

Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services
Various characteristics of the workers' compensation system calendar years 1968-2009

Calendar year	Registered employers ¹	Subject employees ²	Estimated total accepted claims ³	Accepted disabling claims ⁴	Estimated accepted nondisabling claims ³	Denied claims ⁵	Claim closures ⁶	Fatals ⁷	Net PTDs ⁸	Administrative disputes ⁹	Hearing requests received ¹⁰	Board review requests ¹⁰	Court of appeals requests ¹¹	Claim disposition agreements ¹²	Vocational assistance eligibilities ¹³	Premium ¹⁴ (millions)	Average weekly wage ¹⁵	Consumer price index ¹⁶
1968	49,021	671,900	111,300	32,509	78,800	n/a	23,334	118	n/a	—	2,105	440	n/a	—	n/a	\$70.5	\$126.59	35.4
1969	52,191	700,800	117,700	35,372	82,300	n/a	27,583	131	96	—	2,365	492	n/a	—	n/a	82.4	134.47	37.1
1970	52,789	704,300	110,700	30,338	80,400	1,935	50,917	137	159	—	2,706	505	n/a	—	n/a	86.8	140.58	38.7
1971	58,768	732,500	112,900	30,663	82,200	1,709	26,710	132	217	—	2,936	562	n/a	—	n/a	107.4	148.82	39.7
1972	62,584	778,800	121,700	34,835	86,900	2,177	27,166	133	286	—	3,596	519	n/a	—	n/a	136.6	156.50	40.8
1973	65,788	820,600	129,100	36,802	92,300	2,408	31,704	144	285	—	4,244	504	n/a	—	n/a	149.0	166.34	43.5
1974	60,638	841,100	132,300	34,214	98,100	2,647	33,952	123	254	—	4,710	718	n/a	—	n/a	196.9	180.17	48.8
1975	60,650	840,100	121,600	32,172	89,400	2,699	35,256	132	299	—	5,588	756	n/a	—	n/a	221.2	195.18	53.5
1976	62,884	879,200	130,200	31,013	99,200	3,087	36,908	104	237	—	7,194	812	n/a	—	n/a	280.9	213.78	57.0
1977	68,782	937,100	146,900	38,657	108,200	4,384	41,599	124	211	—	8,005	914	n/a	—	3,469	421.9	224.16	61.6
1978	70,502	1,009,000	174,200	47,844	126,400	5,140	51,324	122	226	—	10,306	905	n/a	—	6,836	517.5	241.70	67.8
1979	73,397	1,055,100	182,100	44,697	137,400	6,559	51,209	137	139	—	11,122	1,050	257	—	8,143	564.4	261.32	77.0
1980	72,777	1,050,800	164,900	44,930	120,000	6,766	51,302	89	110	—	11,664	1,303	301	—	8,795	578.1	286.88	87.3
1981	70,824	1,026,200	144,700	37,498	107,200	6,944	46,600	76	141	—	11,821	1,316	296	—	8,326	423.4	304.60	95.0
1982	68,286	968,700	123,700	31,535	92,200	6,805	40,337	67	122	—	11,888	1,481	396	—	7,398	308.1	316.23	98.1
1983	68,651	973,900	126,800	34,037	92,800	6,654	40,539	97	107	—	12,279	1,484	362	—	6,293	292.3	324.23	99.1
1984	68,929	1,013,700	140,000	37,702	102,300	7,613	44,790	83	118	—	13,764	1,296	434	—	7,009	332.3	334.58	102.8
1985	68,378	1,034,600	140,300	38,808	101,500	10,204	46,266	84	154	—	16,126	1,359	377	—	8,501	419.9	344.77	106.7
1986	68,803	1,064,000	134,500	40,157	94,300	10,580	48,867	84	151	—	18,249	1,492	364	—	8,237	570.9	355.04	108.2
1987	67,941	1,105,200	138,200	41,033	97,200	11,276	50,587	78	177	—	20,397	1,719	362	—	9,860	677.0	370.96	110.9
1988	67,602	1,161,100	144,600	43,660	100,900	12,726	50,223	81	195	—	23,316	2,151	127	—	3,259	735.5	388.99	114.8
1989	68,144	1,214,900	150,600	39,170	111,400	16,760	48,732	76	124	—	27,549	1,944	214	—	2,831	798.8	406.54	120.5
1990	64,705	1,258,600	138,100	35,857	102,200	18,680	46,488	64	45	—	24,018	1,653	528	362	2,211	852.6	429.71	127.4
1991	67,410	1,258,600	129,100	31,479	97,600	19,620	38,351	65	46	9,493	19,673	2,346	491	2,840	1,690	748.1	444.55	134.0
1992	68,423	1,280,500	120,200	30,786	89,400	19,902	34,506	63	42	9,769	17,490	2,230	695	3,229	1,443	786.1	478.95	139.9
1993	70,718	1,317,100	119,100	30,741	88,400	19,796	33,823	64	13	8,393	16,422	1,726	377	3,304	1,433	739.5	489.45	144.7
1994	73,841	1,378,800	126,800	31,530	95,300	20,021	34,631	55	27	7,793	16,527	1,599	365	3,260	1,252	731.2	494.44	148.9
1995	76,026	1,431,600	118,200	30,564	87,600	20,617	35,657	48	15	8,783	14,862	1,553	288	3,929	1,279	750.3	518.60	153.2
1996	76,966	1,487,300	116,400	28,389	88,000	20,576	33,894	54	11	7,192	12,351	1,381	300	3,564	1,109	743.0	546.13	158.6
1997	78,999	1,547,800	118,400	27,922	90,500	20,915	31,707	43	15	6,161	11,266	1,307	224	3,268	849	723.9	576.64	164.1
1998	80,363	1,576,100	116,200	27,020	89,200	20,126	30,846	52	10	5,868	11,059	1,187	251	3,074	794	664.0	601.21	167.1
1999	81,296	1,602,700	112,600	25,769	86,800	19,635	28,918	47	14	5,686	11,084	1,141	219	3,073	744	607.6	628.64	172.6
2000	82,321	1,627,600	105,600	25,325	80,300	19,547	27,690	45	8	5,505	10,654	1,076	247	3,144	716	615.5	645.00	178.0
2001	83,816	1,616,400	98,000	24,607	73,400	18,750	27,033	34	-1	5,813	11,074	966	197	3,143	755	637.0	650.96	182.4
2002	84,432	1,596,100	90,400	23,464	66,900	17,408	25,425	52	20	5,655	10,679	939	119	3,207	738	728.0	665.10	183.8
2003	85,310	1,585,800	84,800	21,823	63,000	15,801	23,877	41	8	5,820	10,177	996	196	3,040	784	758.4	688.56	186.3
2004	86,115	1,630,500	82,800	22,320	60,500	14,882	23,917	45	13	5,887	9,980	802	163	2,869	772	859.0	712.96	191.2
2005	87,150	1,677,500	85,000	22,111	62,900	14,487	23,185	31	16	5,661	9,297	796	106	2,923	740	907.5	721.43	196.0
2006	89,685	1,734,400	88,400	23,370	65,000	14,237	24,082	37	17	5,729	9,130	782	110	2,954	690	982.6	756.80	201.2
2007	91,551	1,762,700	84,800	23,431	61,400	13,765	25,100	35	14	6,265	9,355	705	101	3,025	754	1192.9	790.38	208.6
2008	92,058	1,746,200	74,900	21,659	53,200	12,376	23,638	45	9	7,464	9,173	625	105	3,153	702	945.7	800.60	215.4
2009	90,400	1,635,400	63,200	18,948	44,300	11,111	20,791	31	13	7,054	8,568	601	75	3,422	635	766.7	819.38	215.5

