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This report is submitted in compliance with K.S.A. 5-506(b). It requires the director of dispute resolution to report annually on the implementation of the Kansas Dispute Resolution Act. The act establishes an approval process for individuals and programs that practice dispute resolution, which is defined as “a process by which the parties involved in a dispute voluntarily agree or are referred or ordered by a court to enter into discussion and negotiation with the assistance of a neutral person.” The act also establishes the Advisory Council on Dispute Resolution, composed of knowledgeable individuals trained in dispute resolution. This council advises the director of dispute resolution on the administration of the act and related topics.

In this report, you will find information on the number of approved providers, programs, trainers, and the types of disputes handled by approved programs and individuals.

To promote, encourage, and facilitate alternative dispute resolution services which are accessible and affordable.

~Advisory Council
on Dispute Resolution

Three-Year Comparison of Dispute Resolution Cases

areas	2017	2018	2019
agriculture	42	39	19
case management	203	180	151
church	40	40	21
civil rights	120	110	39
community	23	48	22
consumer	89	78	42
custody/parenting plan	3,371	3,213	2,594
domestic (full case)	453	363	290
domestic property	164	140	122
employment	420	239	260
environmental	14	8	8
family	89	86	67
group mediation	27	16	15
high conflict	0	0	0
juvenile dependency	16	18	14
limited action	87	39	23
malpractice	51	15	4
other	511	474	458
parent adolescent	83	76	86
personal injury	103	30	30
probate	89	36	33
public policy	20	4	0
small business	680	743	507
special education	59	39	19
victim/offender	128	140	124
workers compensation	40	107	19
Total	6,922	6,281	4,967

2019 Approval Totals

**300 Approved
Providers**

**8 Approved
Programs**

**18 Approved
Trainers**

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