conduct under the law.

As the following data indicates, the NEOC helps save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. We strive to fulfill our mission to eliminate discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations by educating people.

Whenever possible, we partner with other agencies—local, state, and federal—to meet this challenge. Please feel free to contact our staff, the Director, or a Commissioner if you have any questions about our agency.

TABLE 1: CASE DISPOSITIONS FROM 2001/02 TO 2007/08

FISCAL YEAR	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
New Cases Filed	1,457	1,337	1,483	1,507	1,365	1,166	1,226
Cases Closed	1,553	1,313	1,385	1,391	1,337	1,281	*1 1,288
Cases To Be Completed	1,073	1,096	1,195	1,311	1,342	1,228	*2 1,166
Conciliations Attempted	106	76	123	110	82	119	56
P.D.S./Mediation	140	108	127	139	75	77	111
Public Hearings Ordered	14	11	14	24	10	30	4
Public Hearings Final Orders	12	12	8	14	26	31	9
Public Hearings Pending	8	7	13	23	7	6	1

^{*1} Includes 1,227 Commission initial actions; 50 actions on cases in the conciliation stage; decision on 9 cases in the public hearing stage; and 2 cases pursuant to civil action (housing).

^{*2} Includes cases to be investigated (1,152); cases in conciliation (11); cases in public hearing (1); and housing cases in civil action (2).

TABLE 2: CASES OF ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION FILED DURING PREVIOUS AND CURRENT YEARS BY STATUTE

2001/02 - 2007/08

YEAR	FEPA	EQ PAY	AGE	HOUSING	PUBLIC ACCOMM.	TOTAL
2001/02	1,093	30	226	79	29	1,457
2002/03	1,030	23	203	54	27	1,337
2003/04	1,090	21	226	94	52	1,483
2004/05	1,113	20	288	36	50	1,507
2005/06	967	20	276	83	19	1,365
2006/07	837	14	220	57	38	1,166
2007/08	876	12	235	66	37	1,226

FEPA -FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE ACT

EQ PAY -EQUAL PAY ACT OF NEBRASKA

AGE -ACT PROHIBITING UNJUST DISCRIMINATION IN

EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF AGE

HOUSING -NEBRASKA FAIR HOUSING ACT

PUBLIC ACCOM. -NEBRASKA CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1969 (PUBLIC

ACCOMMODATIONS)

OTHER CASE CHARACTERISTICS:

With our case tracking system, we are able to get an accurate count of the descriptive data for our case intake and production. Some of the data is summarized in the tables that follow:

TABLE 3: BASIS OF CHARGES FILED BY STATUTE FY 2007/08

EMPLOYMENT HOUSING/PUBLIC ACCOM.

BASIS	FEPA	EQ PAY	AGE	HOUSING	PUBLIC ACCOM.	TOTALS
RACE	318	0	0	19	30	367
COLOR	241	0	0	7	27	275
SEX	247	12	0	4	3	266
SEX-PREGNANCY	37	0	0	0	0	37
AGE (40-70)	0	0	227	0	0	227
RELIGION	37	0	0	1	1	39
NATIONAL ORIGIN/ ANCESTRY	181	0	0	30	6	217
DISABILITY	223	0	0	15	0	238
MARITAL STATUS	8	0	0	0	0	8
FAMILIAL STATUS	0	0	0	7	0	7
RETALIATION	300	2	36	5	5	348
RETALIATION (Whistleblower)	51	0	0	0	0	51

The Public Accommodations Act and Housing Act do not provide coverage in the areas of Marital Status and Age Discrimination.

