

Table 5c. Average temporary disability days and claim costs for accepted disabling claims by nature of injury or disease - neck, Oregon, 2008

Nature of injury or disease	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	446	17	79	\$24,910	\$8,800	\$16,110	\$5,680	\$4,080	\$4,510	\$1,660	\$170
Traumatic injuries (0*)	394	16	68	18,310	6,690	11,620	4,760	2,670	3,180	920	90
Trauma to bones, nerves, spinal cord (01*)	42	134	156	58,790	24,860	33,930	10,570	16,180	6,340	590	240
Sprains, strains (02*)	328	16	54	11,980	4,480	7,500	3,850	860	1,860	850	80
Multiple traumatic injuries (08*)	12	101	180	59,420	17,780	41,630	12,070	7,410	21,740	410	0
Other/unknown traumatic injuries	12	14	30	19,010	2,880	16,130	1,960	0	9,420	4,750	0
Systemic diseases and disorders (1*)	20	92	150	94,670	29,210	65,450	11,100	22,940	16,810	14,240	360
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue diseases (17*)	18	92	156	96,350	29,430	66,920	11,410	20,610	18,680	15,820	400
Other/unknown systemic diseases and disorders	2	93	93	79,930	27,680	52,260	8,320	43,940	0	0	0
Multiple injuries, diseases and conditions (7,8,9)	31	129	171	64,700	25,140	39,570	12,350	9,610	13,680	2,920	1,010
Other/unknown diseases or conditions	1	276	276	\$83,580	\$15,320	\$68,260	\$54,470	\$11,390	\$800	\$1,600	\$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.

Nature of injury and body part injured are 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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