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Event of injury or disease	Claims resolved	Median temporary disability days	Mean temporary disability days	Average claim costs	Medical services	Indemnity	Temporary disability costs	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
Total	20,865	27	79	\$22,570	\$9,550	\$13,020	\$5,780	\$3,310	\$2,910	\$720	\$300
0 Contact with objects and equipment	3,546	18	58	17,540	8,000	9,550	4,050	2,840	2,080	400	180
01 Struck against an object	772	16	53	14,320	6,610	7,710	3,450	2,050	1,780	270	160
02 Struck by an object	1,896	16	58	17,600	8,160	9,440	4,120	2,590	2,110	430	190
021 Struck by a falling object	723	22	75	21,300	9,420	11,880	5,290	3,250	2,640	520	190
022 Struck by a flying object	178	9	40	16,830	7,870	8,950	3,020	3,530	1,940	370	110
023 Struck by a swinging or slipping object	511	9	38	11,420	5,770	5,640	2,630	1,190	1,570	130	120
024 Struck by rolling, sliding object	82	25	90	27,710	13,240	14,470	6,580	4,320	750	2,010	820
02- Other/unknown struck by an object	402	19	54	17,080	8,020	9,060	3,900	2,420	2,210	380	160
03 Caught in equipment or objects	737	21	58	19,280	8,930	10,350	3,740	4,190	1,990	300	130
031 Caught in running equip. or machinery	288	31	74	26,310	12,200	14,110	4,350	6,440	2,870	250	190
032 Compressed or pinched by object	123	13	40	12,350	5,870	6,480	2,650	2,310	1,220	200	100
03- Other/unknown caught in equip. or object	326	21	52	15,730	7,250	8,480	3,600	2,920	1,490	380	90
05 Rubbed, abraded by friction or pressure	84	13	89	23,240	7,450	15,790	8,010	2,880	3,420	910	570
06 Rubbed, abraded or jarred by vibration	38	16	90	26,630	8,160	18,460	7,370	2,940	5,650	2,400	110
0- Other/unknown contact with objects, equip.	19	38	120	30,620	11,870	18,750	9,660	6,470	1,970	0	650
1 Falls	4,302	36	86	25,890	11,310	14,580	6,280	3,820	3,300	820	360
11 Fall to lower level	1,445	50	103	34,080	14,530	19,550	8,030	5,190	5,010	770	550
111 Fall down stairs or steps	298	30	74	20,770	8,900	11,870	5,440	2,420	2,520	980	500
112 Fall from floor, dock or ground level	68	43	78	24,030	9,030	15,010	7,350	2,610	4,910	130	0
113 Fall from ladder	384	68	115	37,610	16,490	21,120	8,970	5,870	5,130	800	350
115 Fall from roof	48	117	140	52,650	22,190	30,460	9,990	4,650	13,480	810	1,530
116 Fall from scaffold, staging	38	158	241	91,010	44,560	46,450	20,690	14,920	7,820	870	2,150
118 Fall from nonmoving vehicle	293	49	105	36,770	14,670	22,100	8,460	6,180	6,240	620	600
11- Other/unknown falls to lower level	316	46	98	32,620	14,020	18,600	7,250	5,520	4,480	770	570
13 Fall on same level	2,736	31	76	21,580	9,670	11,910	5,300	3,100	2,420	860	240
131 Fall to floor, walk or other surface	2,326	33	78	22,000	9,930	12,070	5,380	3,180	2,360	900	250
132 Fall onto or against objects	387	17	66	19,140	8,200	10,930	4,710	2,680	2,770	580	190
13- Other/unknown fall on same level	23	47	96	\$19,320	\$6,820	\$12,500	\$6,800	\$1,500	\$2,840	\$1,360	\$0

