

Trend figures for All Rate Groups

Key indicators	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Change 2000 - 2004	Change 2003 - 2004
Injury rate	3.87	3.64	3.24	3.06	3.08	-20.4%	0.7%
Total duration	49.6	49.4	47.3	46.8	48.1	-3.0%	2.8%
Average weekly wage	\$673	\$685	\$699	\$711	\$711	5.6%	0.0%
Number of claims ¹	69,416	64,673	58,220	55,604	55,777	-19.6%	0.3%
Cost history (dollar figures in thousands) ²							
Short term disability	\$314,559	\$273,569	\$225,969	\$207,045	\$221,589	-29.6%	7.0%
Long term disability	\$319,863	\$287,315	\$241,003	\$203,228	\$204,043	-36.2%	0.4%
Survivor benefits	\$38,690	\$28,976	\$39,784	\$30,310	\$27,879	-27.9%	-8.0%
Health care	\$186,407	\$172,210	\$157,135	\$163,458	\$184,038	-1.3%	12.6%
Vocational rehabilitation	\$52,715	\$44,201	\$40,216	\$45,135	\$52,459	-0.5%	16.2%
Total costs	\$912,234	\$806,271	\$704,107	\$649,176	\$690,008	-24.4%	6.3%
Rate data (dollar figures in millions)							
Assessable payroll	\$48,874	\$50,206	\$51,363	\$53,030	\$55,645	13.9%	4.9%
Accumulated payroll ³	\$64,012	\$61,664	\$60,006	\$57,950	\$57,776	-9.7%	-0.3%
Benefit cost rate ⁴	1.43	1.31	1.17	1.12	1.19	-16.8%	6.2%

¹ Number of wage loss claims recorded up to February 28, 2005

² Paid costs and awards accumulated to February 28, 2005 at CPI + 3½%, plus unfinalled claims liability at February 28, 2005.

³ Assessable payroll reported for the rate group, accumulated to February 28, 2005 at CPI + 3½%.

⁴ Estimate of benefit cost rate for rate group as of February 28, 2005. 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. Indirect charges such as cost relief under section 39 and administration costs are excluded.