

Table 1. Average temporary disability days and claim costs paid for resolved accepted disabling claims by resolution year, Oregon, 1996-2018

Resolution year	Claims resolved	Median TD days	Mean TD days	Average claim costs	Medical services	Indemnity	TD costs	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
1996	29,104	17	62	\$11,610	\$4,660	\$6,950	\$3,060	\$2,020	\$1,210	\$370	\$280
1997	27,868	17	58	\$11,390	\$4,520	\$6,870	\$2,970	\$2,010	\$1,330	\$290	\$270
1998	27,135	18	57	\$11,610	\$4,740	\$6,870	\$3,030	\$2,020	\$1,240	\$340	\$240
1999	25,706	19	57	\$12,450	\$5,180	\$7,280	\$3,160	\$2,090	\$1,390	\$410	\$230
2000	24,923	18	56	\$13,010	\$5,600	\$7,420	\$3,220	\$2,160	\$1,410	\$380	\$240
2001	24,780	18	59	\$14,170	\$5,940	\$8,230	\$3,630	\$2,340	\$1,580	\$420	\$260
2002	23,257	18	62	\$15,390	\$6,650	\$8,750	\$3,890	\$2,470	\$1,650	\$460	\$280
2003	21,956	18	61	\$15,520	\$6,660	\$8,870	\$3,770	\$2,580	\$1,760	\$490	\$260
2004	21,992	19	63	\$16,950	\$7,570	\$9,380	\$4,060	\$2,720	\$1,810	\$510	\$280
2005	21,479	19	65	\$17,980	\$8,050	\$9,940	\$4,240	\$2,890	\$1,990	\$490	\$310
2006	22,634	19	63	\$17,850	\$8,120	\$9,730	\$4,230	\$2,690	\$2,070	\$460	\$280
2007	23,350	19	65	\$18,490	\$8,320	\$10,160	\$4,430	\$2,670	\$2,200	\$560	\$310
2008	22,208	20	69	\$20,270	\$9,030	\$11,230	\$4,870	\$2,760	\$2,680	\$620	\$310
2009	19,949	24	77	\$23,070	\$10,180	\$12,890	\$5,530	\$3,000	\$3,210	\$780	\$360
2010	18,370	23	76	\$23,390	\$10,470	\$12,930	\$5,590	\$2,920	\$3,200	\$850	\$360
2011	18,291	23	74	\$23,250	\$10,640	\$12,610	\$5,490	\$2,820	\$3,180	\$800	\$330
2012	18,509	23	70	\$21,970	\$10,110	\$11,860	\$5,230	\$2,600	\$2,990	\$750	\$290
2013	18,647	24	72	\$22,540	\$10,430	\$12,110	\$5,440	\$2,570	\$2,950	\$860	\$280
2014	19,156	24	68	\$21,210	\$9,550	\$11,660	\$5,210	\$2,260	\$3,140	\$850	\$210
2015	19,020	23	67	\$20,660	\$9,420	\$11,240	\$5,130	\$1,990	\$3,180	\$790	\$160
2016	19,668	22	66	\$19,800	\$9,010	\$10,790	\$5,150	\$2,040	\$2,720	\$740	\$140
2017	20,905	23	67	\$21,160	\$9,510	\$11,640	\$5,600	\$2,270	\$2,750	\$880	\$150
2018	20,657	23	65	\$20,430	\$9,490	\$10,940	\$5,500	\$2,140	\$2,440	\$740	\$120

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Accepted disabling claims are occupational injury or disease claims accepted by insurers 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 claim acceptance. Death benefit and permanent total disability 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 includes temporary disability (TD), permanent partial disability (PPD), claim disposition agreement (CDA), disputed claim settlement (DCS), and vocational assistance. Indemnity incurred after claim closure through August 2019 is also included in this table: primarily PPD modified by dispute resolution, CDA, DCS, and vocational assistance.

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 are estimated, primarily TD days and costs and medical and vocational assistance costs for initial claims resolved by CDA, about which the department does not require regular cost reports.

Conclusions should not be drawn for rows with a small number of claims. Claim counts will change as claims are reopened and resolved in future years, and if past trends continue, then TD days and costs for the most recent year will decline. Post-closure costs will increase over time.

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