

Table 1. Average temporary disability days and claim costs paid for resolved accepted disabling claims by resolution year, Oregon, 1996-2014

Resolution year	Claims resolved	Median TD days	Mean TD days	Average claim costs	Medical services	Indemnity	TD costs	PPD	CDA	DCS	Vocational assistance
1996	29,105	17	61	\$11,640	\$4,680	\$6,960	\$3,080	\$2,010	\$1,210	\$370	\$280
1997	27,872	17	58	\$11,450	\$4,550	\$6,900	\$2,990	\$2,010	\$1,340	\$290	\$270
1998	27,137	18	57	\$11,650	\$4,770	\$6,880	\$3,050	\$2,020	\$1,230	\$340	\$240
1999	25,708	19	57	\$12,510	\$5,210	\$7,300	\$3,180	\$2,090	\$1,390	\$410	\$230
2000	24,926	18	55	\$13,070	\$5,630	\$7,440	\$3,250	\$2,160	\$1,410	\$380	\$240
2001	24,782	18	59	\$14,190	\$5,960	\$8,230	\$3,650	\$2,340	\$1,570	\$410	\$260
2002	23,255	18	62	\$15,400	\$6,660	\$8,740	\$3,900	\$2,470	\$1,640	\$460	\$280
2003	21,956	18	61	\$15,490	\$6,660	\$8,830	\$3,780	\$2,580	\$1,740	\$480	\$260
2004	21,996	19	63	\$16,970	\$7,590	\$9,380	\$4,070	\$2,720	\$1,810	\$500	\$280
2005	21,480	19	65	\$17,960	\$8,050	\$9,910	\$4,250	\$2,890	\$1,980	\$480	\$310
2006	22,637	19	63	\$17,820	\$8,120	\$9,700	\$4,240	\$2,680	\$2,060	\$450	\$280
2007	23,355	19	65	\$18,440	\$8,330	\$10,120	\$4,430	\$2,660	\$2,190	\$540	\$310
2008	22,210	20	69	\$20,250	\$9,040	\$11,210	\$4,870	\$2,750	\$2,650	\$620	\$310
2009	19,947	24	77	\$23,020	\$10,180	\$12,840	\$5,530	\$3,000	\$3,190	\$760	\$370
2010	18,371	23	76	\$23,330	\$10,490	\$12,850	\$5,590	\$2,910	\$3,160	\$830	\$350
2011	18,314	23	74	\$23,310	\$10,740	\$12,570	\$5,540	\$2,820	\$3,110	\$760	\$330
2012	18,543	23	69	\$22,010	\$10,230	\$11,780	\$5,280	\$2,610	\$2,890	\$710	\$280
2013	18,702	24	72	\$22,550	\$10,560	\$11,990	\$5,520	\$2,630	\$2,790	\$790	\$270
2014	19,249	24	68	\$20,870	\$9,660	\$11,210	\$5,300	\$2,330	\$2,700	\$700	\$170

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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 2015 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 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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