

V I . Total Benefits

“Total Benefits” comprises the combined data for indemnity payments, medical payments, and settlement awards. Recent trends in total benefits include the following:

■ *Relative share of three total benefits components:* There has been an almost continuous gradual decline in cumulative total benefits with successive mature injury years from 1991 to 1997, with two notable over-the-year exceptions: a precipitous 15% drop for 1994 injuries and a slight increase for 1996 injuries. Indemnity payments have consistently represented the smallest of the three components—about \$1 of every \$4 in total benefits. Medical payments and settlement awards each comprised 35% or more of total benefits over the seven-year period. During all mature injury years, settlement awards claimed the largest share of total benefits.

■ *Post-reform decline in settlement dollars:* The growth of the settlement component, from 37.3% for 1991 injuries to a peak of 42.5% for 1993 injuries, was halted by a 22.7% drop in award amounts for 1994 injuries. This shift was prompted more by a reduction in average costs per settlement following the 1993 reforms than a reduction in the number of settlements.

■ *Most expensive disability types:* Although the Wage Loss Only disability category pertains to injuries incurred only during the first three years of the 1991-2000 decade, it was the third most expensive category over the *entire ten-year period*, accounting for 15.4% of all benefits, or over \$2.4 billion. Yet, it comprised only about 4.1% (34,669)

of the 854,037 cases over the decade. By contrast, the most expensive category—Temporary Total—at more than \$4.6 billion, represented 29.1% of all benefits and 51.4% (439,029) of all cases. This comparison conveys the tremendous impact of wage-loss cases on the overall cost of workers’ compensation in Florida. The post-reform Impairment Income category, composed of cases comparable to the pre-reform wage-loss cases (though unrestricted in eligibility by any wage criteria), had the second largest number (141,657) and percentage (28.2%) of cases. With over \$4.4 billion in total benefits, it represented over \$1 of every \$4 of benefits over the decade.

■ *Lost-Time cases with no indemnity benefits:* The percentage of cases with either no record of benefit payments or a record of only medical benefits increased for mature injury years, from 8.5% for 1991 to 17.8% for 1997, and registered the third highest number of cases over the 1991-2000 period, at 76,145. It is unclear to what extent this reflects actual patterns of payment as opposed to missing or incomplete information received by the division.

■ *Costs per case:* For mature injury years, the median total benefits steadily increased, from \$4,625 for 1991 to \$6,757 for 1997. Average total benefits, on the other hand, decreased from \$26,364 for 1991 to \$20,618 for 1997, with a conspicuous drop of over \$3,600 per case between pre-reform 1993 and post-reform 1994 injury years. These measures combined confirm a trend of fewer cases with high-end benefit payments. Permanent Total cases were the most expensive on a per-case ba-

sis, with a median of \$171,091 and an average of \$220,945 over the decade—over ten times the overall average cost per case of \$20,989. Though costly, the more severe injuries in this category represent a relative handful of injuries—just 1.3% of all lost-time cases.

