

# Table 4.4

## ***Settlement Awards by Injured Body Part and Injury Year (1990-1999)***

Injured Body Part	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997*	1998*	1999*	1990-1999
<b>Multiple Body Parts</b>											
Number of Awards	6,769	6,676	7,356	7,938	6,267	5,487	4,926	4,232	2,298	282	52,231
Average Settlement	\$38,658	\$34,024	\$32,871	\$31,564	\$27,878	\$29,746	\$28,127	\$22,420	\$16,700	\$13,125	\$30,530
Median Settlement	\$21,350	\$16,844	\$16,500	\$15,000	\$11,750	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$10,150	\$9,500	\$6,275	\$14,550
Total Settlement Amount	\$261,675,840	\$227,145,978	\$241,798,801	\$250,551,114	\$174,713,046	\$163,216,968	\$138,555,496	\$94,880,598	\$38,375,735	\$3,701,374	\$1,594,614,949
<b>Back Injury</b>											
Number of Awards	6,723	7,092	7,156	7,058	5,963	5,384	5,206	4,629	2,331	331	51,873
Average Settlement	\$38,839	\$33,628	\$33,298	\$30,567	\$25,536	\$26,350	\$25,406	\$21,166	\$16,313	\$10,613	\$29,294
Median Settlement	\$23,893	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$16,850	\$12,250	\$13,000	\$13,950	\$11,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$15,000
Total Settlement Amount	\$261,117,720	\$238,488,741	\$238,279,969	\$215,739,054	\$152,273,889	\$141,868,861	\$132,263,700	\$97,977,025	\$38,025,311	\$3,512,917	\$1,519,547,186
<b>Upper Extremities</b>											
Number of Awards	3,542	3,536	3,845	4,674	4,395	4,499	4,627	4,179	2,258	349	35,904
Average Settlement	\$27,140	\$24,801	\$23,504	\$25,227	\$20,368	\$20,164	\$18,277	\$15,948	\$12,672	\$7,970	\$21,027
Median Settlement	\$15,508	\$12,250	\$12,250	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$8,875	\$7,400	\$5,000	\$10,000
Total Settlement Amount	\$96,129,376	\$87,696,522	\$90,371,860	\$117,911,400	\$89,517,543	\$90,717,969	\$84,566,429	\$66,647,915	\$28,613,640	\$2,781,564	\$754,954,217
<b>Lower Extremities</b>											
Number of Awards	4,006	3,909	3,980	4,261	3,815	3,713	3,756	3,535	1,982	285	33,242
Average Settlement	\$34,635	\$31,956	\$29,882	\$29,832	\$26,239	\$24,730	\$23,436	\$18,763	\$14,109	\$9,504	\$26,673
Median Settlement	\$20,411	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,700	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$11,462	\$10,000	\$8,050	\$6,000	\$13,000
Total Settlement Amount	\$138,748,605	\$124,917,724	\$118,932,218	\$127,112,004	\$100,101,693	\$91,824,120	\$88,025,006	\$66,325,812	\$27,964,678	\$2,708,648	\$886,660,509
<b>Trunk</b>											
Number of Awards	550	622	750	1,044	962	954	1,022	993	642	102	7,641
Average Settlement	\$36,373	\$28,935	\$26,516	\$26,335	\$24,604	\$21,210	\$21,797	\$16,574	\$13,310	\$9,111	\$23,229
Median Settlement	\$18,500	\$12,250	\$12,250	\$12,250	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$9,450	\$7,500	\$6,400	\$5,000	\$10,000
Total Settlement Amount	\$20,005,049	\$17,997,714	\$19,886,847	\$27,494,221	\$23,669,149	\$20,234,159	\$22,276,456	\$16,457,830	\$8,544,859	\$929,337	\$177,495,621
<b>Head</b>											
Number of Awards	696	761	801	784	829	903	847	837	444	78	6,980
Average Settlement	\$40,866	\$35,572	\$42,673	\$29,514	\$25,053	\$28,916	\$23,016	\$16,272	\$12,832	\$9,954	\$28,553
Median Settlement	\$22,550	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$12,425	\$9,475	\$10,000	\$9,950	\$7,500	\$6,538	\$5,000	\$10,303
Total Settlement Amount	\$28,442,531	\$27,070,374	\$34,180,937	\$23,138,671	\$20,768,600	\$26,110,947	\$19,494,760	\$13,619,592	\$5,697,433	\$776,417	\$199,300,262
<b>Neck</b>											
Number of Awards	240	138	215	456	446	383	392	312	194	27	2,803
Average Settlement	\$41,260	\$37,003	\$39,006	\$29,968	\$26,597	\$25,249	\$21,919	\$18,295	\$13,184	\$9,801	\$27,012
Median Settlement	\$25,000	\$20,150	\$20,000	\$15,600	\$11,750	\$11,750	\$11,700	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$6,500	\$12,500
Total Settlement Amount	\$9,902,427	\$5,106,345	\$8,386,202	\$13,665,585	\$11,862,245	\$9,670,346	\$8,592,056	\$5,708,131	\$2,557,646	\$264,634	\$75,715,616
<b>Missing Data</b>											
Number of Awards	2,885	908	940	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,733
Average Settlement	\$23,704	\$17,822	\$18,657	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,573
Median Settlement	\$12,250	\$10,000	\$9,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,821
Total Settlement Amount	\$68,384,810	\$16,182,693	\$17,537,562	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$102,105,066
<b>Total</b>											
Number of Awards	25,411	23,642	25,043	26,215	22,677	21,323	20,776	18,717	10,149	1,454	195,407
Average Settlement	\$34,804	\$31,495	\$30,722	\$29,587	\$25,264	\$25,496	\$23,767	\$19,320	\$14,758	\$10,093	\$27,176
Median Settlement	\$20,000	\$15,125	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$11,500	\$11,750	\$11,750	\$10,000	\$8,300	\$6,000	\$12,850
Total Settlement Amount	\$884,406,357	\$744,606,090	\$769,374,396	\$775,612,049	\$572,906,165	\$543,643,370	\$493,773,902	\$361,616,902	\$149,779,303	\$14,674,891	\$5,310,393,426

\*Preliminary reporting

NOTE: Case counts are not comparable to Table 4.1 because records with missing awards or awards = 0 are excluded from the calculation of averages and medians.

Source: Division of Workers' Compensation Claims and Judges' Orders Files as of March 20, 2000