

**Table 16 Occupational Disease Data by Exposure Group and Five-year Periods; 1983-2007**

Exposure group	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of	Number of	Days lost 1983-2007	Cost of	Days lost per claim 1983-2007	Thousands
	claims 1983 -1987	claims 1988 -1992	claims 1993 -1997	claims 1998 -2002	claims 2003 -2007	claims 1983 -2007		claims 1983-2007 (\$'000)		of \$ per claim 1983-2007
Cleaning agents	603	731	685	868	649	3,537	46,465	6,706	13	1.9
Medicines	6	16	205	642	304	1,173	19,101	2,704	16	2.3
Rubber gloves	29	81	147	145	56	457	11,305	1,591	25	3.5
Smoke	103	138	167	148	139	695	12,169	5,832	18	8.4
Asbestos	83	170	204	268	286	1,012	172,942	183,346	171	181.2
Other chemical, mineral	2,159	3,036	2,855	2,629	1,910	12,589	194,268	82,134	15	6.5
Infectious agents	530	497	546	735	1,751	4,059	61,571	12,719	15	3.1
Air pressure	63	76	56	37	43	275	19,166	7,434	70	27
Atmospheric, environ heat	57	89	81	68	105	399	2,548	869	6	2.2
Sun	5	6	10	16	6	44	900	1,935	21	44.4
Stress causing events	0	328	1,383	2,183	1,615	5,509	533,054	95,309	97	17.3
Cold, vibration	27	52	50	51	58	238	11,204	31,030	47	130.4
Cardiovascular events	53	97	43	54	47	294	37,614	47,309	128	160.9
Voice overuse	3	8	21	15	15	62	3,829	1,728	62	28
Syringe: laceration	30	86	121	112	90	439	5,883	449	13	1
Repetitive motion	5,564	10,447	12,485	13,199	8,847	50,543	3,703,377	492,882	73	9.8
Noise	1,485	4,063	3,291	2,549	1,842	13,229	5,715	78,174	0	5.9
Other physical	3,164	3,972	3,148	2,216	1,673	14,173	217,135	136,607	15	9.6
Other and unknown	275	344	245	342	342	1,548	37,297	22,603	24	14.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,239</b>	<b>24,237</b>	<b>25,743</b>	<b>26,276</b>	<b>19,780</b>	<b>110,275</b>	<b>5,095,544</b>	<b>1,211,364</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>11.0</b>

- (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.