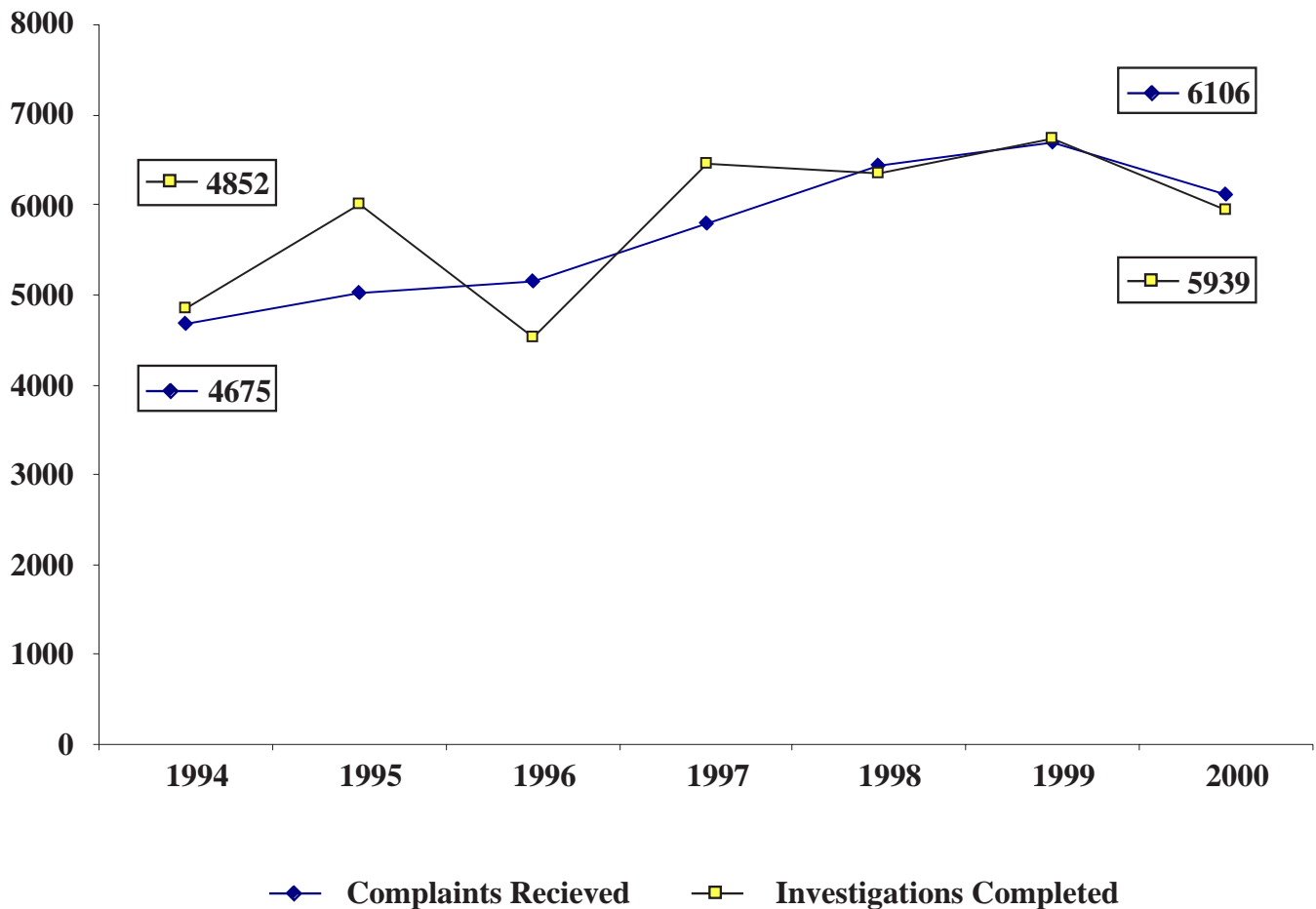


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Volume of Medical Conduct Complaints and Investigations
New York State, 1994-2000

