

Table 3. Average temporary disability days and claim costs for accepted disabling claims by nature of injury or disease, Oregon, 2008

Nature of injury or disease	Claims resolved	Median temporary disability days paid	Mean temporary disability days paid	Average claim costs	Medical costs paid	Indemnity	Temporary disability dollars paid	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
Total	23,307	16	71	\$19,950	\$8,480	\$11,470	\$4,760	\$3,460	\$2,490	\$530	\$220
0 TRAUMATIC INJURIES	19,237	16	60	16,840	7,550	9,290	3,930	2,820	1,920	460	170
01 Trauma to bones, nerves, spinal cord	2,366	37	82	25,890	11,750	14,140	5,640	5,000	2,840	390	270
011 Dislocations	833	51	109	37,450	15,530	21,920	7,980	8,420	4,320	700	510
012 Fractures	1,525	27	67	19,600	9,740	9,870	4,350	3,120	2,030	220	140
01- Other, uns. trauma to bones, nerves	8	43	97	35,670	16,870	18,790	6,800	4,990	5,630	1,380	0
02 Sprains, strains	9,567	16	53	12,370	5,330	7,030	3,400	1,730	1,300	500	120
03 Open wounds	1,314	16	25	8,050	4,460	3,590	1,450	1,470	600	40	30
031 Amputations	167	16	39	16,660	7,200	9,460	2,070	5,570	1,730	50	40
033 Avulsions	47	15	13	6,000	3,650	2,340	680	1,510	150	0	0
034 Cuts, lacerations	869	16	23	6,810	4,080	2,730	1,370	790	510	40	10
037 Punctures, except bites	186	11	15	4,830	3,220	1,620	940	490	190	0	0
03- Other, uns. open wounds	45	16	66	15,070	7,440	7,620	3,520	3,300	380	0	430
04 Surface wounds and bruises	1,337	16	26	5,420	2,440	2,980	1,570	350	750	290	10
041 Abrasions, scratches	89	16	15	4,310	2,030	2,290	1,250	350	240	440	0
043 Bruises, contusions	1,196	16	28	5,600	2,500	3,100	1,620	360	820	280	20
044 Foreign bodies	43	16	15	3,170	1,840	1,320	1,040	260	20	0	0
04- Other, uns. surface wounds	9	4	7	3,350	1,390	1,960	290	0	110	1,560	0
05 Burns	263	16	31	10,390	5,960	4,430	2,670	630	920	40	170
051 Chemical burns	37	16	28	8,070	5,650	2,420	2,090	230	110	0	0
053 Heat burns, scalds	181	16	26	8,480	5,380	3,100	2,030	710	210	0	150
05- Other, uns. burns	45	16	54	20,250	8,810	11,440	5,730	650	4,410	220	420
06 Intracranial injuries	57	16	60	15,300	7,650	7,640	3,560	1,490	980	1,610	0
062 Concussions	45	16	69	12,420	4,470	7,960	4,190	490	1,240	2,030	0
06- Other, uns. intracranial injuries	12	14	26	24,840	18,380	6,460	1,200	5,260	0	0	0
07 Effects of environmental conditions	8	16	18	7,720	6,200	1,520	950	570	0	0	0
08 Multiple traumatic injuries	4,157	33	87	29,050	13,030	16,010	5,830	5,540	3,700	610	330
09 Other traumatic injuries	168	16	48	13,060	6,280	6,770	3,100	1,600	1,580	330	160
093 Electrocutions, electric shock	5	32	82	36,420	21,430	14,990	7,800	6,840	0	0	350
095 Poisonings, toxic effects	37	16	14	4,820	3,460	1,360	970	150	240	0	0
0971 Crushing injuries	80	16	36	11,120	5,640	5,480	2,330	1,960	1,130	60	0
0- Other, uns. traumatic injuries	46	40	94	\$20,620	\$8,130	\$12,490	\$5,660	\$1,580	\$3,620	\$1,090	\$540

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Table 3. Average temporary disability days and claim costs for accepted disabling claims by nature of injury or disease, Oregon, 2008

