

Table 16 Occupational disease data by exposure group and five-year periods; 1984-2008

Exposure group	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of	Days lost 1984 -2008	Cost of	Days lost per claim 1984 -2008	Thousands
	claims 1984 -1988	claims 1989 -1993	claims 1994 -1998	claims 1999 -2003	claims 2004 -2008	claims 1984 -2008		claims 1984 -2008 (\$000)		of \$ per claim 1984 -2008
Cleaning agents	651	702	735	838	620	3,546	46,098	6,750	13	1.9
Medicines	8	21	388	517	309	1,244	19,789	2,774	16	2.2
Rubber gloves	36	87	176	117	43	458	11,387	1,598	25	3.5
Smoke	103	159	170	132	146	710	13,216	5,861	19	8.3
Asbestos	104	179	202	291	280	1,057	177,055	189,674	168	179.5
Other chemical, mineral	2,230	3,082	2,923	2,396	1,892	12,523	194,215	85,496	16	6.8
Infectious agents	579	496	577	697	2,103	4,452	64,278	13,184	14	3.0
Air pressure	65	77	52	33	41	268	19,223	7,445	72	27.8
Atmospheric, environ heat	51	99	81	65	103	400	2,539	871	6	2.2
Sun	6	8	9	16	7	47	911	1,999	20	42.9
Stress causing events	0	557	1,548	2,118	1,596	5,819	569,441	104,279	98	17.9
Cold, vibration	25	62	45	70	33	235	11,186	30,861	48	131.3
Cardiovascular events	54	93	39	52	44	282	35,930	47,189	127	167.3
Voice overuse	3	11	22	12	13	61	3,818	1,728	63	28.5
Syringe: laceration	53	74	130	106	100	464	6,504	499	14	1.1
Repetitive motion	5,839	11,580	12,479	12,719	7,922	50,540	3,761,114	510,338	74	10.1
Noise	2,095	3,787	3,249	2,250	1,902	13,283	5,828	78,258	0	5.9
Other physical	3,339	3,827	2,981	1,778	1,426	13,350	216,999	138,130	16	10.3
Other & unknown	287	357	208	368	345	1,564	38,726	25,752	25	16.5
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.