

Table 5. Average temporary disability days and claim costs paid for resolved accepted disabling claims by body part affected, Oregon, 2009

Body part injured	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
Head	505	3	26	13,950	5,260	8,700	2,210	4,090	2,060	320	30
Brain	56	8	29	11,960	5,860	6,100	2,400	1,100	2,520	20	60
Scalp	14	4	11	3,010	2,090	920	920	0	0	0	0
Skull	2	3	3	1,830	1,700	130	130	0	0	0	0
Ear	116	0	8	16,130	2,620	13,510	810	12,420	220	0	60
Eye	133	4	27	10,410	4,260	6,140	2,110	1,990	1,690	350	0
Nose	21	7	15	9,020	6,950	2,070	1,710	360	0	0	0
Mouth	5	9	124	38,530	8,530	30,000	10,020	0	10,000	9,980	0
Multiple head locations	88	8	45	21,120	8,850	12,270	3,590	2,730	5,670	230	50
Other/unknown head locations	70	7	32	11,240	5,820	5,420	2,700	690	1,420	610	0
Neck, including throat	369	34	96	31,560	13,190	18,370	7,220	4,470	4,560	1,780	340
Trunk	7,767	28	81	23,100	9,030	14,070	6,060	3,520	3,210	940	340
Shoulder	1,863	64	112	35,220	14,090	21,130	8,840	6,740	4,300	780	460
Chest, incl. internal locations	256	10	27	8,920	3,030	5,890	1,790	190	2,890	990	10
Back, including spine	4,430	22	77	20,030	7,270	12,760	5,560	2,780	2,980	1,100	340
Abdomen, incl. internal locations	475	22	31	10,970	7,860	3,120	2,490	270	280	70	10
Pelvic region	295	22	53	17,220	8,140	9,080	3,580	2,220	2,580	500	210
Multiple trunk locations	446	44	101	28,370	11,060	17,310	7,320	3,730	4,540	1,320	410
Other/unknown trunk locations	2	10	10	7,190	6,680	500	500	0	0	0	0
Upper extremities	4,294	22	63	16,310	7,390	8,930	4,310	2,570	1,570	280	200
Upper arm	161	48	73	23,730	11,350	12,380	5,820	5,100	1,180	230	60
Elbow	454	34	85	20,890	8,180	12,700	6,280	2,960	2,600	410	450
Forearm	189	13	46	12,210	5,830	6,380	2,880	2,060	920	230	270
Wrist	1,105	34	83	18,360	8,470	9,890	5,450	2,060	1,740	390	250
Hand, except finger	406	8	32	8,480	4,080	4,400	2,260	1,270	740	80	50
Finger, fingernail	1,478	16	41	11,160	5,580	5,580	2,670	2,070	670	70	100
Multiple upper extremities	468	52	99	29,970	12,400	17,570	6,920	5,490	4,060	750	350
Other/unknown upper extremities	33	10	28	\$9,030	\$3,450	\$5,580	\$1,460	\$2,010	\$1,950	\$0	\$160

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Body part injured	Claims resolved	Median temporary disability days	Mean temporary disability days	Average claim costs	Medical services	Indemnity	Temporary disability costs	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
Lower extremities	4,552	27	73	\$19,540	\$9,200	\$10,340	\$5,330	\$2,310	\$2,020	\$470	\$220
Thigh	116	16	59	18,970	11,800	7,170	3,760	1,640	1,300	260	200
Knee	2,250	35	81	21,570	9,880	11,690	5,930	2,670	2,150	670	270
Lower leg	228	24	63	19,130	10,520	8,610	4,740	1,550	2,230	40	60
Ankle	864	18	64	15,580	7,730	7,850	4,370	1,630	1,470	230	150
Foot, except toe	484	21	62	13,890	5,950	7,940	4,460	1,680	1,500	210	90
Toe, toenail	181	10	28	7,470	3,350	4,120	2,170	1,210	550	150	20
Multiple lower extremities	396	37	97	30,480	14,090	16,390	7,550	3,820	4,020	570	440
Other/unknown lower extremities	33	10	32	7,000	3,600	3,400	2,040	200	370	680	110
Body systems	84	10	63	18,350	6,130	12,220	5,020	3,310	2,730	1,130	30
Multiple body parts	3,289	46	109	34,340	14,650	19,700	8,100	4,930	5,170	1,030	470
Other/unknown body parts	5	19	16	\$14,490	\$4,650	\$9,840	\$1,740	\$0	\$2,100	\$6,000	\$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.

Body part 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