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| Reaction to hiv treatment | 0 | 0 | 373 | 502 | 298 | 1,173 | 19,320 | 2,735 | 16 | 2.3 |
| Needlestick injury - see note | 53 | 74 | 129 | 105 | 100 | 462 | 6,447 | 496 | 14 | 1.1 |
| Allergic reaction | 0 | 146 | 159 | 107 | 67 | 478 | 6,839 | 2,943 | 14 | 6.2 |
| Cancer: asbestos | 61 | 82 | 107 | 167 | 177 | 594 | 159,632 | 112,643 | 269 | 189.6 |
| Cancer: other | 12 | 18 | 18 | 38 | 44 | 130 | 23,256 | 31,762 | 179 | 244.3 |
| Chemical burns | 2,259 | 2,667 | 2,233 | 1,759 | 1,627 | 10,545 | 83,764 | 17,116 | 8 | 1.6 |
| Conjunctivitis | 84 | 53 | 121 | 125 | 100 | 484 | 3,298 | 293 | 7 | 0.6 |
| Dermatitis | 1,120 | 1,191 | 1,055 | 920 | 608 | 4,894 | 121,072 | 19,196 | 25 | 3.9 |
| Hearing loss | 2,238 | 3,990 | 3,387 | 2,376 | 2,001 | 13,992 | 24,050 | 81,000 | 2 | 5.8 |
| Infected blister | 61 | 25 | 48 | 41 | 27 | 202 | 2,992 | 222 | 15 | 1.1 |
| Hepatitis | 45 | 17 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 94 | 16,583 | 4,410 | 177 | 47.0 |
| Norwalk | 0 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 1,483 | 1,501 | 4,818 | 550 | 3 | 0.4 |
| Sars - including quarantine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1,878 | 271 | 939 | 135.5 |
| Other infectious disease | 421 | 362 | 299 | 295 | 184 | 1,561 | 33,599 | 7,063 | 22 | 4.5 |
| Bursitis: repetitive motion | 1,086 | 2,203 | 2,614 | 3,040 | 1,769 | 10,713 | 900,108 | 126,792 | 84 | 11.8 |
| Tendinitis: repetitive motion | 3,988 | 7,137 | 7,494 | 7,316 | 4,751 | 30,686 | 1,844,131 | 241,619 | 60 | 7.9 |
| Carpal tunnel syndrome | 754 | 2,219 | 2,327 | 2,285 | 1,345 | 8,930 | 990,267 | 137,316 | 111 | 15.4 |
| Asbestosis | 40 | 95 | 92 | 121 | 102 | 450 | 17,106 | 76,417 | 38 | 169.8 |
| Silicosis | 44 | 57 | 18 | 11 | 5 | 135 | 5,982 | 32,728 | 44 | 242.2 |
| Other pneumoconiosis | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 580 | 3,711 | 48 | 309.2 |
| Scleroderma | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 1,141 | 6,153 | 127 | 683.7 |
| Poisoning | 578 | 622 | 598 | 572 | 580 | 2,949 | 33,229 | 14,630 | 11 | 5.0 |
| Arc flash and related | 1,363 | 1,666 | 1,333 | 781 | 621 | 5,763 | 15,197 | 3,266 | 3 | 0.6 |
| Other radiation effect | 36 | 26 | 20 | 9 | 3 | 94 | 623 | 1,138 | 7 | 12.1 |
| Raynaud's phenomenon | 25 | 62 | 45 | 70 | 33 | 235 | 11,186 | 30,861 | 48 | 131.3 |
| Cedar dust asthma | 166 | 112 | 72 | 63 | 31 | 443 | 30,486 | 27,306 | 69 | 61.6 |
| Other asthma | 60 | 158 | 233 | 244 | 191 | 887 | 38,856 | 32,529 | 44 | 36.7 |
| Bronchitis and related | 3 | 14 | 26 | 6 | 8 | 58 | 3,390 | 6,369 | 59 | 110.6 |
| Other respiratory irritation | 516 | 1,092 | 1,072 | 955 | 672 | 4,307 | 74,236 | 48,747 | 17 | 11.3 |
| Stress | 0 | 557 | 1,548 | 2,118 | 1,596 | 5,819 | 569,441 | 104,279 | 98 | 17.9 |
| Cold | 186 | 205 | 200 | 74 | 88 | 754 | 21,020 | 3,032 | 28 | 4.0 |
| Heat | 48 | 67 | 62 | 66 | 108 | 352 | 1,844 | 638 | 5 | 1.8 |

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| Cardiovascular | 54 | 93 | 39 | 52 | 44 | 282 | 35,930 | 47,189 | 127 | 167.3 |
| Voice disturbance | 3 | 11 | 26 | 41 | 35 | 116 | 7,824 | 2,323 | 68 | 20.1 |
| Other occupational disease | 222 | 235 | 246 | 276 | 218 | 1,196 | 88,133 | 24,943 | 74 | 20.8 |
| Total | 15,528 | 25,259 | 26,013 | 24,575 | 18,925 | 110,302 | 5,198,257 | 1,252,686 | 47 | 11.4 |

- (1) The 'number of claims' is the count of claims accepted for short term disability (STD) benefits, long term disability (LTD) benefits or survivor benefits in the period. Claims with only health care benefits are not included in the count.
- (2) The 'claim costs' are expressed in thousands of dollars.
- (3) The 'claim costs' are the dollars of STD paid in the period plus the value of the LTD & survivor reserves and awards set up in the period (regardless of the year the claim was counted). The 'claim costs' exclude health care and rehabilitation cost.
- (4) The count and cost statistics have been adjusted for the effect of uncoded claims. The adjusted statistics are rounded and shown as whole numbers. These whole numbers will not necessarily add up to the row and column totals shown because the totals are rounded independently.
- (5) Needlestick injuries that did not result in diseases are included because of their high potential for causing disease. Data for needlestick injuries is not available for 1984.