TABLE 4: ISSUES IN EMPLOYMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS CHARGES FILED IN FY 2007/08

<u>ISSUE</u>	NUMB 1
Discharge	619
Terms and Conditions of Employment	395
Harassment	262
Discipline	181
Failure to Hire	141
Constructive Discharge	111
Wages	90
Reasonable Accommodation	77
Failure to Promote	77
Sexual Harassment	69
Intimidation	58
Assignment	48
Demotion	43
Failure to Provide Public Accommodation	36
Suspension	32
Failure to Train	32
Reinstatement	11
Benefits-Retirement/Pension	10
Benefits-Insurance	10
Layoff	9
Prohibited Medical Inquiry/Exam	9
References Unfavorable	9
Benefits	8
Other Employment Issues	8
Union Representation	7
Advertising	3
Qualifications	3
Referral	3
Tenure	2
Severance Pay Denied	1
Job Classification	1
Maternity	1
Posting Notice	1
Testing	1

<u>TABLE 5</u>: ISSUES IN HOUSING CHARGES FILED FY 2007/08

<u>ISSUE</u>	NUMBE
Terms, Conditions, Privileges Relating to Rental	22
Discrimination in Services and Facilities Relating to Rental	16
Failure to Make Reasonable Accommodations	9
Discriminatory Terms, Conditions, Privileges, or Services and Facilities	8
Discriminatory Acts under Section 818 (coercion, etc.)	6
Other Discriminatory Acts	3
Refusal to Sell	2
Refusal to Rent	2
False Representation of Availability-Rental	2
Steering	2
Refusal to Rent and Negotiate for Rental	1
Discriminatory Advertisement-Sale	1
Discriminatory Advertisement-Rental	1
Discrimination in the Selling of Residential Real Property	1
Terms, Conditions, Privileges Relating to Sale	1
Failure to Provide Usable Kitchens and Bathrooms	1
Failure to Meet Senior Housing Exemption Criteria (55+)	1

TABLE 6: COMPLAINANT CHARACTERISTICS

FY 05/06

RACE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENT
White	246	386	632	46%
Black	177	183	360	26%
Hispanic/Mexican	177	74	251	18%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	8	11	1%
Nat Am/Al Nat	5	10	15	1%
Middle Eastern	2	0	2	1%
Other	30	58	88	6%
TOTAL CHARGES FILED BY INDIVIDUALS	640	719	1,359	
NEOC Initiated/Multiple Entities			6	1%
TOTAL OF ALL CHARGES	640	719	1,365	100%

FY 06/07

RACE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENT
White	199	344	543	47%
Black	177	172	349	30%
Hispanic/Mexican	68	74	142	12%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3	8	11	1%
Nat Am/Al Nat	7	8	15	1%
Middle Eastern	2	0	2	0%
Other	52	51	103	9%
TOTAL CHARGES FILED BY INDIVIDUALS	508	657	1,165	
NEOC Initiated/Multiple Entities			1	0%
TOTAL OF ALL CHARGES	508	657	1,166	100%

RACE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENT
White	222	314	536	44%
Black	175	209	384	31%
Hispanic	86	63	149	12%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11	11	22	2%
Nat Am/Al Nat	8	8	16	1%
Middle Eastern	18	2	20	2%
Other	28	50	78	6%
TOTAL CHARGES FILED BY INDIVIDUALS	548	657	1,205	
NEOC Initiated/Multiple Entities			21	2%
TOTAL OF ALL CHARGES	548	657	1,226	100%

TABLE 7: TOP TEN RESPONDENT BUSINESS TYPES FOR CHARGES FILED

$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{Y}$	05	/06
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TYPE OF BUSINESS	<u>NUMBER</u>	PERCENT
1. General Government	86	6%
2. Real Estate Operators and Lessors	75	5%
3. Miscellaneous Business Services	70	5%
4. Nursing, Personal Care Facilities	63	5%
5. Eating, Drinking Places	53	4%
6. Hospitals	49	4%
7. Personnel Supply Services	42	3%
8. Meat Products	39	3%
9. Services, NEC	37	3%
10. Miscellaneous Manufactures	32	<u>2</u> %
TOTAL OF TOP TEN	546	40%
TOTAL OF ALL CHARGES	1,365	100%