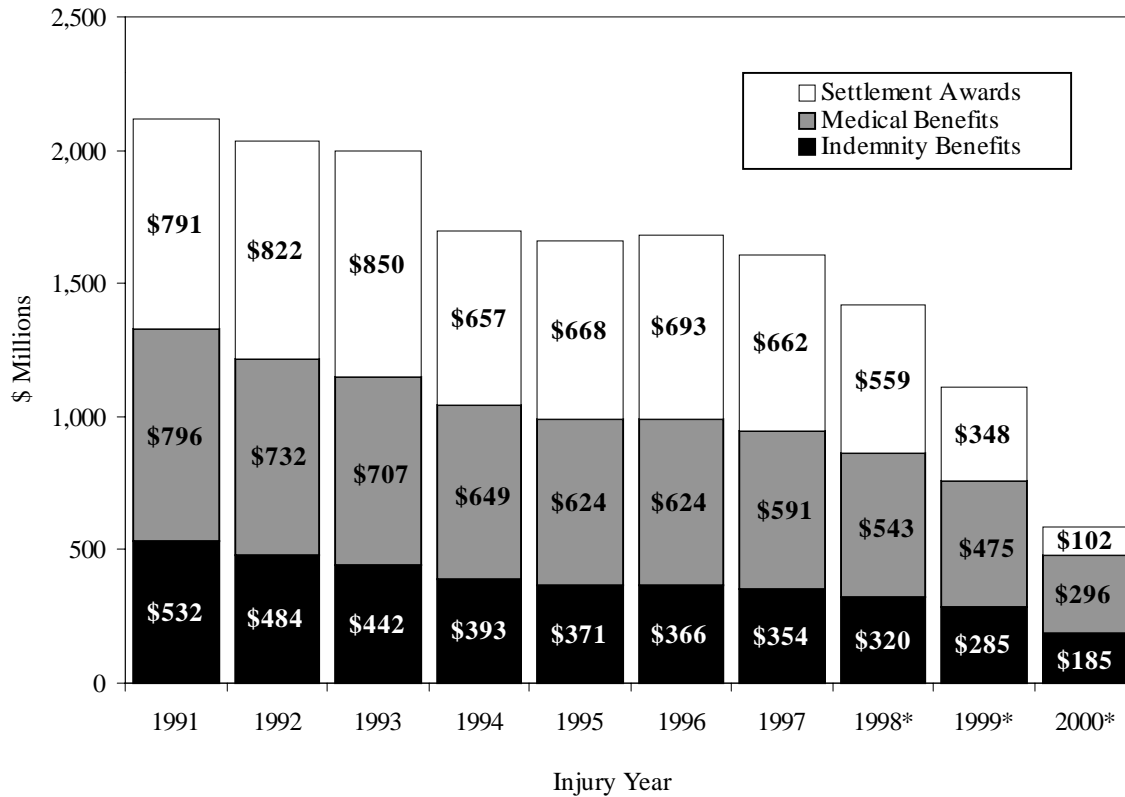
■ *Body part injured:* Well over half (52%) of total benefit dollars over the 1991-2000 decade of workplace injuries involved multiple body parts (28%) or the back (24%). Injuries to the lower (19.2%) and upper (16.9%) extremities combined accounted for another 36% of benefits. The most costly cases, on average, have involved injury to

multiple body parts (\$30,996), the neck (\$26,918), the head (\$23,900), and the back (\$23,243). In almost all body part categories, average cost per case declined with successive mature injury years, while median cost per case increased, confirming the trend toward fewer extremely expensive cases.

■ *Nature of Injury:* Disaggregated by nature of the injury, the most expensive workplace injuries involved Sprain/Strain, Contusion, Fracture, Occupational disease or Laceration, with average costs ranging from \$12,023 for lacerations to \$29,169 for fractures.

Figure 6.1

Total Benefit Payments Reported by Type of Benefit by Injury Year (1991-2000)



*Preliminary reporting

Source: Division of Workers' Compensation Integrated Database, data reported as of June 30, 2001

Table 6.1

Total Benefits by Payment Type and Injury Year (1991-2000)

Type of Benefit	Year of Injury					
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Indemnity Benefits	\$531,716,811	\$483,857,455	\$442,444,344	\$392,528,101	\$370,540,558	\$366,394,216
Percent of Total	25.1%	23.7%	22.1%	23.1%	22.3%	21.8%
Medical Benefits	\$795,726,063	\$732,405,680	\$707,393,949	\$648,875,274	\$623,878,335	\$624,331,355
Percent of Total	37.6%	35.9%	35.4%	38.2%	37.5%	37.1%
Settlement Awards	\$790,549,134	\$821,917,067	\$850,350,789	\$657,262,677	\$668,153,431	\$693,340,604
Percent of Total	37.3%	40.3%	42.5%	38.7%	40.2%	41.2%
Total Benefit Payments	\$2,117,992,009	\$2,038,180,202	\$2,000,189,081	\$1,698,666,052	\$1,662,572,323	\$1,684,066,175

Type of Benefit	Year of Injury				
	1997	1998*	1999*	2000*	1991 - 2000
Indemnity Benefits	\$353,803,664	\$320,340,915	\$285,233,819	\$184,980,288	\$3,731,840,171
Percent of Total	22.0%	22.5%	25.7%	31.8%	23.4%
Medical Benefits	\$590,510,527	\$542,705,722	\$475,355,869	\$295,952,060	\$6,037,134,833
Percent of Total	36.8%	38.2%	42.9%	50.8%	37.9%
Settlement Awards	\$661,610,441	\$559,213,182	\$348,306,501	\$101,549,360	\$6,152,253,187
Percent of Total	41.2%	39.3%	31.4%	17.4%	38.6%
Total Benefit Payments	\$1,605,924,633	\$1,422,259,820	\$1,108,896,189	\$582,481,708	\$15,921,228,192

