

Table 1 Occupational disease data by type of disease, by five-year period; 1986-2010

Type of disease	Number of claims 1986-1990	Number of claims 1991-1995	Number of claims 1996-2000	Number of claims 2001-2005	Number of claims 2006-2010	Number of claims 1986-2010	Days lost 1986-2010	Cost of claims 1986-2010 (\$000)	Days lost per claim 1986-2010	Thousands of \$ per claim 1986-2010
Reaction to HIV treatment	0	0	662	323	291	1,276	20,454	2,855	16	2.2
Needlestick injury - see note	73	76	134	106	96	485	6,548	533	14	1.1
Allergic reaction	31	216	93	96	62	498	6,963	2,957	14	5.9
Cancer: asbestos	62	103	132	174	208	679	167,288	120,922	246	178.1
Cancer: other	18	18	26	37	55	154	25,038	36,323	163	235.9
Chemical burns	2,618	2,462	1,982	1,661	1,442	10,165	83,966	17,491	8	1.7
Conjunctivitis	80	43	170	98	88	480	3,328	332	7	0.7
Dermatitis	1,173	1,073	1,064	749	522	4,581	116,772	19,713	25	4.3
Hearing loss - see note	3,723	3,515	2,931	1,946	1,966	14,081	24,386	81,998	2	5.8
Infected blister	45	25	59	35	25	189	2,915	244	15	1.3
Hepatitis	26	14	12	12	7	71	15,198	4,729	215	66.8
Norwalk	0	0	1	244	1,833	2,078	6,861	760	3	0.4
SARS - including quarantine	0	0	0	2	0	2	1,870	700	935	349.9
Other infectious disease	352	370	322	221	170	1,434	32,205	7,208	22	5
Bursitis: repetitive motion	1,460	2,461	2,974	2,448	1,528	10,870	929,767	133,344	86	12.3
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	5,219	7,661	7,689	6,214	3,559	30,342	1,899,854	253,713	63	8.4
Carpal tunnel syndrome	1,218	2,616	2,290	1,906	974	9,003	1,018,591	146,039	113	16.2
Asbestosis	56	101	99	124	80	460	16,413	78,002	36	169.6
Silicosis	41	45	17	6	5	114	5,211	30,214	46	265.1
Other pneumoconiosis	2	3	0	6	1	12	580	3,806	48	317.2
Scleroderma	0	0	7	2	2	11	1,757	6,547	160	595.2
Poisoning	659	554	645	552	581	2,991	37,037	18,174	12	6.1
Arc flash and related	1,696	1,389	1,220	603	475	5,383	14,563	3,127	3	0.6
Other radiation effect	36	22	17	1	5	82	532	1,130	7	13.8
Raynaud's phenomenon	33	60	49	68	18	228	10,761	31,422	47	137.8
Cedar dust asthma	151	90	57	53	24	374	28,698	27,461	77	73.4

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Other asthma	97	180	261	233	136	908	39,612	33,649	44	37.1
Bronchitis and related	7	20	19	6	8	60	3,450	6,676	58	112.1
Other respiratory irritation	762	1,067	1,107	764	578	4,279	81,322	50,847	19	11.9
Stress	61	1,048	1,932	1,811	1,535	6,387	636,311	118,222	100	18.5
Cold	175	227	133	83	67	685	20,489	3,325	30	4.9
Heat	57	69	49	87	117	379	1,920	649	5	1.7
Cardiovascular	85	62	49	49	37	282	37,577	49,086	133	174.1
Voice disturbance	7	14	38	34	32	125	8,332	2,375	67	19
Other occupational disease	256	212	310	227	219	1,225	99,060	28,367	81	23.2
Total	20,281	25,814	26,550	20,981	16,746	110,372	5,405,630	1,322,943	49	12

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, days 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 diseases.

⁶ Hearing loss claims with only health-care benefits are excluded from this count.