FY 06/07

TYI	PE OF BUSINESS	<u>NUMBER</u>	PERCENT
1.	General Government	68	6%
2.	Miscellaneous Business Services	57	5%
3.	Eating, Drinking Places	57	5%
4.	Real Estate Operators and Lessors	54	5%
5.	Services, NEC	46	4%
6	Nursing, Personal Care Facilities	39	3%
7.	Miscellaneous Manufactures	37	3%
8.	Hospitals	35	3%
9.	Personnel Supply Services	33	3%
10.	Colleges and Universities	30	2%
TO	TAL OF TOP TEN	456	39%
TO'	ΓAL OF ALL CHARGES	1,166	100%

TYPE	OF BUSINESS	<u>NUMBER</u>	PERCENT
1. E	ating, Drinking Places	63	5%
2. N	Iiscellaneous Business Services	60	5%
3. R	eal Estate Operators and Lessors	60	5%
4. N	Tursing, Personal Care Facilities	55	4%
5. H	lospitals	50	4%
6. G	Seneral Government, NEC	48	4%
7. N	Iiscellaneous Manufactures	46	4%
8. P	ersonnel Supply Services	40	3%
9 S	ervices, NEC	31	3%
10. N	Ieat Products	29	<u>2%</u>
TOTA	L OF TOP TEN	482	39%
TOTA	L OF ALL CHARGES	1,226	100%

TABLE 8: TOP TEN COUNTIES FOR CHARGES FILED

\mathbf{FY}	05/	06

COUNTY		<u>NUMBER</u>	PERCENT
1.	Douglas	671	49%
2.	Lancaster	222	16%
3.	Scotts Bluff	86	7%
4.	Sarpy	67	5%
5.	Dakota	51	4%
6.	Lincoln	32	3%
7.	Hall	27	2%
8.	Dawson	19	1%
9.	Madison	18	1%
10.	Dodge	<u>16</u>	<u>1</u> %
TOTAL OF TOP TEN		1,209	89 %
TO	TAL OF ALL CHARGES	1,365	100%

FY 06/07

COUNTY		<u>NUMBER</u>	PERCENT
1.	Douglas	580	50%
2.	Lancaster	230	18%
3.	Sarpy	43	4%
4.	Hall	40	3%
5.	Scotts Bluff	38	3%
6.	Dodge	21	2%
7.	Platte	14	2%
8.	Adams	13	2%
9.	Box Butte	12	1%
10.	Madison	12	<u>1</u>
11.	Dakota	<u>12</u>	<u>1%</u>
TO	TAL OF TOP TEN	1,015	87%
TOTAL OF ALL CHARGES		1,166	100%

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COUNTY		NUMBER	PERCENT	
1.	Douglas	605	49%	
2.	Lancaster	242	20%	
3.	Sarpy	61	5%	
4.	Scotts Bluff	53	5%	
5.	Hall	28	2%	
6.	Holt	18	2%	
7.	Buffalo	15	1%	
8.	Adams	14	1%	
9.	Dakota	13	1%	
10.	Box Butte	<u>12</u>	<u>1%</u>	
TO	TAL OF TOP TEN	1,061	87%	
TOTAL OF ALL CHARGES		1,226	100%	

TABLE 9: CHARGES NOT DOCKETED

In FY 07/08, the Commission conducted a total of 1,339 intake interviews, or screenings, which did not result in the docketing of a charge of discrimination.

