- Iowa workers filed 14 representation cases with the National Labor Relations Board in FY22, an increase of 180% compared to the previous fiscal year.
- Iowa workers filed 87 unfair labor practice charges against employers, an increase of 18% compared to the previous fiscal year.
- Among all states and territories, workers in Iowa ranked 11th in representation cases and 36th in unfair labor practice charges at the NLRB.

Unfair labor practices (ULP) include, but are not limited to, firing employees for organizing a union, retaliating against workers for supporting a union, or refusing to bargain with an established union.

Representation cases are petitions for the NLRB to conduct an election in which employees vote on whether to unionize and bargain collectively with their employer. Employees, employers, and unions may file these petitions.
STATES/TERRITORIES RANKED BY INCREASE IN NLRB REPRESENTATION CASES BETWEEN FY21 AND FY22 (%)

STATES/TERRITORIES RANKED BY INCREASE IN NLRB ULP CHARGES FILED BETWEEN FY21 AND FY22 (%)

Source: Analysis of FY2020 (October 2020 - September 2021) and FY2021 (October 2021 - September 2022) NLRB representation and unfair labor practice cases from https://www.nlrb.gov/search/case.