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Notes:

- ¹ 1968-1999 counts represent employers with workers' compensation coverage in December of each year. Derived from Department of Consumer and Business Services Employer Data System report, manual counts prior to 1977. 2000-2005 data revised due to change in methods that counts Oregon policies only.
- ² Workers' compensation subject employment estimate was derived from data provided by the Oregon Employment Department Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Employment Survey, Oregon Department of Human Services, City of Portland (Fire and Police Disability & Retirement Fund), and Pacific Maritime Association.
- ³ For 1968-1973, includes all claims filed, as shown on the Workers' Compensation Board monthly reports; data after 1973 are estimates based on several sources. Data from 1994-present data have been revised due to change in estimation methodology; estimates may change over time.
- ⁴ Includes all accepted disabling claims received and processed; data for 1983 are estimated due to a change in the method of processing claims.
- ⁵ Includes disabling and nondisabling denied claims. 1968-1991 data indicate the number of claims with a denied claim status during the calendar year; 1992-present data are counts of claims originally denied during the calendar year.
- ⁶ Total of determination orders and insurer closures, including reclassifications, amending and correcting closures. Prior to 1980, only the department issued determination orders to close claims. Effective Jan. 1, 1980, insurers were authorized to close claims that had compensable time loss but no permanent disability. Effective Jan. 1, 1988, insurers were authorized to close PPD claims. Effective Jan. 1, 2001, insurers began closing all claims.
- ⁷ Compensable fatality claims accepted during the year.
- ⁸ Net number of permanent total disability awards at all levels; excludes board own motion cases prior to 1978. Negative count indicates more PTD awards rescinded than awarded.
- ⁹ Includes reconsideration requests on claim closures (but not correcting closures), review requests on disabling classifications, medical dispute requests, and vocational dispute requests. These are dispute resolution processes that were expanded and made mandatory by law in July 1990.
- ¹⁰ Hearing requests include "WCD contested cases" (beginning in 2006) and settlements received without a prior hearing request, but exclude safety cases; counts are cases. Board-review requests are counts of appealed hearings orders, not case counts; they exclude third party and crime victim cases.
- ¹¹ Court of Appeals requests are counts of appealed board-review orders.
- ¹² Claim disposition agreements (or compromise and release) in accepted claims were authorized by law from July 1990. Count includes only those CDAs approved by the Workers' Compensation Board. Source: DCBS claims system.
- ¹³ Includes all decisions signifying eligibility or eligibility restoration by the Workers' Compensation Division, Field Services Division, or by insurers.
- ¹⁴ Total-system written premium is shown for 1977-present data. Figures include earned large deductible premium credits, direct premiums written for private insurers and SAIF Corporation, and estimated simulated net premiums for self-insured employers. Excludes WCD premium assessment. Written premium totals previous to 1977 are not available; earned premium is shown.
- ¹⁵ The Oregon average weekly wage for covered employment, as determined by the Employment Department, for the last quarter of the calendar year. This is applied to the computation of benefits the following fiscal year.
- ¹⁶ Annual average consumer price index for all urban consumers Portland-Salem, Oregon-Washington, all items; 1982-1984 = 100; Source: Oregon Office of Economic Analysis.

Data are subject to revision in order to reflect the most accurate information available.

Source: Information Management Division, Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services, July 2010.