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Table 6.2

Total Benefits by Disability Type and Injury Year (1991-2000)

Disability Type	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Temporary Partial						
Number of Cases	1,934	2,784	4,154	5,347	6,870	8,538
Total Benefits	\$10,724,138	\$14,778,997	\$20,906,099	\$21,704,388	\$27,687,400	\$37,198,955
Percent of Total Cases	2.2%	3.2%	4.8%	6.3%	8.3%	10.1%
Percent of Total Benefits	0.5%	0.7%	1.0%	1.3%	1.7%	2.2%
Temporary Total						
Number of Cases	57,570	55,485	54,852	44,773	40,285	37,117
Total Benefits	\$542,906,261	\$589,399,946	\$620,291,239	\$375,990,340	\$378,200,635	\$398,315,090
Percent of Total Cases	65.5%	64.2%	64.0%	52.9%	48.6%	43.8%
Percent of Total Benefits	25.6%	28.9%	31.0%	22.1%	22.7%	23.7%
Permanent Impairment Only						
Number of Cases	1,005	1,043	812	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Benefits	\$45,188,186	\$44,105,242	\$31,965,816			
Percent of Total Cases	1.1%	1.2%	0.9%			
Percent of Total Benefits	2.1%	2.2%	1.6%			
Wage Loss Only						
Number of Cases	12,031	11,450	11,188	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Benefits	\$873,582,468	\$817,090,736	\$767,273,685			
Percent of Total Cases	13.7%	13.2%	13.0%			
Percent of Total Benefits	41.2%	40.1%	38.4%			
Wage Loss & Permanent Impairment						
Number of Cases	269	277	260	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Benefits	\$28,616,852	\$29,147,298	\$22,542,834			
Percent of Total Cases	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%			
Percent of Total Benefits	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%			
Impairment Income						
Number of Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	21,400	21,607	22,596
Total Benefits				\$846,259,455	\$830,799,140	\$836,161,273
Percent of Total Cases				25.3%	26.1%	26.7%
Percent of Total Benefits				49.8%	50.0%	49.7%
Supplemental Income						
Number of Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	81	67	54
Total Benefits				\$11,986,257	\$10,272,983	\$5,526,273
Percent of Total Cases				0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Percent of Total Benefits				0.7%	0.6%	0.3%
Permanent Total						
Number of Cases	1,780	1,627	1,477	1,439	1,298	1,229
Total Benefits	\$474,715,610	\$395,450,991	\$367,421,235	\$313,922,175	\$278,270,192	\$252,111,872
Percent of Total Cases	2.0%	1.9%	1.7%	1.7%	1.6%	1.4%
Percent of Total Benefits	22.4%	19.4%	18.4%	18.5%	16.7%	15.0%
Death						
Number of Cases	442	414	487	476	508	447
Total Benefits	\$32,294,794	\$19,982,058	\$32,510,313	\$24,224,622	\$24,594,259	\$21,138,328
Percent of Total Cases	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
Percent of Total Benefits	1.5%	1.0%	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%	1.3%
Settled, No Indemnity Recorded						
Number of Cases	5,344	6,312	7,270	6,161	6,905	8,157
Total Benefits	\$109,481,799	\$128,024,039	\$137,097,718	\$104,478,037	\$112,386,744	\$133,505,584
Percent of Total Cases	6.1%	7.3%	8.5%	7.3%	8.3%	9.6%
Percent of Total Benefits	5.2%	6.3%	6.9%	6.2%	6.8%	7.9%
Lost Time, No Indemnity Recorded						
Number of Cases	7,500	7,094	5,254	5,001	5,397	6,635
Total Benefits	\$481,901	\$200,895	\$180,141	\$100,777	\$360,970	\$108,800
Percent of Total Cases	8.5%	8.2%	6.1%	5.9%	6.5%	7.8%
Percent of Total Benefits	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total						
Number of Cases	87,875	86,486	85,754	84,678	82,937	84,773
Total Benefits	\$2,117,992,009	\$2,038,180,202	\$2,000,189,082	\$1,698,666,052	\$1,662,572,323	\$1,684,066,175

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Total Benefits by Disability Type and Injury Year (1991-2000)

