

Table 4. Average temporary disability days and claim costs paid for resolved accepted disabling claims by nature of injury or disease, Oregon, 2009

Nature 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
TRAUMATIC INJURIES	17,053	22	68	18,820	8,290	10,530	4,860	2,640	2,230	580	220
01 Trauma to bones, nerves, spinal cord	2,059	50	91	27,590	12,950	14,650	6,490	4,430	2,950	450	340
011 Dislocations	725	64	119	38,510	15,950	22,550	9,120	7,290	4,600	890	660
012 Fractures	1,331	44	76	21,670	11,320	10,350	5,050	2,870	2,050	200	170
01- Other, uns. trauma to bones, nerves	3	45	45	22,160	12,120	10,040	4,840	5,200	0	0	0
02 Sprains, strains	8,537	19	57	13,570	5,790	7,790	3,960	1,530	1,510	660	130
03 Open wounds	1,041	10	31	9,960	5,310	4,650	2,060	1,560	870	100	50
031 Amputations	107	23	56	22,340	9,430	12,910	3,370	5,700	3,640	200	10
033 Avulsions	49	11	19	4,400	2,300	2,100	1,150	900	50	0	0
034 Cuts, lacerations	719	9	29	8,900	5,030	3,870	2,000	1,080	680	80	40
037 Punctures, except bites	120	6	19	6,590	4,170	2,420	1,280	700	240	200	0
03- Other, uns. open wounds	46	10	42	12,450	6,290	6,160	3,040	2,400	10	100	610
04 Surface wounds and bruises	1,106	7	25	5,810	2,710	3,100	1,680	310	750	360	0
041 Abrasions, scratches	47	3	6	1,670	1,040	630	450	180	0	0	0
043 Bruises, contusions	1,026	8	27	6,070	2,810	3,260	1,750	310	810	380	0
044 Foreign bodies	27	4	15	4,060	2,430	1,640	1,060	570	0	0	0
04- Other, uns. surface wounds	6	5	12	2,750	1,930	820	820	0	0	0	0
05 Burns	182	7	18	6,200	4,360	1,830	1,180	310	220	120	0
051 Chemical burns	18	5	5	1,390	980	420	240	180	0	0	0
053 Heat burns, scalds	148	8	20	7,090	5,000	2,100	1,350	330	270	150	0
05- Other, uns. burns	16	6	8	3,930	2,930	1,000	660	350	0	0	0
06 Intracranial injuries	47	7	25	8,300	4,070	4,230	1,920	290	2,020	0	0
062 Concussions	35	8	28	8,320	3,590	4,730	1,970	50	2,710	0	0
06- Other, uns. intracranial injuries	12	7	18	8,190	5,410	2,780	1,790	990	0	0	0
07 Effects of environmental conditions	15	10	27	7,830	3,530	4,300	2,510	1,790	0	0	0
08 Multiple traumatic injuries	3,939	48	103	\$32,500	\$14,000	\$18,500	\$7,810	\$5,210	\$4,310	\$710	\$460

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09 Other traumatic injuries	127	12	51	\$16,710	\$7,280	\$9,440	\$4,180	\$2,650	\$1,770	\$190	\$650
093 Electrocutions, electric shock	10	29	69	26,260	14,770	11,490	4,480	4,710	1,850	350	90
095 Poisonings, toxic effects	34	4	36	9,910	5,120	4,790	3,270	930	440	0	160
0971 Crushing injuries	49	12	39	10,070	3,320	6,750	3,300	2,010	940	240	250
0- Other, uns. traumatic injuries	34	29	81	30,820	13,480	17,340	6,290	4,670	4,280	240	1,860
TOTAL DISEASE CLAIMS	2,031	30	85	23,890	9,590	14,310	6,480	3,710	3,000	630	480
1 Systemic diseases and disorders	1,934	29	81	23,120	9,520	13,600	6,240	3,600	2,780	520	460
12 Nervous system, sense organ diseases	446	29	75	23,940	10,020	13,920	5,880	5,220	2,000	340	480
124 Dis. of the peripheral nervous system	315	47	102	26,870	12,450	14,420	7,940	2,670	2,680	470	660
1241 Carpal tunnel syndrome	292	47	98	25,720	12,290	13,420	7,590	2,490	2,230	470	640
124- Other dis. of the per. nervous system	23	108	160	41,710	14,640	27,070	12,390	5,030	8,300	490	860
125 Diseases of the eye, adnexa, vision	20	9	27	12,640	6,680	5,950	1,930	2,960	1,060	0	0
126 Diseases of the ear, hearing	110	0	7	16,420	2,380	14,040	770	12,970	230	0	70
12- Other, uns. nervous system diseases	1	4	4	930	470	470	470	0	0	0	0
15 Digestive system diseases and disorders	442	23	32	10,720	7,720	3,000	2,610	20	280	90	10
153 Hernias	441	23	32	10,730	7,720	3,010	2,610	20	280	90	10
15- Other, uns. digestive system diseases	1	3	3	450	0	450	450	0	0	0	0
17 Musculoskeletal, connective tissue diseases	828	42	105	26,620	9,280	17,350	8,030	4,410	3,600	660	650
172 Dorsopathies	60	169	210	66,000	20,210	45,790	17,750	11,930	11,440	2,180	2,490
173 Rheumatism, except the back	717	35	95	22,190	8,230	13,960	7,000	3,400	2,630	480	460
1731 Bursitis	75	16	39	9,520	5,080	4,440	2,630	950	600	260	0
1733 Tendonitis	222	25	74	18,430	8,320	10,110	5,520	2,160	1,620	560	250
1734 Tenosynovitis	83	24	52	10,060	4,610	5,450	3,010	880	1,040	490	20
173- Other rheumatism, except the back	337	64	131	\$30,520	\$9,800	\$20,720	\$9,930	\$5,380	\$4,140	\$460	\$810

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17- Other musculoskeletal disorders	51	58	134	\$43,980	\$12,500	\$31,480	\$10,970	\$9,870	\$7,960	\$1,420	\$1,260
18 Diseases of the skin, subcutaneous tissue	93	11	49	18,700	12,130	6,570	2,880	1,410	2,150	100	40
182 Dermatitis	35	10	63	31,110	18,760	12,350	4,300	2,280	5,670	0	100
18- Other skin diseases	58	12	40	11,500	8,420	3,080	2,020	890	20	160	0
1- Other, uns. systemic diseases	125	77	143	44,480	14,060	30,420	11,070	6,720	9,460	2,130	1,050
2 Infectious and parasitic diseases	13	7	37	5,700	3,120	2,570	2,570	0	0	0	0
4 Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	9	15	91	22,760	5,060	17,700	14,520	2,290	880	10	0
52 Mental disorders or syndromes	24	51	95	23,420	3,580	19,850	7,490	4,700	5,290	2,370	0
Multiple injuries, diseases and conditions	1,823	130	183	58,680	22,960	35,720	13,940	9,310	9,430	2,170	870
Other/unknown diseases or conditions	9	19	32	\$16,670	\$6,070	\$10,600	\$1,960	\$720	\$4,590	\$3,330	\$0

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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.

Nature 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