

Table 4. Average temporary disability days and claim costs for accepted disabling claims by body part injured, Oregon, 2008

Body part injured	Claims resolved	Median temporary disability days paid	Mean temporary disability days paid	Average claim costs	Medical costs paid	Indemnity	Temporary disability dollars paid	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
Total	23,307	16	71	\$19,950	\$8,480	\$11,470	\$4,760	\$3,460	\$2,490	\$530	\$220
Head	614	12	42	15,050	6,580	8,470	2,930	3,790	1,340	340	70
Brain	62	16	80	22,350	10,310	12,040	5,410	2,630	2,470	1,480	60
Scalp	16	16	19	4,390	3,090	1,300	1,300	0	0	0	0
Skull	8	16	143	37,840	25,760	12,070	7,550	3,470	0	0	1,050
Ear	111	0	28	15,320	2,580	12,740	1,650	10,460	620	10	0
Eye	185	16	32	11,850	5,370	6,480	2,580	3,260	480	10	150
Nose	29	16	44	13,940	9,890	4,050	2,890	280	670	210	0
Mouth	18	4	17	4,820	3,560	1,260	1,150	0	110	0	0
Multiple head locations	82	16	47	22,480	12,460	10,020	4,110	3,580	2,170	150	10
Other/unknown head locations	103	16	43	11,330	3,950	7,380	2,740	700	3,000	940	0
Neck, including throat	446	17	79	24,910	8,800	16,110	5,680	4,080	4,510	1,660	170
Trunk	8,621	16	71	19,570	7,890	11,680	4,830	3,510	2,490	620	230
Shoulder	1,925	51	101	32,290	12,940	19,340	7,450	7,240	3,610	550	490
Chest, incl. internal locations	318	16	29	6,720	3,420	3,300	1,690	680	770	160	0
Back, including spine	5,007	16	65	16,870	6,500	10,370	4,320	2,740	2,410	710	180
Abdomen, incl. internal locations	619	16	32	7,910	5,480	2,420	1,980	140	270	30	0
Pelvic region	310	16	68	18,050	7,980	10,070	4,650	3,030	1,780	530	90
Multiple trunk locations	437	36	85	22,340	9,030	13,310	5,650	2,970	3,370	1,070	250
Other/unknown trunk locations	5	20	24	8,310	3,740	4,570	1,970	2,600	0	0	0
Upper extremities	5,040	16	53	13,890	6,230	7,660	3,360	2,580	1,380	190	140
Upper arm	196	44	70	21,990	9,880	12,110	5,510	4,280	1,570	490	260
Elbow	562	32	76	17,030	5,970	11,060	5,100	3,040	2,220	280	410
Forearm	231	16	56	16,440	6,060	10,380	3,640	3,090	3,270	230	140
Wrist	1,192	30	70	16,460	7,070	9,380	4,420	2,760	1,760	260	180
Hand, except finger	510	16	30	7,950	4,160	3,790	1,840	1,490	440	10	10
Finger, fingernail	1,840	16	29	8,920	4,860	4,060	1,740	1,810	440	40	20
Multiple upper extremities	466	31	88	25,850	11,280	14,570	5,740	4,900	3,110	560	260
Other/unknown upper extremities	43	16	33	9,730	4,610	5,120	1,450	2,000	1,410	260	0
Lower extremities	5,041	17	66	17,230	8,120	9,110	4,410	2,480	1,680	370	170
Thigh	129	16	65	\$18,560	\$10,220	\$8,340	\$4,650	\$1,690	\$1,380	\$200	\$420
Knee	2,485	25	70	\$18,970	\$8,900	\$10,060	\$4,860	\$2,790	\$1,820	\$390	\$200
Lower leg	330	16	52	16,220	8,920	7,300	3,580	1,610	1,610	360	140

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Body part injured	Claims resolved	Median temporary disability days paid	Mean temporary disability days paid	Average claim costs	Medical costs paid	Indemnity	Temporary disability dollars paid	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
Ankle	946	16	60	13,600	6,550	7,060	3,840	1,820	1,100	250	40
Foot, except toe	557	16	54	11,520	4,600	6,920	3,470	1,650	1,390	370	40
Toe, toenail	154	16	27	5,570	2,860	2,710	1,550	830	300	20	0
Multiple lower extremities	392	34	101	27,520	12,450	15,070	6,060	5,040	2,910	610	450
Other/unknown lower extremities	48	16	64	20,910	8,670	12,230	4,420	1,850	4,840	1,110	0
Body systems	77	16	71	19,630	6,230	13,400	5,470	1,840	4,500	1,290	310
Multiple body parts	3,459	39	107	34,220	14,350	19,870	7,350	5,970	5,210	920	420
Other/unknown body parts	9	5	13	\$12,530	\$9,400	\$3,120	\$700	\$760	\$1,670	\$0	\$0

Accepted disabling claims are claims, accepted by insurers, arising from occupational injuries or diseases that entitle workers to compensation for disability or death.

Claims are reported by the year of claim resolution, which is the year of latest claim closure or claim disposition agreement. Fatality and permanent total disability claims and their associated costs are excluded.

Body part is classified according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS).

Claim cost figures have been rounded, thus component averages may not sum to composite averages. In addition, due to the estimation process, conclusions should not be drawn for rows with a small number of claims.

Average costs for the indemnity components are computed over all accepted disabling claims. The temporary disability days and dollars include estimates of temporary disability for claims with claim disposition agreements prior to claim closure. Insurers do not report this data to the department. Worker or employer reimbursements from the Workers' Benefit Fund are not included.

Indemnity costs incurred after claim closure that were paid through mid-May 2009 are included in this table. This primarily includes permanent partial disability modified by dispute resolution, disputed claim settlements, and vocational assistance costs. These costs after closure will increase over time.

Medical costs are reported at the time of claim closure for approximately 88 percent of claims. The average medical costs of claims without data (12 percent of claims) are assumed to be the same as those with reported data. Medical costs after claim resolution, which are often substantial, are not included in this report.

PPD = Permanent partial disability; CDA = Claim disposition agreement; DCS = Disputed claim settlement.

Data in this table will change. The claim counts will change as claims are reopened and resolved. Also, as mentioned above, post-closure costs will increase over time. However, if past trends continue it is anticipated that the average temporary disability costs and temporary disability days for the most recent year will decline as claims are reopened and then closed in future years.

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