

Table 1. Average temporary disability days and claim costs paid for resolved accepted disabling claims by resolution year, Oregon, 1996-2011

Resolution year	Claims resolved	Median temporary disability days	Mean temporary disability days	Average claim costs	Medical services	Indemnity	Temporary disability costs	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
1996	29,004	17	61	\$11,550	\$4,690	\$6,860	\$3,060	\$2,020	\$1,210	\$300	\$270
1997	27,730	16	58	11,450	4,570	6,890	2,980	2,020	1,330	290	260
1998	26,989	18	57	11,620	4,780	6,840	3,030	2,030	1,230	330	220
1999	25,530	18	57	12,520	5,240	7,280	3,190	2,090	1,400	400	210
2000	24,725	17	56	13,070	5,650	7,420	3,260	2,170	1,420	360	220
2001	24,520	18	60	14,170	5,950	8,220	3,650	2,350	1,570	390	240
2002	23,005	18	62	15,390	6,650	8,730	3,900	2,480	1,640	450	250
2003	21,719	18	62	15,510	6,650	8,850	3,820	2,600	1,740	470	240
2004	21,812	19	64	16,950	7,570	9,370	4,080	2,740	1,810	490	260
2005	21,315	19	66	17,950	8,100	9,850	4,230	2,910	1,950	460	290
2006	22,499	19	64	17,870	8,220	9,650	4,250	2,680	2,040	420	260
2007	23,192	19	65	18,290	8,310	9,980	4,380	2,660	2,140	510	290
2008	22,144	20	69	19,990	8,970	11,020	4,830	2,760	2,560	580	300
2009	19,969	24	78	22,840	10,260	12,580	5,530	3,030	2,990	710	320
2010	18,466	23	77	23,040	10,600	12,440	5,560	2,990	2,860	710	320
2011	18,621	24	76	\$22,710	\$10,920	\$11,780	\$5,710	\$2,920	\$2,450	\$480	\$230

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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. 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. Death benefit and permanent total disability (PTD) claims, as well as their indemnity costs, are excluded from this analysis. Worker, employer, and insurer reimbursements from the Workers' Benefit Fund are also generally excluded.

Claim cost is the composite of medical and indemnity costs. Indemnity costs include temporary disability (TD), permanent partial disability (PPD), claim disposition agreement (CDA), disputed claim settlement (DCS), and vocational assistance. Indemnity costs incurred after claim closure that were paid through mid-April 2012 are also included in this table. This primarily includes PPD modified by dispute resolution, CDA, DCS, and vocational assistance costs.

Cost statistics are means, unless otherwise specified. Aside from temporary disability days, costs have been rounded, and components may not sum to composite averages. Some medical and indemnity costs are estimated. Most often estimates are for temporary disability days, medical, and vocational assistance for initial claims resolved by CDA, about which the department doesn't require regular cost reports. Conclusions should not be drawn for rows with a small number of claims.

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 2012