

2011 Safety and Health table updates

Accepted disabling claims, employment, and claims rates, 1987-2010			
Year	Accepted disabling claims	Employment	Claims rate
1987	41,033	1,105,200	3.71
1988	43,660	1,161,100	3.76
1989	39,170	1,214,900	3.22
1990	35,857	1,258,600	2.85
1991	31,479	1,258,600	2.50
1992	30,786	1,280,500	2.40
1993	30,741	1,317,100	2.33
1994	31,530	1,378,800	2.29
1995	30,564	1,431,600	2.13
1996	28,389	1,487,300	1.91
1997	27,922	1,547,800	1.80
1998	27,020	1,576,100	1.71
1999	25,769	1,602,700	1.61
2000	25,325	1,627,600	1.56
2001	24,607	1,616,400	1.52
2002	23,463	1,596,100	1.47
2003	21,823	1,585,800	1.38
2004	22,320	1,630,500	1.37
2005	22,111	1,677,500	1.32
2006	23,370	1,734,400	1.35
2007	23,431	1,762,700	1.33
2008	21,660	1,746,200	1.24
2009	18,949	1,637,400	1.16
2010	18,013	1,621,800	1.11

The number of accepted disabling claims has fallen at an average rate of 2.8 percent annually over the past two decades even as the number of covered employees has risen. An exception to the trend was the period between 2003 and 2007, when the number of ADCs increased by 7 percent, total. Between 2007 and 2010, employment declined by 3.1 percent annually while the number of ADCs declined 9.2 percent.

The claims rate is the percentage of accepted disabling claims among covered employees. The claims rate has also fallen over time. The rate was at a record low in 2010, with just over one accepted disabling claim per 100 workers.

Note: Workers' compensation covered employment figures are based on data from the Employment Department.

CY 2010 figures are subject to revision.

Compensable fatalities, 1987-2010		
Year	Compensable fatalities	Fatality rate
1987	78	7.1
1988	81	7.0
1989	76	6.3
1990	64	5.1
1991	65	5.2
1992	63	4.9
1993	64	4.9
1994	55	4.0
1995	48	3.4
1996	54	3.6
1997	43	2.8
1998	52	3.3
1999	47	2.9
2000	45	2.8
2001	34	2.1
2002	52	3.3
2003	41	2.6
2004	45	2.8
2005	31	1.8
2006	37	2.1
2007	35	2.0
2008	45	2.6
2009	31	1.9
2010	17	1.0

There were 17 compensable fatalities in 2010, the lowest ever reported.

A large rise in yearly fatality counts can occur because of multiple-fatality incidents. For example, in 2008, one incident resulted in the deaths of eight Oregon workers.

Compensable fatalities are counted in the year they are reported, which will not necessarily correspond to the year of occurrence.

Note: The fatality rate is the number of fatalities per 100,000 workers.

Occupational injuries and illnesses incidence rates, Oregon private sector, 1987-2009				
Year	Total cases	Cases with days away from work	DART	These incidence rates are compiled from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Injury and Illness Survey, and the data come from the employers' OSHA 300 Log. Beginning with the 2002 BLS survey, incidence rates are based on revised requirements for recording occupational injuries and illnesses. Due to the revised requirements, the rates since the 2002 survey may not be comparable with those of prior years. The total-cases incidence rate is a measure of all recordable workplace injuries and illnesses for every 100 full-time employees. The cases-with-days-away-from-work incidence rate shows the cases that resulted in absences from work. The DART rate is a broader measure that includes days away from work, restriction, or job transfer. These three rates fell about 28 percent between 2002 and 2009.
1987	10.9	4.8	-	
1988	11.1	4.9	-	
1989	10.6	4.3	-	
1990	10.1	3.9	-	
1991	9.1	3.4	-	
1992	9.1	3.3	-	
1993	9.0	3.3	-	
1994	8.7	3.0	-	
1995	8.8	2.9	-	
1996	7.8	2.6	-	
1997	7.8	2.3	-	
1998	6.9	2.1	-	
1999	7.0	2.1	-	
2000	6.3	1.9	-	
2001	6.2	1.9	-	
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2002	6.0	1.9	3.2	
2003	5.6	1.9	3.1	
2004	5.8	1.9	3.1	
2005	5.4	1.7	2.9	
2006	5.3	1.7	2.8	
2007	5.1	1.7	2.8	
2008	4.6	1.5	2.5	
2009	4.4	1.4	2.3	