FY 07/08

Reason for Non-Filing	Lincoln	Omaha	Scottsbluff	Totals
1. Respondent has too few	16	22	2	40
employees				
2. Allegations outside the	13	26	1	40
Statute of Limitations				
3. Complainant had no	240	250	39	529
standing or basis to file				
4. Informed of right to file,	302	367	61	730
but declined to file				
TOTAL NON-DOCKETED	571 (43%)	665 (50%)	103 (7%)	1,339 (100%)

TABLE 10: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC

In addition to conducting screenings which led to no formal action by the Commission, the Commission staff also fielded 2,854 other inquiries from the public in FY 07/08. The inquires can be broken down as follows:

FY 07/08

Contact Type	<u>Lincoln</u>	<u>Omaha</u>	Scottsbluff	Totals
5. General Questions	239	713	67	1,019
Answered				
6. Employer Inquires	203	192	4	399
7. Information Sent	59	43	2	104
8. Referred to an appropriate	142	172	24	338
source of assistance				
9. Complainant Inquiry	289	632	73	994
TOTALS	932 (33%)	1,752 (61%)	170 (6%)	2,854 (100%)
TOTALS - ALL CONTACTS	1,503 (36%)	2,417 (58%)	273 (6%)	4,193 (100%)

Along with the above stated data, there were 15,118 hits to the NEOC home page in FY 07/08. The web site is updated at least two times a month. The web site allows people to check upcoming Commission Meeting information, as well as Education and Outreach activities. Individuals also have the opportunity to learn about the Commission, the laws, and how to file a complaint.

TABLE 11: COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS

		FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Reasonable Cause	NEOC (moved to conciliation) Adopted (moved to conciliation)	106 2	91 2	52 0
No Reasonable Cause	NEOC	796	784	818
	Adopted	85	122	75
Pre-Determination Settlement	NEOC	50	37	78
	Adopted	11	14	7
Mediation	NEOC	14	26	26
	Adopted	0	0	0
Withdrawal With Settlement	NEOC	28	32	29
	Adopted	1	2	9
Withdrawal Without Settlement	NEOC	20	30	31
	Adopted	3	0	0
Failure to Locate	NEOC Adopted	9	12 0	11 4
Failure to Cooperate	NEOC	11	44	52
	Adopted	0	0	2
Lack of Jurisdiction	NEOC	48	31	50
	Adopted	4	3	0
Complainant Filing/Filed in Court	NEOC	21	12	16
	Adopted	7	8	14
Other	NEOC Adopted	2 129	2 3	5 0
Successful Conciliations	NEOC	23	29	15
	Adopted	1	0	0
Unsuccessful Conciliations (moved to public hearing or civil action)	NEOC	11	32	6
	Adopted	0	0	0

Table 11: COMMISSION DETERMINATIONS (continued)

		FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Conciliations	Respondent Out of Business	0	0	0
	No Jurisdiction	0	0	0
	Failure to Accept Relief	0	0	0
	Failure to Cooperate	0	0	0
	Unable to Locate Complainant	0	2	0
	Withdrawal With Settlement	1	0	0
	Withdrawal Without Settlement	0	0	0
	Dismissals	24	34	24
	Complainant Filing/Filed in Court	22	22	11
	Adopted	0	0	0
Public Hearings	For Complainant	0	9	3
	For Respondent	5	12	2
	Negotiated Settlement	9	3	1
	Withdrawal With Settlement	1	1	0
	Withdrawal Without Settlement	0	1	0
	Failure to Locate	0	1	0
	Failure to Cooperate	1	3	1
	No Jurisdiction	0	0	0
	Bankruptcy of Respondent	0	0	0
	Complainant Filing/Filed in Court	9	1	0
	Other	1	0	2
	Adopted	0	0	0
Civil Action (Housing)	Negotiated Settlements	0	0	1
	Lack of Jurisdiction	1	0	0
	Other	0	0	1

FAIR					
EMPLOYMENT		EQUAL		PUBLIC	
PRACTICE ACT	AGE	PAY	HOUSING	ACCOMM.	TOTALS
860	251	9	71	36	1,227

TABLE 13: LACK OF JURISDICTION BREAKDOWN

REASON FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION	FY 05/06
Not enough employees	19
No employer/employee relationship	12
Untimely filed	8
Other	4
Duplicate charge	3
Respondent no longer in business	2
Harm occurred out of state	2
Complainant not covered under the law	1
Proper Respondent not named	1
TOTAL	52

