

Table 4 Occupational disease data by type of disease, by year; 1994-1998

Type of disease	Number of claims 1994	Number of claims 1995	Number of claims 1996	Number of claims 1997	Number of claims 1998	Number of claims 1994 -1998	Days lost 1994 -1998	Claims cost in thousands of dollars
Reaction to hiv treatment	0	0	33	155	185	373	5,680	559
Needlestick injury - see note	12	19	50	27	20	129	1,426	117
Allergic reaction	51	51	38	8	11	159	1,244	88
Cancer: asbestos	14	24	22	23	24	107	34,978	19,158
Cancer: other	3	2	7	3	3	18	5,261	5,101
Chemical burns	493	483	442	383	433	2,233	19,751	4,851
Conjunctivitis	8	13	17	53	29	121	633	62
Dermatitis	253	153	203	235	210	1,055	29,767	5,772
Hearing loss	626	883	709	594	576	3,387	3,901	18,317
Infected blister	7	6	6	9	20	48	586	51
Hepatitis	2	1	1	5	2	12	2,405	161
Norwalk	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1
Sars - including quarantine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other infectious disease	51	71	53	57	66	299	4,096	1,698
Bursitis: repetitive motion	543	460	498	502	613	2,614	237,933	27,219
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,697	1,388	1,392	1,394	1,622	7,494	499,163	58,037
Carpal tunnel syndrome	647	456	354	397	473	2,327	277,774	31,791
Asbestosis	21	16	20	22	13	92	5,535	15,184
Silicosis	4	5	3	3	3	18	3,091	5,307
Other pneumoconiosis	0	2	0	0	0	2	21	513
Scleroderma	0	0	0	1	2	3	539	1,536
Poisoning	108	106	99	140	145	598	8,760	4,673
Arc flash and related	257	283	238	299	254	1,333	5,119	1,267
Other radiation effect	5	4	8	0	2	20	131	15
Raynaud's phenomenon	14	4	9	9	9	45	2,274	7,597
Cedar dust asthma	17	18	11	18	7	72	6,616	6,640
Other asthma	56	26	43	43	65	233	9,265	7,123
Bronchitis and related	7	2	8	6	3	26	1,590	2,002
Other respiratory irritation	238	191	234	189	221	1,072	16,946	8,070
Stress	298	254	298	304	394	1,548	115,772	13,912
Cold	41	60	55	29	15	200	6,097	425
Heat	22	12	5	5	17	62	217	28
Cardiovascular	8	7	7	7	10	39	6,032	11,285
Voice disturbance	3	3	8	3	8	26	1,236	391

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Other occupational disease	40	44	34	56	70	246	21,867	6,079
Total	5,548	5,048	4,908	4,983	5,527	26,013	1,335,713	265,029

- (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.