Oregon OSHA inspections, federal fiscal years 1988-2010				The average number of inspections per year from 1988 to 2010 is 5,250.
Federal fiscal year	Inspections	Workers covered by inspections	Percent in compliance	
1988	5,697	147,414	23.3%	Inspections are classified in several ways. The broadest category identifies each inspection as either a safety inspection or a health inspection. In FFY 2010, 82.2 percent were safety inspections.
1989	5,136	167,432	24.2%	
1990	4,826	164,052	21.4%	
1991	5,506	163,807	18.8%	
1992	5,739	206,170	17.7%	
1993	5,613	245,929	20.1%	
1994	5,022	262,589	20.9%	
1995	5,470	227,412	25.2%	
1996	5,181	195,375	26.2%	
1997	4,555	182,058	28.2%	
1998	5,172	152,324	28.0%	
1999	5,435	168,258	30.7%	Some inspections result in a citation (violations of Oregon or federal standards found at the worksite). When there are no violations of safety or health rules, the worksite is called "in-compliance." The percentage of in-compliance inspections was 27 percent in FFY 2010.
2000	5,069	165,151	28.2%	
2001	5,370	197,722	27.8%	
2002	5,642	196,193	26.1%	
2003	5,355	217,724	26.4%	
2004	5,097	207,463	24.9%	
2005	4,890	274,457	22.2%	
2006	4,873	355,103	26.2%	
2007	5,049	244,111	25.5%	
2008	5,248	221,994	23.7%	
2009	5,541	212,361	24.0%	Both the number of inspections and the compliance rate have remained relatively unchanged over the period under consideration.
2010	5,260	132,240	27.3%	

Oregon OSHA citations, violations, and proposed penalties, federal fiscal years 1988-2010				
Federal fiscal year	Citations	Violations	Penalties (\$ millions)	<p>Oregon OSHA issues a citation to an employer when one or more violations of Oregon or federal standards are found. The penalties listed here are the initial or proposed penalties levied when the citation was issued and do not reflect changes made due to the settlement of an appeal.</p> <p>The average number of violations per citation has changed little since 1983. The average number before 1996 was four violations per citation; the average since has been three.</p> <p>The average number of serious violations per citation has varied even less since 1988, with the average consistently close to one.</p>
1988	4,368	15,735	\$1.9	
1989	3,892	12,364	1.5	
1990	3,794	14,009	2.8	
1991	4,472	17,118	2.8	
1992	4,721	19,424	3.2	
1993	4,485	17,611	4.7	
1994	3,970	15,292	4.6	
1995	4,093	15,302	5.8	
1996	3,823	12,434	2.9	
1997	3,269	10,359	3.9	
1998	3,725	11,366	2.4	
1999	3,767	11,433	3.0	
2000	3,642	11,094	2.3	
2001	3,879	12,701	2.4	
2002	4,170	12,703	2.1	
2003	3,940	11,700	2.3	
2004	3,827	11,805	2.4	
2005	3,805	11,376	2.0	
2006	3,595	10,020	2.4	
2007	3,759	10,495	2.4	
2008	4,004	10,627	2.5	
2009	4,213	11,587	3.1	
2010	3,824	10,330	1.7	

Oregon OSHA consultations, 1988-2010					
Year	Consultations opened	Employees affected	Participants in recognition programs:		<p>Oregon OSHA's consultative services help Oregon employers identify hazards and work practices that could lead to injuries or illnesses. Employers are provided recommendations for correcting identified hazards and for improving their safety and health programs. Consultative services also include the time-intensive process of assisting interested employers as they work toward SHARP recognition, and evaluating worksites for qualification in the Voluntary Protection Program. There have been more than 2,500 consultations each year since 2008.</p> <p>SHARP is a recognition program that provides guidance and tools for developing an effective safety and health program. The program focuses on the implementation of a system based on management commitment and employee participation.</p> <p>The Voluntary Protection Program was developed by federal OSHA as a way to recognize employers who demonstrate excellence in safety and health management. The key areas are management leadership, employee involvement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control, and safety and health training.</p>
			SHARP	VPP	
1988	502	N/A	-	-	
1989	671	N/A	-	-	
1990	943	102,739	-	-	
1991	1,741	250,623	-	-	
1992	2,491	342,683	-	-	
1993	2,089	249,387	-	-	
1994	2,482	256,604	-	-	
1995	2,153	231,113	-	-	
1996	1,854	233,732	4	-	
1997	1,828	153,922	9	1	
1998	2,050	219,565	24	2	
1999	2,127	233,665	42	3	
2000	2,505	241,965	50	4	
2001	2,828	260,695	69	4	
2002	2,457	219,418	75	6	
2003	2,060	230,245	80	9	
2004	2,094	229,130	86	8	
2005	2,124	187,449	104	9	
2006	2,283	221,157	107	13	
2007	2,098	203,369	126	16	
2008	2,542	209,525	142	23	
2009	2,898	268,631	161	24	
2010	2,693	159,280	196	27	

Safety and health training programs, 1998-2010		
Year	Attendance at training sessions	<p>Oregon OSHA has provided education and training to thousands of workers and employers each year. These educational forums provide an opportunity to share ideas on occupational safety and health with national experts. The increases in attendance in odd-numbered years are due to the Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Conference. These conferences are coordinated and presented in partnership with businesses, associations, labor unions, etc.</p> <p>In 2010, there were seven conferences held around Oregon. They addressed a variety of safety and health issues. In addition to conferences, in 2010, the Public Education Section offered more than 559 workshops and on-site trainings on 44 different topics related to safety and health in the workplace.</p>
1998	15,494	
1999	27,104	
2000	19,069	
2001	26,478	
2002	15,844	
2003	26,290	
2004	20,892	
2005	27,129	
2006	22,751	
2007	30,054	
2008	19,754	
2009	30,874	
2010	18,580	