REASON FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION	FY 06/07
Not enough employees	17
No employer/employee relationship	6
Untimely filed	5
Complainant signed a valid release of claims	4
Respondent no longer in business	1
Other	1
TOTAL	34

REASON FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION	FY 07/08
Not enough employees	21
Untimely filed	13
No employer/employee relationship	8
Other	3
No Standing to File under the Public Accommodations Law	1
Harms Occurred Out of State	1
Complainant Didn't Work in Nebraska	1
Respondent No Longer in Business	1
Respondent Not an Employer Under the Law	1
TOTAL	50

TABLE 14: COMPARATIVE CAUSE/SETTLEMENT FIGURES

FY 01/02 - 07/08

	Cause & Settlements	Combined
Fiscal Year	Percent of Initial Determinations	Number of Cases
01/02	18.4	285
02/03	18.1	238
03/04	21.0	294
04/05	20.3	283
05/06	15.7	212
06/07	17.5	204
07/08	15.7	201

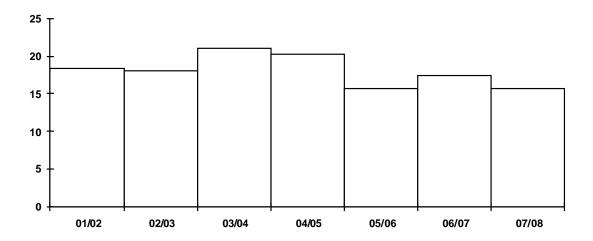


TABLE 15: ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Sent for Mediation	91	52	65	69
Successful Mediation	30	14	26	26
Failed Mediation	24	15	15	14
Pre-Determination Settlement	2	7	12	21
Withdrawal with Settlement	5	5	2	6
No Longer Wanted to Pursue Mediation **	28	6	9	1
Pending	2	7	8	9

NEOC developed the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program in 2004/2005. The focus of ADR is to resolve pending charges prior to a determination being issued by the Commission. Mediation typically involves the parties meeting face to face with a mediator to discuss resolution whereas the Pre-Determination Settlement (PDS) process involves discussion of resolution between the parties as relayed (usually via telephone) by the mediator or NEOC staff. As indicated in Table 15, occasionally parties who express interest in mediation enter into a PDS agreement without actually participating in a face-to-face mediation; therefore, requests for mediation versus PDS are not mutually exclusive.

NOTES/HIGHLIGHTS:

In FY 2004/2005: out of 61 cases attempted in ADR, 61% were successfully resolved. In FY 2005/2006: out of 41 cases attempted in ADR, 63% were successfully resolved. In FY 2006/2007: out of 55 cases attempted in ADR, 73% were successfully resolved. In FY 2007/2008: out of 67 cases attempted in ADR, 79% were successfully resolved.

**In FY 2004/2005, all cases where Respondent expressed interest in mediation were "assigned" to mediation whereas beginning FY 2005/2006, cases were not "assigned" to mediation until both parties initially agreed to participate.

TABLE 16: TOTAL MONETARY RELIEF OBTAINED

	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Pre- Determination Settlements	\$ *716,645	\$ *554,011	\$186,508	\$194,423	\$120,856	\$145,378	\$248,087
Mediation	0	0	155,733	197,098	128,201	108,550	242,935
Withdrawals with Settlement**	89,300	134,538	97,516	206,407	165,027	115,385	221,450
Conciliation	309,859	84,900	286,403	235,215	179,810	383,480	125,791
Public Hearing	13,656	0	132,392	22,800	41,000	202,997	73,946
Litigation***	0	6,130	0	32,300	23,500	0	0
TOTAL	\$1,129,460	\$779,579	\$858,552	\$888,243	\$658,394	\$955,790	\$912,209

^{*} This amount includes cases that have been mediated.

