

Table 4 Occupational Disease Data by Type of Disease and Year; 1993-1997

Type of disease	Number of claims 1993	Number of claims 1994	Number of claims 1995	Number of claims 1996	Number of claims 1997	Number of claims 1993-1997	Days lost 1993-1997	Claims cost in thousands of dollars
Reaction to hiv treatment	0	0	0	32	155	187	3,018	293
Needlestick injury - see note	11	12	19	50	27	120	1,669	127
Allergic reaction	53	51	51	38	8	200	779	282
Cancer: asbestos	17	14	24	22	22	99	33,191	20,597
Cancer: other	3	3	2	7	4	19	5,299	4,121
Chemical burns	446	493	483	442	383	2,247	18,667	5,097
Conjunctivitis	6	8	13	17	53	98	568	55
Dermatitis	229	253	153	203	235	1,074	33,761	5,853
Hearing loss	617	626	883	709	594	3,429	3,423	19,546
Infected blister	5	7	6	6	9	33	351	35
Hepatitis	4	2	1	1	5	14	2,476	189
Norwalk	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	1
Sars - including quarantine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other infectious disease	88	51	71	53	57	321	4,987	1,472
Bursitis: repetitive motion	529	543	460	498	502	2,531	228,214	25,884
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,616	1,697	1,388	1,392	1,394	7,488	474,549	51,508
Carpal tunnel syndrome	572	647	456	354	397	2,427	282,119	29,697
Asbestosis	24	21	16	20	22	103	5,269	17,992
Silicosis	16	4	5	3	3	31	3,416	8,249
Other pneumoconiosis	0	0	2	0	0	2	21	935
Scleroderma	0	0	0	0	1	1	70	722
Poisoning	101	108	106	100	168	584	8,701	4,776
Arc flash and related	258	257	283	238	299	1,336	5,256	1,230
Other radiation effect	4	5	4	8	0	22	151	17
Raynaud's phenomenon	14	14	4	9	9	50	3,920	8,074
Cedar dust asthma	17	17	18	11	18	82	8,538	8,890
Other asthma	31	56	26	43	43	199	11,921	8,349
Bronchitis and related	4	7	2	8	6	27	1,194	1,251
Other respiratory irritation	204	238	191	234	189	1,056	17,285	5,746
Stress	229	298	254	298	304	1,383	99,471	10,548
Cold	53	41	60	55	29	238	6,020	643

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Heat	11	22	12	5	5	56	247	33
Cardiovascular	14	8	7	7	7	43	8,502	11,944
Voice disturbance	4	3	3	8	3	22	986	134
Other occupational disease	46	39	44	34	56	221	21,955	4,897
Total	5,229	5,546	5,048	4,908	5,011	25,743	1,295,999	259,189

- (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.