

Table 5 Occupational Disease Data by Type of Disease and Year; 1998-2002

Type of disease	Number of claims 1998	Number of claims 1999	Number of claims 2000	Number of claims 2001	Number of claims 2002	Number of claims 1998-2002	Days lost 1998-2002	Claims cost in thousands of dollars
Reaction to hiv treatment	185	172	117	94	56	624	10,977	1,510
Needlestick injury - see note	20	18	18	27	28	111	1,175	117
Allergic reaction	11	15	21	40	15	102	2,808	982
Cancer: asbestos	24	32	31	33	37	157	51,661	28,838
Cancer: other	3	6	7	13	6	35	6,564	10,803
Chemical burns	433	355	378	387	311	1,864	16,981	2,891
Conjunctivitis	29	31	41	23	21	145	918	96
Dermatitis	210	214	202	180	177	983	24,428	4,084
Hearing loss	576	479	572	538	529	2,692	5,729	17,207
Infected blister	20	5	18	6	4	52	762	74
Hepatitis	2	2	2	1	5	12	2,305	407
Norwalk	0	0	0	5	0	5	159	5
Sars - including quarantine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other infectious disease	66	101	43	47	53	310	4,856	1,239
Bursitis: repetitive motion	613	714	629	604	556	3,115	306,021	45,130
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,622	1,668	1,665	1,482	1,220	7,657	594,857	80,293
Carpal tunnel syndrome	473	567	492	413	407	2,352	327,474	47,399
Asbestosis	13	19	23	30	22	107	6,109	16,544
Silicosis	3	5	2	2	0	13	959	5,082
Other pneumoconiosis	0	0	0	3	1	4	209	295
Scleroderma	2	2	2	0	0	6	1,071	4,694
Poisoning	196	184	134	187	152	853	10,672	3,860
Arc flash and related	254	204	218	129	114	920	2,442	1,156
Other radiation effect	2	4	3	0	1	10	271	1,090
Raynaud's phenomenon	9	12	10	11	9	51	2,809	8,483
Cedar dust asthma	7	10	11	18	10	56	4,311	5,959
Other asthma	65	49	61	51	47	274	11,202	10,100
Bronchitis and related	3	2	0	2	1	8	1,574	1,753
Other respiratory irritation	221	239	229	175	174	1,038	21,800	18,861
Stress	394	459	486	435	409	2,183	208,963	30,839
Cold	15	22	13	15	12	77	4,671	1,193

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Heat	17	12	7	16	16	69	565	324
Cardiovascular	10	13	11	12	8	54	5,269	10,007
Voice disturbance	8	7	12	13	4	44	3,903	1,242
Other occupational disease	70	77	62	34	49	292	19,434	7,521
Total	5,578	5,697	5,521	5,026	4,454	26,276	1,663,908	370,077

- (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.