

Trend figures for All Rate Groups

Key indicators	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Change 1999 - 2003	Change 2002 - 2003
Injury rate	4.0	3.9	3.6	3.2	3.0	-25.0%	-6.3%
Total duration	51.6	49.6	49.3	47.2	46.5	-9.9%	-1.5%
Average weekly wage	\$665	\$673	\$685	\$699	\$711	6.9%	1.7%
Number of claims ¹	68,790	69,335	64,494	57,932	54,390	-20.9%	-6.1%
Cost history (dollar figures in thousands) ²							
Short term disability	\$321,391	\$302,426	\$264,590	\$222,464	\$220,196	-31.5%	-1.0%
Long term disability	\$303,864	\$311,006	\$278,414	\$229,396	\$191,259	-37.1%	-16.6%
Survivor benefits	\$30,405	\$36,542	\$27,676	\$38,383	\$31,556	3.8%	-17.8%
Health care	\$180,644	\$176,828	\$163,253	\$150,907	\$158,393	-12.3%	5.0%
Vocational rehabilitation	\$56,016	\$57,981	\$51,446	\$51,123	\$54,204	-3.2%	6.0%
Total costs	\$892,320	\$884,783	\$785,379	\$692,273	\$655,608	-26.5%	-5.3%
Rate data (dollar figures in millions)							
Assessable payroll	\$46,636	\$48,910	\$50,224	\$51,387	\$52,964	13.6%	3.1%
Accumulated payroll ³	\$61,161	\$60,431	\$58,192	\$56,635	\$54,600	-10.7%	-3.6%
Benefit cost rate ⁴	1.46	1.46	1.35	1.22	1.20	-17.7%	-1.8%

¹ Number of wage loss claims recorded up to February 29, 2004

² Paid costs and awards accumulated to February 29, 2004 at CPI + 3½%, plus unfinalled claims liability at February 29, 2004.

³ Assessable payroll reported for the rate group, accumulated to February 29, 2004 at CPI + 3½%.

⁴ Estimate of benefit cost rate for rate group as of February 29, 2004. The benefit cost rate includes short term disability, long term disability, survivor benefits, health care and vocational rehabilitation benefit costs charged directly to the rate group