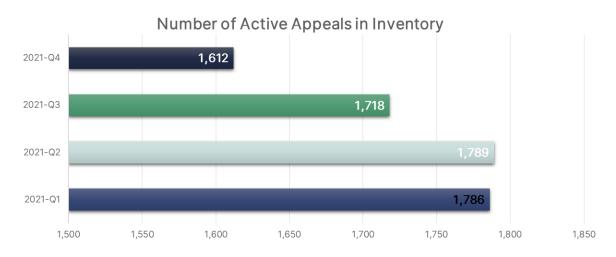
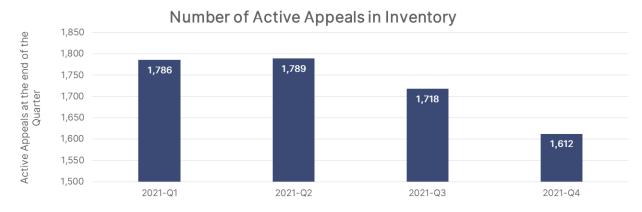


### Inventory

As of December 31, our total active inventory was 1,612 appeals. The vast majority of appeals are compensation appeals from the Review Division of the Workers' Compensation Board (WorkSafeBC).



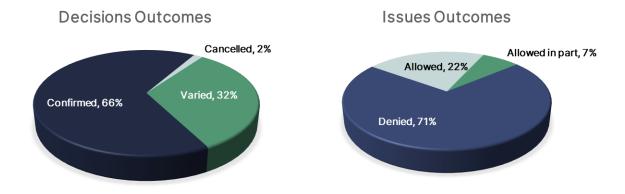
During the fourth quarter of 2021, we made decisions on the merits of 469 appeals and made summary decisions on a further 91 appeals that were rejected, dismissed, withdrawn, or suspended. An appeal may raise numerous issues and WCAT may allow, allow in part, or deny the appeal on each issue. During the fourth quarter, we decided 647 issues.

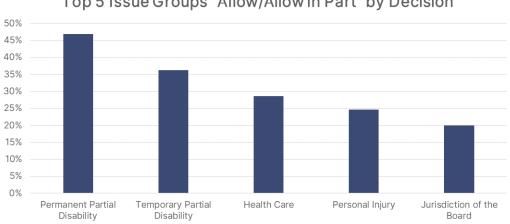


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### **Appeal Outcomes**

When WCAT makes a decision on the merits of an appeal, the decision under appeal may be varied, confirmed, or cancelled by WCAT. "Vary" means that WCAT varied the previous decision in whole or in part. "Confirm" means that WCAT agreed with all aspects of the previous decision. "Cancel" means that WCAT set aside the previous decision without a new or changed decision being provided in its place. A single appeal may have more than one issue to be determined.





Top 5 Issue Groups "Allow/Allow in Part" by Decision

#### Time to Decision

Section 306 of the Act requires WCAT to decide new appeals within 180 days from the date that WCAT receives from the Board the records (disclosure) relating to the decision under appeal.

The 180-day statutory timeframe may be extended up to a maximum of 90 days in order to provide parties with additional time to make submissions or submit new evidence (additional time for submissions). The statutory timeframe may also be extended on the basis of complexity (additional time for decision).

In addition to tracking the time period from receipt of disclosure to final decision, WCAT also monitors the period of time from receipt of a Notice of Appeal to final decision.



# **Appeal Path**

Of the 469 appeals decided in the fourth quarter, 144 (31%) appeals were decided after convening an oral hearing and 325 (69%) after consideration of written submissions.

# Hearings

During the fourth quarter, WCAT held 128 oral hearings; 17 were held by teleconference, 108 were held by videoconference, and 3 were held in person.