Nature of injury or disease	Claims resolved	Median temporary disability days paid	Mean temporary disability days paid	Average claim costs	Medical costs paid	Indemnity	Temporary disability dollars paid	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
TOTAL DISEASE CLAIMS	2,373	26	77	\$20,290	\$7,800	\$12,500	\$5,400	\$3,800	\$2,510	\$520	\$270
1 Systemic diseases and disorders	2,235	26	74	19,010	7,530	11,480	5,170	3,610	2,030	420	250
12 Nervous system, sense organ diseases	478	39	67	18,890	6,870	12,020	4,720	5,250	1,860	140	50
124 Dis. of the peripheral nervous system	342	51	79	19,930	8,100	11,830	5,780	3,550	2,280	160	70
1241 Carpal tunnel syndrome	307	51	76	18,330	7,900	10,430	5,580	3,070	1,570	140	70
124- Other dis. of the per. nervous system	35	54	105	33,890	9,760	24,130	7,530	7,700	8,580	290	40
125 Diseases of the eye, adnexa, vision	26	5	13	3,140	1,330	1,820	740	1,080	0	0	0
126 Diseases of the ear, hearing	106	0	29	15,600	2,350	13,250	1,690	10,900	650	10	0
12- Other, uns. nervous system diseases	4	199	218	112,960	51,370	61,590	20,160	28,930	10,000	2,500	0
15 Digestive system diseases and disorders	539	17	38	9,570	6,300	3,270	2,570	170	370	150	0
17 Musculoskeletal, connective tissue diseases	962	35	95	23,250	8,290	14,960	6,570	4,440	2,710	720	510
172 Dorsopathies	83	108	188	70,910	24,930	45,980	16,830	14,630	9,200	4,080	1,240
173 Rheumatism, except the back	825	32	83	18,450	6,610	11,830	5,450	3,370	2,140	410	460
1731 Bursitis	65	16	34	10,520	4,370	6,160	2,430	1,860	1,450	380	40
1733 Tendonitis	287	25	77	15,960	5,570	10,390	4,890	2,850	1,630	390	620
1734 Tenosynovitis	92	26	75	11,990	5,480	6,510	4,460	1,500	550	0	0
173- Other rheumatism, except the back	381	51	99	23,240	8,060	15,180	6,630	4,480	3,020	530	520
17- Other musculoskeletal disorders	54	37	129	24,170	9,120	15,050	7,900	5,150	1,450	330	220
18 Diseases of the skin, subcutaneous tissue	114	16	30	7,590	2,350	5,240	2,100	1,530	1,280	30	290
182 Dermatitis	57	16	43	10,540	1,820	8,730	3,040	2,660	2,390	40	590
18- Other skin diseases	57	16	18	4,580	2,830	1,760	1,170	400	170	20	0
1- Other, uns. systemic diseases	142	59	133	36,660	14,430	22,230	9,540	7,120	4,840	720	10
2 Infectious and parasitic diseases	6	11	23	6,390	5,440	950	950	0	0	0	0
4 Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	26	16	71	15,190	5,930	9,260	4,980	1,180	890	2,210	0
52 Mental disorders or syndromes	31	59	101	27,390	3,970	23,420	8,040	2,360	10,500	1,820	700
Multiple injuries, diseases and conditions	1,757	114	184	56,840	21,750	35,090	13,330	10,370	9,230	1,420	750
Other/unknown diseases or conditions	15	16	123	\$28,640	\$7,970	\$20,670	\$9,930	\$2,670	\$7,120	\$770	\$180

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 latest claim closure or claim disposition agreement. Fatality and permanent total disability claims and their associated costs are excluded.

Nature of injury is classified according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS).

Claim cost figures have been rounded, thus component averages 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.

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Average costs for the indemnity components are computed over all accepted disabling claims. 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. Worker or employer reimbursements from the Workers' Benefit Fund are not included.

Indemnity costs incurred after claim closure that were paid through mid-May 2009 are included in this table. This primarily includes permanent partial disability modified by dispute resolution, disputed claim settlements, and vocational assistance costs. These costs after closure will increase over time.

Medical costs are reported at the time of claim closure for approximately 88 percent of claims. The average medical costs of claims without data (12 percent of claims) 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.

PPD = Permanent partial disability; CDA = Claim disposition agreement; DCS = Disputed claim settlement.

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 it is anticipated that the average temporary disability costs and temporary disability days for the most recent year will decline as claims are reopened and then closed in future years.

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