^{**} The benefits on some of the Commission's withdrawals with settlement are not known. The parties keep the terms of settlement confidential.

^{***}These settlements were achieved by the Attorney General's Office on cases sent to their office for civil action/litigation.

TABLE 17: CHARGE INTAKE

	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Omaha	605 (44%)	539 (46%)	561 (46%)
Lincoln	579 (43%)	518 (45%)	593 (48%)
<u>Scottsbluff</u>	181 (13%)	109 (9%)	72 (6%)
TOTAL	1,365 (100%)	1,166 (100%)	1,226 (100%)

NOTES/HIGHLIGHTS

Overall total of 1,226 represents a 5% increase from FY 06/07 intake, and a 10% decrease from FY 05/06 total intake.

Omaha total of 561 represents a 4% increase from FY 06/07 office intake.

Lincoln total of 593 represents a 14% increase from FY 06/07 office intake.

Scottsbluff total of 72 represents a 34% decrease from FY 06/07 office intake.

TABLE 18: INVESTIGATOR CASE COMPLETION

	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Investigations	902 (82%)	875 (80%)	870 (75%)
Settlements	92 (8%)	95 (8%)	133 (11%)
Admin. Closures	106 (10%)	129 (12%)	165 (14%)
TOTAL	1,100 (100%)	1,100 (100%)	1,168 (100%)

NOTES/HIGHLIGHTS:

Total of 1,168 completions represents a 6% increase from FY 06/07 totals, and the same over FY 05/06 totals.

Investigations (870) represent 75% of total, compared to 80% in FY 06/07 and 82% in FY 05/06.

Settlements (133) represent 11% of total, compared to 8% in FY 06/07 and 8% in FY 05/06.

Administrative Closures (165) represent 14% of total, compared to 12% in FY 06/07 and 10% in FY 05/06.

CASE COMPLETION SUMMARY TABLES FY 03/04 - 07/08

TABLE 19: AVERAGE INVESTIGATION HOURS

	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Hours/File	8.7	8.8	18.3	10.2	8.7

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TABLE 20: AVERAGE DAYS PER INVESTIGATION

	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Average Days	80.5	82.9	86.1	94.3	98.4

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TABLE 21: FROM FILING TO ASSIGNMENT AND DETERMINATION, AVERAGE DAYS -- CAUSE/NO CAUSE ONLY

	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Filing to Assignment	126	146	171	229	244
Filing to Determination	240	257	296	364	382

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TABLE 22: CONCILIATION TIME PER CASE

	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Hours Average	6	7	6	8	7
Days Average	63	82	64	92	79

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TABLE 23: CAUSE/SETTLEMENT CASES

Percentage of Total	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Comm. Determinations	21%	20%	16%	18%	16%

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TABLE 24: CAUSE CASES

Percentage of	FY 03/04	FY 04/05	FY 05/06	FY 06/07	FY 07/08
Fully Investigated					
Cases	12%	11%	11%	9%	6%

		EQUAL		PUBLIC	
FEPA	AGE	PAY	HOUSING	ACCOM	TOTAL
40	9	1	2	0	52

TABLE 26: REASONABLE CAUSE CASES BY BASIS FY 07/08

BASIS	CASES	BASIS	CASES
Race	3	Disability	11
Color	3	Religion	1
Sex	12	Marital Status	0
Sex-Pregnancy	3	Retaliation	12
National Origin	4	Retaliation – Whistleblower	1
Age	8	Familial Status	0

TABLE 27: REASONABLE CAUSE CASES BY ISSUE FY 07/08

ISSUES	CASES	ISSUES	CASES
Hire	7	Constructive Discharge	7
Promote	2	Conditions of Employment	8
Harassment	4	Reasonable Accommodation	6
Sexual Harassment	1	Wages	2
Discipline	3	Intimidation	3
Discharge	27	Terms Occupancy	2
Assignment	1	Coercion	2