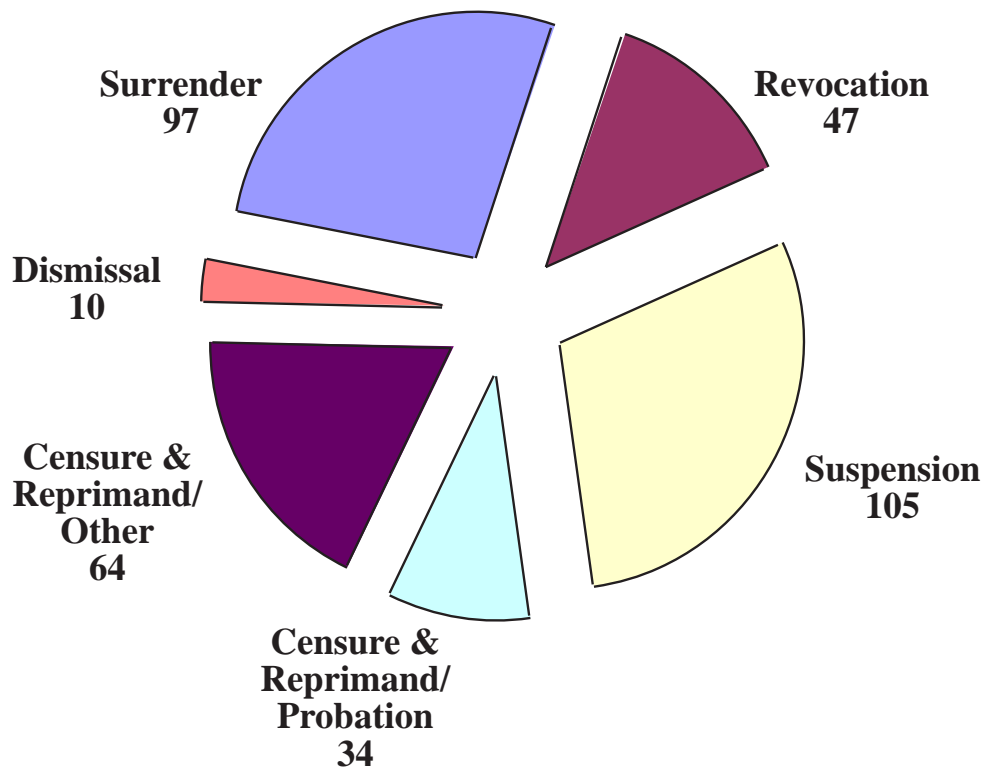


Source: *New York State Department of Health, Board for Professional Medical Conduct, "2000 Annual Report."*

Out of nearly 800,000 non-federal physicians in the United States, serious medical disciplinary actions were taken against 2,746 doctors in the year 2000, or a fraction of 1 percent, according to the [Public Citizen Health Research Group](#). In New York State, 357 serious disciplinary actions were taken, following investigations for complaints such as negligence, incompetence, and moral unfitness. Disciplinary actions include surrender of license, revocation, suspension, censure and reprimand or probation and dismissal, according to the [New York State Department of Health Board for Professional Medical Conduct](#).

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Medical Conduct Decisions New York State, 2000



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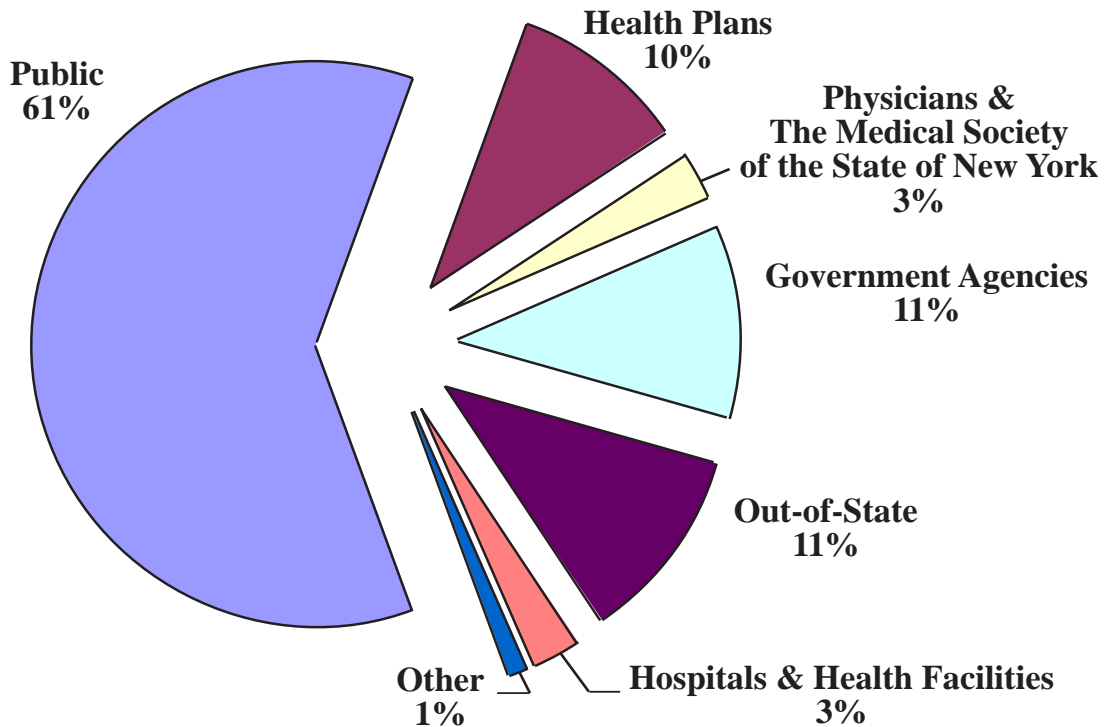
How to check your own physician for complaints and investigations

The Board for Professional Medical Conduct investigates complaints made against physicians and physician assistants, and prosecutes those charged with misconduct. Investigations that reveal evidence of physician misconduct are referred to committees of the Board, which hear evidence and make the final decision concerning charges and, if appropriate, penalties. To check on your own physician:

- First go to the [New York State Department of Health's Board for Professional Medical Conduct](#) web page.
- Click on search by name button.
- Type in the physician's name.

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Medical Conduct Source of Complaints New York State, 2000



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Some Useful Websites on Physician Misconduct

- [Health Care Choices](#) - Information about Hospitals, Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners.
- [Public Citizen Research Group](#) - Questionable Doctors Disciplined by State and Federal Governments.
- [National Center for Health Workforce Information and Analysis](#)