

Table 1. Average temporary disability days and claim costs paid for resolved accepted disabling claims by resolution year, Oregon, 1996-2012

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	29,011	17	62	\$11,600	\$4,690	\$6,910	\$3,090	\$2,020	\$1,210	\$300	\$290
1997	27,743	17	58	\$11,490	\$4,560	\$6,930	\$3,000	\$2,020	\$1,340	\$290	\$280
1998	27,002	18	57	\$11,680	\$4,770	\$6,910	\$3,060	\$2,030	\$1,240	\$340	\$250
1999	25,539	19	57	\$12,550	\$5,220	\$7,330	\$3,200	\$2,090	\$1,400	\$400	\$240
2000	24,729	18	56	\$13,110	\$5,640	\$7,470	\$3,270	\$2,170	\$1,420	\$360	\$240
2001	24,535	18	60	\$14,240	\$5,950	\$8,290	\$3,680	\$2,360	\$1,580	\$410	\$270
2002	23,013	18	63	\$15,480	\$6,650	\$8,820	\$3,940	\$2,490	\$1,650	\$460	\$290
2003	21,728	19	61	\$15,550	\$6,660	\$8,900	\$3,820	\$2,600	\$1,750	\$470	\$260
2004	21,825	19	63	\$17,020	\$7,590	\$9,420	\$4,090	\$2,740	\$1,810	\$490	\$290
2005	21,331	20	66	\$17,990	\$8,050	\$9,940	\$4,270	\$2,910	\$1,970	\$470	\$310
2006	22,511	20	64	\$17,840	\$8,130	\$9,720	\$4,260	\$2,690	\$2,050	\$440	\$280
2007	23,204	19	65	\$18,430	\$8,330	\$10,100	\$4,440	\$2,660	\$2,160	\$520	\$310
2008	22,130	20	69	\$20,150	\$9,010	\$11,140	\$4,890	\$2,760	\$2,600	\$590	\$310
2009	19,941	24	77	\$22,910	\$10,210	\$12,700	\$5,530	\$3,010	\$3,070	\$730	\$360
2010	18,387	23	76	\$23,140	\$10,490	\$12,650	\$5,600	\$2,920	\$3,020	\$760	\$350
2011	18,349	23	74	\$22,970	\$10,730	\$12,230	\$5,560	\$2,830	\$2,880	\$650	\$310
2012	18,685	23	70	\$21,060	\$10,250	\$10,810	\$5,300	\$2,610	\$2,230	\$450	\$210

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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, permanent partial disability (PPD), claim disposition agreement (CDA), disputed claim settlement (DCS), and vocational assistance. Indemnity incurred after claim closure through July 2013 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 (TD) 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 doesn't 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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