

Table 5. Average temporary disability days and claim costs paid for resolved accepted disabling claims by body part affected, Oregon, 2011

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	18,621	24	76	\$22,710	\$10,920	\$11,780	\$5,710	\$2,920	\$2,450	\$480	\$230
Head	497	4	28	14,670	7,320	7,350	2,060	3,720	1,370	160	50
Brain	46	7	41	11,740	5,240	6,500	3,200	2,290	240	250	510
Scalp	18	3	11	4,600	2,740	1,850	460	0	40	1,350	0
Skull	2	7	7	4,320	3,690	630	630	0	0	0	0
Ear	126	0	18	19,700	6,670	13,030	1,510	10,840	600	80	0
Eye	125	5	27	9,530	4,990	4,540	1,820	1,530	1,170	20	0
Nose	23	8	16	9,560	8,140	1,420	1,300	0	130	0	0
Mouth	9	2	6	14,330	12,100	2,240	510	1,730	0	0	0
Multiple head locations	92	12	54	24,140	13,960	10,180	3,700	1,560	4,650	270	0
Other/unknown head locations	56	4	18	7,430	5,240	2,190	1,290	520	300	80	0
Neck, including throat	328	27	78	24,890	11,080	13,810	5,870	3,680	2,830	1,110	330
Trunk	7,071	23	76	22,070	10,110	11,960	5,780	2,980	2,410	560	230
Shoulder	1,712	57	113	35,560	15,550	20,010	9,150	6,100	3,740	580	440
Chest, incl. internal locations	274	10	20	5,890	3,250	2,640	1,450	270	870	60	0
Back, including spine	3,935	18	66	17,990	8,040	9,950	4,830	2,200	2,100	630	190
Abdomen, incl. internal locations	466	24	34	10,860	7,590	3,270	2,520	330	360	50	20
Pelvic region	264	17	77	21,300	10,530	10,780	5,660	2,250	2,200	520	150
Multiple trunk locations	417	35	109	28,920	14,450	14,470	7,550	2,790	3,220	740	180
Other/unknown trunk locations	3	13	65	5,050	2,070	2,980	2,980	0	0	0	0
Upper extremities	3,845	20	54	15,710	8,180	7,530	3,840	2,150	1,200	190	150
Upper arm	145	33	73	18,990	9,860	9,130	4,890	2,970	800	440	40
Elbow	388	31	88	24,310	10,550	13,750	7,250	3,040	2,650	400	410
Forearm	135	10	51	15,290	7,360	7,930	4,200	2,430	1,180	0	130
Wrist	969	32	62	16,540	8,940	7,600	4,280	1,920	1,090	230	80
Hand, except finger	378	7	26	7,720	4,110	3,600	1,680	950	570	260	150
Finger, fingernail	1,416	14	34	10,930	6,380	4,560	2,170	1,540	650	90	110
Multiple upper extremities	387	35	95	29,770	14,500	15,270	7,230	4,740	2,840	200	270
Other/unknown upper extremities	27	6	34	\$7,510	\$2,970	\$4,540	\$1,550	\$2,530	\$160	\$160	\$140

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Lower extremities	3,954	26	73	\$20,070	\$10,290	\$9,780	\$5,550	\$2,120	\$1,660	\$260	\$200
Thigh	101	12	47	16,640	9,760	6,880	3,920	900	1,990	10	50
Knee	1,962	32	75	21,090	10,810	10,280	6,050	2,410	1,340	340	150
Lower leg	224	20	78	21,450	11,590	9,860	5,840	2,150	1,170	220	480
Ankle	739	18	57	14,340	7,810	6,530	3,770	1,230	1,250	120	150
Foot, except toe	460	20	69	17,470	8,320	9,150	4,870	1,690	2,210	110	280
Toe, toenail	112	8	27	6,840	3,910	2,940	2,220	650	60	0	0
Multiple lower extremities	333	36	122	35,720	17,120	18,590	9,160	4,020	4,530	450	430
Other/unknown lower extremities	23	17	51	9,080	6,500	2,580	1,800	0	780	0	0
Body systems	80	18	76	21,840	7,740	14,110	5,890	1,390	5,830	930	70
Multiple body parts	2,843	40	116	38,600	18,240	20,360	8,900	4,710	5,410	940	400
Other/unknown body parts	3	34	51	\$10,390	\$5,430	\$4,960	\$4,680	\$270	\$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. 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.

Claim characteristics are classified according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS).

Source: Information Management Division, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, July 2012