Disability Type	1997	1998*	1999*	2000*	1991-2000
Temporary Partial					
Number of Cases	10,582	10,376	11,389	11,017	72,991
Total Benefits	\$45,652,827	\$45,983,743	\$48,028,110	\$37,878,332	\$310,542,989
Percent of Total Cases	12.1%	11.9%	13.1%	13.8%	8.5%
Percent of Total Benefits	2.8%	3.2%	4.3%	6.5%	2.0%
Temporary Total					
Number of Cases	35,760	35,268	38,979	38,932	439,021
Total Benefits	\$429,135,764	\$474,734,120	\$485,835,436	\$342,322,290	\$4,637,131,121
Percent of Total Cases	41.0%	40.3%	44.9%	48.7%	51.4%
Percent of Total Benefits	26.7%	33.4%	43.8%	58.8%	29.1%
Permanent Impairment Only					
Number of Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,860
Total Benefits					\$121,259,244
Percent of Total Cases					0.3%
Percent of Total Benefits					0.8%
Wage Loss Only					
Number of Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	34,669
Total Benefits					\$2,457,946,889
Percent of Total Cases					4.1%
Percent of Total Benefits					15.4%
Wage Loss & Permanent Impairment					
Number of Cases	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	806
Total Benefits					\$80,306,984
Percent of Total Cases					0.1%
Percent of Total Benefits					0.5%
Impairment Income					
Number of Cases	23,558	21,767	19,210	11,519	141,657
Total Benefits	\$779,350,531	\$635,516,157	\$418,859,030	\$148,228,532	\$4,495,174,118
Percent of Total Cases	27.0%	24.9%	22.1%	14.4%	16.6%
Percent of Total Benefits	48.5%	44.7%	37.8%	25.4%	28.2%
Supplemental Income					
Number of Cases	43	44	64	40	393
Total Benefits	\$5,013,882	\$2,782,657	\$2,309,850	\$622,144	\$38,514,046
Percent of Total Cases	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Percent of Total Benefits	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Permanent Total					
Number of Cases	1,073	696	334	106	11,059
Total Benefits	\$195,562,244	\$108,496,573	\$37,278,833	\$9,816,325	\$2,433,046,052
Percent of Total Cases	1.2%	0.8%	0.4%	0.1%	1.3%
Percent of Total Benefits	12.2%	7.6%	3.4%	1.7%	15.3%
Death					
Number of Cases	444	407	341	291	4,257
Total Benefits	\$18,639,092	\$14,653,510	\$11,524,972	\$3,535,375	\$203,097,323
Percent of Total Cases	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Percent of Total Benefits	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	0.6%	1.3%
Settled, No Indemnity Recorded					
Number of Cases	8,856	9,642	7,800	3,732	70,179
Total Benefits	\$132,513,881	\$140,025,985	\$104,881,488	\$39,861,061	\$1,142,256,336
Percent of Total Cases	10.1%	11.0%	9.0%	4.7%	8.2%
Percent of Total Benefits	8.3%	9.8%	9.5%	6.8%	7.2%
Lost Time, No Indemnity Recorded					
Number of Cases	6,966	9,288	8,781	14,229	76,145
Total Benefits	\$56,411	\$67,076	\$178,470	\$217,649	\$1,953,090
Percent of Total Cases	8.0%	10.6%	10.1%	17.8%	8.9%
Percent of Total Benefits	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total					
Number of Cases	87,282	87,488	86,898	79,866	854,037
Total Benefits	\$1,605,924,633	\$1,422,259,820	\$1,108,896,189	\$582,481,708	\$15,921,228,192

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Table 6.3

Median and Average Benefits by Disability Type and Injury Year (1991-2000)