TABLE 28: CONCILIATION SUMMARY

Total Conciliations Attempted	56
Successful	
Unsuccessful (Forwarded to Hearing)	4
Unsuccessful (Forwarded to Civil Action-Housing)	
Administratively Closed	
(See Breakdown Below)	
a. Withdrawal with Settlement	0
b. Withdrawal without Settlement	0
c. Failure of Complainant to Cooperate	
d. Unable to Locate Complainant	0
e. Unsuccessful - Dismissals	24
f. Lack of Jurisdiction	0
g. Complainant Filing in Court	11
h. Bankruptcy of Respondent	0
Total Dollars	\$125,791

TABLE 29: CONCILIATIONS

FISCAL YEAR	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
Cases to Conciliation (Reasonable Cause)	124	106	108	93	52
Cases Pending from Prior Fiscal Year	20*	19**	15	41	15
TOTAL CASES	144	125	123	134	67
Conciliations Attempted	123	110	82	119	56
Successful Conciliations	35	41	24	29	15
Unsuccessful Conciliations	18	25	11	32	6
Conciliations Administratively Closed	70	44	47	58	35
MONETARY RELIEF	\$286,403	\$235,415	\$179,810	\$383,480	\$125,791
Conciliation Pending	21	15	41	15	11

^{*}A case was reinstated.

^{**}The decision on two of the pending cases was reversed.

TABLE 30: SUCCESSFUL CONCILIATION DETAIL

DISCRIMINATORY ACT	AWARD TO COMPLAINANT
National Origin (termination)	\$7,000
Disability (failure to accommodate & termination)	\$16,500
Sex (sexual harassment)	\$6,240; training
Race (termination)	\$6,000
Pregnancy (failure to hire)	\$9,000
Race, Color (denial of service)	\$1,500
National Origin (termination)	\$3,500
Age (termination)	\$12,000
Age, Sex (failure to promote)	\$40,000
Sex, Equal Pay (wages)	\$2,800 back pay; \$2000 compensatory damages
Sex (disparate treatment & termination)	\$15,000
Disability (failure to hire & accommodation)	\$750
Retaliation (termination)	\$3,500

PUBLIC HEARINGS

In conformity with the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, Section 48-1119, the Commission may take a case to Public Hearing if reasonable cause is found and attempts at conciliation are unsuccessful. The table below represents the Commission's activity after ordering Public Hearings in fiscal year 2007/2008, and the following tables give a brief composite of those hearings actually conducted during each respective fiscal year.

TABLE 31: PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fiscal Year	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08
Numbered Ordered	14	11	14	24	10	30	4
Number Held*	2	4	2	3	5	21	5
Number Carried Over	6	8	7	13	23	7	6
Orders Issued (Final)	12	12	8	14	26	31	9
Backlog	8	7	13	23	7	6	1

^{*}A full and complete hearing was conducted.

<u>TABLE 32</u>: PUBLIC HEARING DISPOSITION <u>JULY 2007 - JUNE 2008</u>

Total Final Orders Issued	9	
Outcome of Final Orders:		
Violation found	3	
No Violation found	2	
Settlement Prior to Hearing	1	
Withdrawal with Settlement	0	
Withdrawal without Settlement	0	
Failure to Cooperate	1	
Failure to Locate	0	
Adopted	0	
Bankruptcy of Respondent	0	
Complainant Filing/Filed in Court	0	
Other	2	

TABLE 33: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED; NOT HELD AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

<u>Complainant</u> <u>Respondent</u> <u>None</u> <u>Hearing Examiner</u>

TABLE 34: PUBLIC HEARING ORDERED; COMPLAINT NOT SIGNED BY COMPLAINANT AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

Complainant None Respondent Case No. Hearing Examiner

TABLE 35: PUBLIC HEARING HELD; NO RECOMMENDED ORDER ISSUED BY THE HEARING EXAMINER AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

