

Table 3 Occupational Disease Data by Type of Disease and Year; 1988-1992

Type of disease	Number of claims 1988	Number of claims 1989	Number of claims 1990	Number of claims 1991	Number of claims 1992	Number of claims 1988-1992	Days lost 1988-1992	Claims cost in thousands of dollars
Reaction to hiv treatment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Needlestick injury - see note	23	16	13	18	16	86	1,514	83
Allergic reaction	0	14	17	24	38	93	829	910
Cancer: asbestos	17	7	10	24	24	82	24,884	14,952
Cancer: other	5	4	2	3	6	20	1,284	3,857
Chemical burns	556	557	621	525	514	2,773	19,879	3,145
Conjunctivitis	18	17	15	10	5	65	414	31
Dermatitis	207	265	256	216	221	1,165	26,342	2,526
Hearing loss	891	894	1,090	791	597	4,263	6,321	27,500
Infected blister	13	10	3	5	2	33	564	34
Hepatitis	5	4	3	2	4	18	879	535
Norwalk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sars - including quarantine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other infectious disease	92	56	58	70	89	365	10,425	2,059
Bursitis: repetitive motion	297	328	411	432	497	1,965	122,257	13,638
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,072	1,218	1,324	1,373	1,583	6,570	255,362	22,885
Carpal tunnel syndrome	258	330	372	404	534	1,898	148,790	12,714
Asbestosis	13	11	20	18	22	84	3,059	14,708
Silicosis	9	15	6	8	12	50	967	13,137
Other pneumoconiosis	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1,435
Scleroderma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poisoning	129	160	122	153	84	648	6,003	2,857
Arc flash and related	357	427	388	326	264	1,762	3,929	455
Other radiation effect	6	9	4	3	6	28	95	9
Raynaud's phenomenon	4	11	9	10	18	52	2,684	4,979
Cedar dust asthma	34	33	24	19	18	128	10,525	6,405
Other asthma	17	19	41	22	45	144	6,889	3,784
Bronchitis and related	2	1	3	3	3	12	109	447
Other respiratory irritation	122	206	245	231	203	1,007	11,850	8,753
Stress	0	0	61	87	180	328	21,749	1,905
Cold	31	43	36	52	21	183	3,518	314

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Heat	6	13	19	8	16	62	299	199
Cardiovascular	18	19	27	15	18	97	13,726	11,400
Voice disturbance	1	2	2	1	2	8	225	21
Other occupational disease	58	65	43	38	42	246	14,550	2,250
Total	4,262	4,754	5,245	4,891	5,085	24,237	719,921	177,927

- (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.