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1- Other/unknown falls	121	38	99	\$26,750	\$11,240	\$15,510	\$7,600	\$3,820	\$2,640	\$690	\$750
2 Bodily reaction and exertion	9,971	30	84	22,490	9,070	13,430	6,250	3,230	2,840	770	330
21 Bodily reaction	2,890	25	75	18,950	8,330	10,620	5,400	2,330	2,030	580	280
211 Bending, climbing, reaching, twisting	934	21	62	15,960	6,820	9,140	4,340	1,980	1,840	790	200
215 Slip, loss of balance without falling	617	39	89	22,540	10,040	12,500	6,470	2,780	2,450	470	330
21- Other/unknown bodily reaction	1,339	25	77	19,380	8,600	10,780	5,640	2,370	1,970	490	310
22 Overexertion	5,008	29	85	23,330	9,260	14,070	6,330	3,520	3,070	880	280
23 Repetitive motion	2,068	41	97	25,380	9,620	15,770	7,280	3,770	3,410	770	530
231 Repetitive typing or keyentry	79	26	73	30,240	21,680	8,560	5,160	2,240	680	480	0
232 Repetitive use of tools	197	42	82	21,560	7,740	13,820	6,750	2,620	2,650	1,150	640
233 Repetitive grasping, moving objects	142	29	95	21,540	8,870	12,670	5,900	3,070	2,440	900	360
23- Other/unknown repetitive motion	1,650	43	100	25,890	9,280	16,610	7,560	4,050	3,720	730	550
2- Other/unknown bodily reaction, exertion	5	31	69	36,770	17,220	19,550	5,880	6,690	6,380	0	610
3 Exp. to harmful substances or environs	477	5	28	14,250	5,010	9,240	2,070	3,870	2,620	640	40
31 Contact with electric current	28	21	68	25,750	10,380	15,370	4,050	4,030	6,690	560	30
32 Contact with temperature extremes	159	7	19	5,180	2,970	2,210	1,320	500	250	140	0
323 Contact with hot objects or substances	141	7	19	4,890	2,900	1,990	1,200	340	290	160	0
32- Other/unknown contact with temp. extreme	18	8	24	7,360	3,410	3,940	2,230	1,710	0	0	0
34 Exp. to caustic, noxious substances	161	7	40	19,160	7,960	11,210	3,170	1,240	5,360	1,390	60
341 Inhalation of substances	34	6	49	36,800	6,100	30,700	4,010	1,250	18,910	6,530	0
342 Contact with skin or exposed tissue	60	6	27	18,500	14,110	4,390	2,210	1,960	210	0	0
343 Injections, stings, venomous bites	20	6	43	10,450	5,570	4,880	3,770	0	830	10	270
34- Other/unknown exp. to substances	47	12	49	10,410	1,890	8,510	3,520	830	4,060	20	80
35 Exposure to noise	106	0	5	16,110	2,290	13,820	430	13,080	240	0	70
37 Exposure to traumatic, stressful event	18	51	68	\$22,680	\$3,100	\$19,580	\$5,920	\$3,840	\$7,330	\$2,500	\$0

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3- Other/unknown exposures	5	6	7	\$1,650	\$950	\$700	\$380	\$320	\$0	\$0	\$0
4 Transportation accidents	925	36	93	30,310	13,420	16,890	7,220	3,750	4,690	900	340
41 Highway accident	629	33	89	29,890	13,010	16,880	7,490	3,840	4,110	1,040	400
411 Collsn. between vehicles, mobile equip.	410	33	83	28,590	12,680	15,910	7,160	3,440	3,580	1,220	500
414 Noncollision accident	99	47	126	40,270	14,990	25,290	10,310	7,400	6,300	820	450
41- Other, uns. highway accident	120	20	78	25,810	12,540	13,270	6,300	2,280	4,100	590	0
42 Nonhighway accident	134	46	82	28,370	12,570	15,800	6,340	2,700	6,180	370	210
43 Worker struck by vehicle	143	44	124	33,310	16,140	17,170	6,930	4,660	4,590	760	220
433 Worker struck in parking lot	101	46	91	27,670	12,420	15,250	6,790	3,690	3,710	910	140
43- Other/unknown worker struck by vehicle	42	37	202	47,000	25,210	21,790	7,280	7,010	6,710	390	400
4- Other/unknown transportation accident	19	31	80	34,980	12,160	22,820	6,670	1,070	14,010	1,080	0
5 Fire or explosion	27	43	66	34,590	22,490	12,100	6,250	3,120	1,290	1,430	0
51 Fire	10	44	84	51,590	41,350	10,250	6,590	700	200	2,760	0
52 Explosion	17	39	56	23,110	9,920	13,190	6,050	4,540	1,940	650	0
6 Assaults and violent acts	486	15	52	16,020	7,910	8,110	3,750	1,720	2,170	460	10
61 Assaults and violent acts by person(s)	391	17	55	16,690	8,130	8,560	4,190	1,790	2,030	560	0
63 Assaults by animals	95	10	40	13,190	6,930	6,260	1,930	1,440	2,750	70	60
9999 Nonclassifiable	1,131	30	90	\$26,110	\$11,080	\$15,030	\$6,430	\$3,710	\$3,720	\$820	\$370

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Footnotes:

Accepted disabling claims are claims, accepted by insurers, arising from occupational injuries or diseases that entitle workers to compensation for disability or death. Fatality and permanent total disability (PTD) claims and their associated costs are excluded from this analysis.

Claims are reported by the year of claim resolution, which is the year of the latest notice of claim closure, determination order, or claim disposition agreement. This may be different than the year of injury or year of claim acceptance.

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

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

Claim cost is the composite of medical and indemnity costs. The components of indemnity are temporary disability, PPD, CDA, DCS, and vocational assistance. Reported cost statistics are means, unless otherwise specified. Costs have been rounded, and components 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 the total claims resolved. 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. Indemnity costs incurred after claim closure that were paid through mid-May 2010 are also included in this table. This primarily includes permanent partial disability modified by dispute resolution, disputed claim settlements, and vocational assistance costs. These costs after resolution generally increase over time. Worker, employer, and insurer reimbursements from the Workers' Benefit Fund are also excluded.

Medical costs are reported at the time of claim resolution for approximately 88 percent of claims. The average medical costs of claims without data (mostly CDAs) 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.

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, then the temporary disability days and costs for the most recent year will decline as claims are reopened and then closed in future years.

Source: Information Management Division, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, June 2010