

Trend figures for All Rate Groups

Key indicators	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Change 2001 - 2005	Change 2004 - 2005
Injury rate	3.65	3.24	3.05	3.06	3.09	-15.3%	1.0%
Total duration	49.4	47.2	46.7	48.1	47.3	-4.3%	-1.7%
Average weekly wage	\$685	\$699	\$711	\$711	\$712	3.9%	0.1%
Number of claims ¹	64,737	58,319	55,820	57,089	57,803	-10.7%	1.3%
Cost history (dollar figures in thousands) ²							
Short term disability	\$283,694	\$232,023	\$210,508	\$209,543	\$222,041	-21.7%	6.0%
Long term disability	\$295,153	\$243,338	\$211,965	\$219,425	\$214,437	-27.3%	-2.3%
Survivor benefits	\$32,055	\$42,879	\$32,667	\$28,728	\$33,426	4.3%	16.4%
Health care	\$179,601	\$163,717	\$168,270	\$179,623	\$196,176	9.2%	9.2%
Vocational rehabilitation	\$38,077	\$31,004	\$33,258	\$41,863	\$46,756	22.8%	11.7%
Total costs	\$828,580	\$712,961	\$656,668	\$679,182	\$712,836	-14.0%	5.0%
Rate data (dollar figures in millions)							
Assessable payroll	\$50,193	\$51,341	\$53,002	\$55,654	\$59,186	17.9%	6.3%
Accumulated payroll ³	\$65,074	\$63,314	\$61,138	\$60,996	\$61,303	-5.8%	0.5%
Benefit cost rate ⁴	1.27	1.13	1.07	1.11	1.16	-8.7%	4.5%

¹ Number of wage loss claims recorded up to February 28, 2006

² Paid costs and awards accumulated to February 28, 2006 at CPI + 3½%, plus unfinalled claims liability at February 28, 2006.

³ Assessable payroll reported for the rate group, accumulated to February 28, 2006 at CPI + 3½%.

⁴ Estimate of benefit cost rate for rate group as of February 28, 2006. The benefit cost rate includes short term disability, long term disability, survivor benefits, health care and vocational rehabilitation benefit costs charged directly to the rate group. Indirect charges such as cost relief under section 39 and administration costs are excluded.