

Table 6 Occupational disease data by type of disease, by year; 2004-2008

Type of disease	Number of claims 2004	Number of claims 2005	Number of claims 2006	Number of claims 2007	Number of claims 2008	Number of claims 2004 -2008	Days lost 2004 -2008	Claims cost in thousands of dollars
Reaction to hiv treatment	59	51	71	50	67	298	4,412	823
Needlestick injury - see note	18	19	19	20	24	100	1,807	141
Allergic reaction	8	17	10	20	12	67	2,209	746
Cancer: asbestos	26	42	41	37	31	177	31,036	30,585
Cancer: other	5	7	13	10	9	44	8,118	10,151
Chemical burns	312	324	330	348	313	1,627	14,862	3,992
Conjunctivitis	22	22	23	13	20	100	921	79
Dermatitis	127	119	142	123	97	608	15,138	4,381
Hearing loss	172	450	574	495	310	2,001	5,530	8,020
Infected blister	10	7	3	6	1	27	359	26
Hepatitis	4	0	1	1	2	8	3,301	1,788
Norwalk	56	171	470	406	380	1,483	4,606	539
Sars - including quarantine	0	1	0	0	0	1	1,693	263
Other infectious disease	34	36	40	38	35	184	6,665	1,609
Bursitis: repetitive motion	415	335	349	343	327	1,769	149,975	30,477
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,261	971	875	863	781	4,751	344,624	62,413
Carpal tunnel syndrome	359	321	262	209	193	1,345	152,738	35,276
Asbestosis	20	23	21	14	24	102	1,731	19,926
Silicosis	0	3	0	1	1	5	96	662
Other pneumoconiosis	1	1	0	0	0	2	98	694
Scleroderma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Poisoning	120	115	112	126	106	580	5,317	2,145
Arc flash and related	114	130	138	118	120	621	1,526	184
Other radiation effect	0	0	0	1	2	3	17	16
Raynaud's phenomenon	10	10	6	4	3	33	459	6,424
Cedar dust asthma	6	5	5	10	5	31	1,990	2,722
Other asthma	48	51	39	24	29	191	5,972	7,135
Bronchitis and related	0	2	0	4	2	8	109	1,335
Other respiratory irritation	146	129	131	153	113	672	15,208	12,099
Stress	305	333	333	317	307	1,596	202,973	53,198
Cold	17	27	15	13	16	88	2,739	586
Heat	26	14	26	29	13	108	385	42
Cardiovascular	11	10	7	11	5	44	4,198	9,706
Voice disturbance	7	5	10	6	7	35	2,107	878

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Other occupational disease	47	43	41	44	42	218	19,756	7,918
Total	3,766	3,794	4,109	3,857	3,399	18,925	1,012,674	317,049

- (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.