

Table 5 Occupational disease data by type of disease, by year; 1999-2003

Type of disease	Number of claims 1999	Number of claims 2000	Number of claims 2001	Number of claims 2002	Number of claims 2003	Number of claims 1999 -2003	Days lost 1999 -2003	Claims cost in thousands of dollars
Reaction to hiv treatment	172	117	94	56	63	502	9,227	1,353
Needlestick injury - see note	18	18	27	28	14	105	1,107	114
Allergic reaction	15	21	40	15	16	107	2,401	952
Cancer: asbestos	32	31	33	37	34	167	55,732	32,636
Cancer: other	6	7	13	6	6	38	7,296	11,136
Chemical burns	355	378	387	311	327	1,759	14,850	2,841
Conjunctivitis	31	41	23	21	10	125	876	89
Dermatitis	214	202	180	177	147	920	24,354	4,608
Hearing loss	479	572	538	529	259	2,376	4,975	15,121
Infected blister	5	18	6	4	8	41	597	61
Hepatitis	2	2	1	5	2	12	2,748	668
Norwalk	0	0	5	0	12	17	208	11
Sars - including quarantine	0	0	0	0	1	1	185	8
Other infectious disease	101	43	47	53	51	295	6,005	910
Bursitis: repetitive motion	714	629	604	556	538	3,040	301,694	47,715
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,668	1,665	1,482	1,220	1,281	7,316	560,496	83,411
Carpal tunnel syndrome	567	492	413	407	406	2,285	314,475	50,281
Asbestosis	19	23	30	22	27	121	5,714	16,416
Silicosis	5	2	2	0	1	11	689	4,486
Other pneumoconiosis	0	0	3	1	1	5	461	599
Scleroderma	2	2	0	0	2	6	602	4,547
Poisoning	147	108	142	102	72	572	9,981	3,885
Arc flash and related	204	218	129	114	116	781	1,822	1,049
Other radiation effect	4	3	0	1	1	9	268	1,089
Raynaud's phenomenon	12	10	11	9	28	70	3,406	9,718
Cedar dust asthma	10	11	18	10	14	63	3,887	8,045
Other asthma	49	61	51	47	36	244	10,081	10,628
Bronchitis and related	2	0	2	1	1	6	1,381	2,554
Other respiratory irritation	239	229	175	174	138	955	22,334	17,837
Stress	459	486	435	409	329	2,118	212,703	33,656
Cold	22	13	15	12	12	74	4,380	1,199
Heat	12	7	16	16	15	66	710	338
Cardiovascular	13	11	12	8	8	52	5,870	8,402

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Voice disturbance	7	12	13	4	5	41	4,023	967
Other occupational disease	77	62	34	49	54	276	21,388	7,583
Total	5,660	5,495	4,981	4,404	4,035	24,575	1,616,927	384,913

- (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.