<u>Complainant</u>	<u>Respondent</u>	Case No.	Hearing Examiner
Bartholomew	Vishay Dale Electronics, Inc.	36897	Tringe

TABLE 36: CIVIL ACTION DISPOSITION JULY 2007 - JUNE 2008

Negotiated Settlement	1
Other	1
TOTAL	2

HEARING DISPOSITION SUMMARY July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

NEB 2-06/07-12-2157-H Pereda vs. Lawrence and Levonne Dohmen Religion and Familial Status (Refusal to Rent)

The Complainant alleged he was discriminated against by the Respondents by refusing to rent to him. The Commission found Reasonable Cause. The case was forwarded to public hearing. The Hearing Examiner dismissed this case for failure of the Complainant to prosecute.

NEB 2-06/07-12-2160-H Stolp vs. Lawrence and Levonne Dohmen Religion and Familial Status (Refusal to Rent)

The Complainant alleged she was discriminated against by the Respondents by refusing to rent to her. The Commission found Reasonable Cause. The case was forwarded to public hearing. The Hearing Examiner dismissed this case for failure of the Complainant to prosecute.

NEB 2-05/06-9-36066 Al-Shams vs. Omaha Public Schools Race and Religion (Failure to Hire)

The Complainant alleged she was discriminated against based on her Race and Religion in that she was qualified for two full-time teaching positions but was not hired. The Commission found Reasonable Cause. The case was forwarded to public hearing. The Hearing Examiner recommended that the complaint be dismissed and a decision be rendered in favor of the Respondent. The Commission accepted the Hearing Examiner's recommendation and dismissed this case.

NEB 1-05/06-3-2101-H – Coronado vs. Barney G., Inc. NEB 1-06/07-11-2153-H – Gonzalez vs. Barney G., Inc. NEB 1-06/07-3-2174-H – Velez vs. Barney G., Inc. National Origin and Retaliation (Terms and Conditions and Attempted Termination of Tenancy)

The Complainants alleged discrimination on the basis of National Origin and Retaliation. The Commission made a Reasonable Cause determination. These cases were sent to Public Hearing. The Hearing Examiner issued the Findings of Fact Conclusions of Law and Order. The Hearing Examiner found in favor of the Complainants and ordered judgments to be awarded in each case.

NEB 1-05/06-9-36150 Ferguson vs. Tri-Con Industries, Ltd Sex (Termination)

The Complainant contended he was terminated for alleged sexual harassment. Complainant stated he was not provided information with respect to whom made the complaint nor was he given an opportunity to respond to the allegations. The Commission made a Reasonable Cause determination. The case was forwarded to Public Hearing. The Hearing Examiner recommended that the complaint be dismissed and a decision be rendered in favor of the Respondent. The Commission accepted the Hearing Examiner's recommendation and dismissed this case.

NEB 1-05/06-12-36476 Jones vs. InterCon Security Systems, Inc. Disability (Failure to Hire)

The Complainant stated that when his previous employer lost its contract, he re-applied for a security position with Respondent who assumed the contract. Complainant contended he was qualified for the position and had just under 11 years experience performing the job. Respondent failed to hire Complainant and told him that their client did not want to re-hire him and did not provide a reason. The Commission made a Reasonable Cause determination. The case was forwarded to Public Hearing. The Hearing Examiner recommended the Commission dismiss this case based on a private settlement reached between the parties. The Commission accepted the Hearing Examiner's recommendation and dismissed this case.

NEB 2-04/05-5-2009-PA Wilson vs. Kentucky Fried Chicken Race, Color and Sex (Sexual Harassment)

The Complainant alleged she was sexually harassed when trying to place an order at the Respondent's place of business. The Commission made a Reasonable Cause determination. The case was forwarded to Public Hearing. The Hearing Examiner recommended the case be dismissed due to the Complainant not cooperating in the process. The Commission accepted the Hearing Examiner's recommendation and dismissed this case.