

Table 5. Average temporary disability days and claim costs paid for resolved accepted disabling claims by body part affected, Oregon, 2010

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	18,526	24	77	\$22,720	\$10,540	\$12,180	\$5,690	\$3,110	\$2,520	\$570	\$280
Head	484	3	31	16,930	7,710	9,220	2,580	3,790	2,300	430	120
Brain	44	6	43	16,910	6,770	10,140	3,550	1,510	3,700	1,390	0
Scalp	21	5	10	2,910	2,050	860	450	0	0	400	0
Skull	5	1	57	34,050	12,450	21,600	4,600	0	15,800	200	1,000
Ear	112	0	19	19,390	6,560	12,830	1,500	10,600	740	0	0
Eye	130	3	28	13,780	5,990	7,790	2,670	2,730	2,190	200	0
Nose	24	6	9	7,130	5,640	1,490	550	670	270	0	0
Mouth	10	7	70	19,610	10,810	8,800	5,810	0	1,500	1,500	0
Multiple head locations	72	9	62	30,620	16,130	14,490	4,860	1,630	6,050	1,210	740
Other/unknown head locations	66	7	26	10,350	6,220	4,130	1,840	1,460	700	130	0
Neck, including throat	334	27	77	28,580	11,420	17,150	6,230	4,300	4,460	1,740	420
Trunk	7,105	24	76	22,210	9,930	12,280	5,710	3,050	2,590	650	280
Shoulder	1,665	54	114	37,080	16,570	20,510	8,950	5,970	4,400	770	440
Chest, incl. internal locations	240	10	28	6,790	3,390	3,400	2,290	160	810	60	80
Back, including spine	4,107	19	69	18,740	7,960	10,780	5,020	2,450	2,360	720	240
Abdomen, incl. internal locations	524	21	34	10,270	6,980	3,290	2,500	250	410	100	40
Pelvic region	194	17	64	16,390	8,280	8,110	4,940	1,470	1,100	340	280
Multiple trunk locations	375	30	85	23,720	11,200	12,520	6,030	3,250	2,120	720	410
Upper extremities	3,630	21	61	16,270	7,570	8,700	4,190	2,610	1,490	150	250
Upper arm	132	38	81	22,900	10,480	12,420	4,940	5,440	1,820	100	110
Elbow	376	30	81	21,180	9,150	12,030	6,100	3,100	2,260	100	470
Forearm	135	13	42	11,620	5,640	5,980	2,700	1,820	990	230	240
Wrist	887	34	84	19,770	8,990	10,790	5,630	2,870	1,670	320	300
Hand, except finger	376	9	34	8,790	3,690	5,100	2,450	1,140	1,150	110	250
Finger, fingernail	1,333	13	35	10,870	5,830	5,040	2,350	1,860	640	50	120
Multiple upper extremities	370	42	104	28,780	12,320	16,460	7,450	5,080	3,300	170	460
Other/unknown upper extremities	21	25	68	\$24,320	\$9,480	\$14,840	\$4,860	\$650	\$9,330	\$0	\$0

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Lower extremities	3,979	25	79	\$20,940	\$10,510	\$10,430	\$5,720	\$2,390	\$1,660	\$410	\$250
Thigh	102	19	58	16,730	10,470	6,260	3,860	1,450	680	150	120
Knee	1,949	32	83	22,590	11,490	11,100	6,160	2,630	1,650	470	190
Lower leg	190	19	111	28,930	14,160	14,760	7,610	3,540	1,920	1,510	180
Ankle	763	20	65	14,240	7,460	6,770	4,050	1,640	860	120	110
Foot, except toe	488	16	60	13,700	6,150	7,550	4,490	1,250	1,250	100	460
Toe, toenail	136	10	33	7,680	3,780	3,900	2,440	600	530	330	10
Multiple lower extremities	330	43	124	37,730	17,820	19,910	9,330	4,720	4,680	650	550
Other/unknown lower extremities	21	10	114	50,690	28,010	22,680	11,830	3,320	3,090	930	3,510
Body systems	89	12	54	17,520	7,320	10,200	4,700	220	3,740	1,470	80
Multiple body parts	2,903	40	107	34,800	16,230	18,570	7,870	4,730	4,610	950	410
Other/unknown body parts	2	677	677	\$168,110	\$31,910	\$136,200	\$136,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Accepted disabling claims are claims, accepted by insurers, arising from occupational injuries or diseases that entitle workers to compensation for disability or death. Fatality claims, permanent total disability (PTD) claims, claims with no indemnity, and claims with unreasonably high indemnity, as well as 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 for initial claim openings. This may be different than the year of injury or year of claim acceptance.

Body part injured 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. 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 initial claims resolved by claim disposition agreements rather than claim closure. Insurers do not report this data to the department. Indemnity costs incurred after claim closure that were paid through mid-April 2011 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 include estimates for initial claims resolved by claim disposition agreement rather than claim closure. 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, July 2011