Disability Types	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Temporary Partial						
Median Total Benefits	\$1,513	\$1,475	\$1,429	\$1,411	\$1,421	\$1,487
Average Total Benefits	\$5,548	\$5,368	\$5,406	\$4,324	\$4,191	\$4,519
Temporary Total						
Median Total Benefits	\$2,490	\$2,900	\$3,288	\$2,650	\$2,858	\$3,340
Average Total Benefits	\$9,438	\$10,662	\$11,627	\$8,660	\$9,739	\$11,091
Permanent Impairment Only						
Median Total Benefits	\$21,821	\$23,854	\$18,632	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Total Benefits	\$45,053	\$42,409	\$39,709			
Wage Loss Only						
Median Total Benefits	\$50,917	\$51,185	\$49,742	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Total Benefits	\$72,617	\$71,487	\$69,455			
Wage Loss & Permanent Impairment						
Median Total Benefits	\$75,493	\$79,043	\$62,126	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Total Benefits	\$106,382	\$105,225	\$86,703			
Impairment Income						
Median Total Benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$22,941	\$22,255	\$21,189
Average Total Benefits				\$39,624	\$38,588	\$37,158
Supplemental Income						
Median Total Benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$135,046	\$136,543	\$89,228
Average Total Benefits				\$157,714	\$153,328	\$102,338
Permanent Total						
Median Total Benefits	\$217,141	\$196,519	\$196,629	\$164,852	\$158,857	\$157,940
Average Total Benefits	\$266,694	\$243,205	\$249,437	\$218,609	\$214,384	\$205,470
Death						
Median Total Benefits	\$51,537	\$41,090	\$32,400	\$40,115	\$32,030	\$35,512
Average Total Benefits	\$91,747	\$61,295	\$86,234	\$68,625	\$63,881	\$67,106
Settled, No Indemnity Recorded						
Median Total Benefits	\$10,250	\$10,810	\$10,000	\$8,500	\$8,875	\$8,500
Average Total Benefits	\$21,066	\$20,885	\$19,438	\$17,684	\$17,264	\$17,486
Lost Time, No Indemnity Recorded						
Median Total Benefits	\$548	\$563	\$854	\$719	\$595	\$445
Average Total Benefits	\$1,959	\$1,778	\$2,689	\$1,625	\$2,714	\$1,978
Total						
Median Total Benefits	\$4,625	\$5,159	\$5,632	\$5,786	\$6,084	\$6,724
Average Total Benefits	\$26,364	\$25,809	\$25,546	\$21,882	\$22,061	\$22,178

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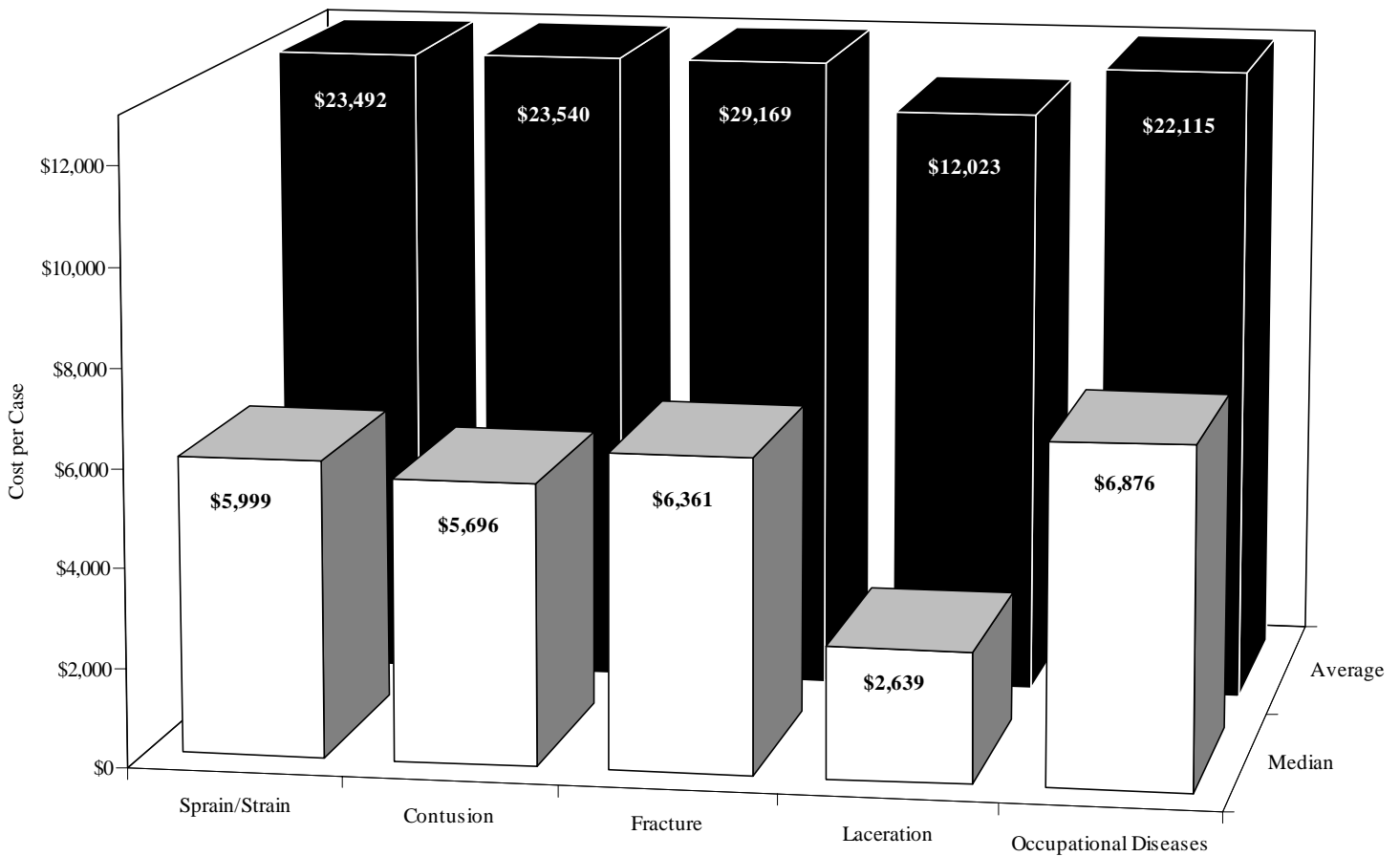
Disability Types	1997	1998*	1999*	2000*	1991-2000
Temporary Partial					
Median Total Benefits	\$1,521	\$1,614	\$1,735	\$1,791	\$1,573
Average Total Benefits	\$4,453	\$4,560	\$4,318	\$3,604	\$4,412
Temporary Total					
Median Total Benefits	\$3,749	\$4,186	\$4,499	\$4,372	\$3,280
Average Total Benefits	\$12,417	\$13,950	\$12,792	\$9,272	\$10,839
Permanent Impairment Only					
Median Total Benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$21,891
Average Total Benefits					\$42,577
Wage Loss Only					
Median Total Benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$50,606
Average Total Benefits					\$71,230
Wage Loss & Permanent Impairment					
Median Total Benefits	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$70,059
Average Total Benefits					\$99,636
Impairment Income					
Median Total Benefits	\$19,177	\$17,114	\$13,917	\$9,087	\$17,994
Average Total Benefits	\$33,277	\$29,399	\$22,059	\$13,365	\$31,993
Supplemental Income					
Median Total Benefits	\$76,631	\$45,363	\$29,007	\$8,506	\$63,617
Average Total Benefits	\$116,602	\$63,242	\$36,091	\$16,815	\$100,036
Permanent Total					
Median Total Benefits	\$134,566	\$110,061	\$67,938	\$33,188	\$171,091
Average Total Benefits	\$183,972	\$157,470	\$113,655	\$106,699	\$220,945
Death					
Median Total Benefits	\$40,555	\$33,250	\$24,951	\$13,901	\$34,052
Average Total Benefits	\$61,313	\$52,148	\$50,995	\$26,383	\$66,524
Settled, No Indemnity Recorded					
Median Total Benefits	\$8,000	\$8,300	\$7,990	\$6,500	\$8,750
Average Total Benefits	\$16,119	\$15,770	\$14,393	\$11,128	\$17,202
Lost Time, No Indemnity Recorded					
Median Total Benefits	\$637	\$3,636	\$2,599	\$1,457	\$702
Average Total Benefits	\$2,170	\$3,530	\$4,249	\$3,298	\$2,356
Total					
Median Total Benefits	\$6,757	\$6,753	\$6,015	\$4,624	\$5,829
Average Total Benefits	\$20,618	\$18,802	\$14,583	\$9,330	\$20,989

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Source: Division of Workers' Compensation Integrated Database, data reported as of June 30, 2001

Figure 6.2

**The Five Leading Injuries for 1991-1997:
Median and Average Cost Per Case**



*"Other Leading Injuries" comprises nine different injury types: angina pectoris, asphyxiation, enucleation, foreign body, freezing, inflammation, rupture, severance, and vascular loss

Source: Division of Workers' Compensation Integrated Database, data reported as of June 30, 2001

Table 6.4

Total, Average, and Median Benefits by Injured Body Part and Injury Year (1991-2000)

Body Part Injured	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998*	1999*	2000*	1991 - 2000
Multiple Body Parts											
Total Payments	\$640,405,441	\$617,629,115	\$614,211,492	\$495,179,877	\$473,135,850	\$458,615,780	\$425,564,381	\$366,114,442	\$258,347,398	\$112,110,853	\$4,461,314,629
Percent of Benefit Total	30.24%	30.30%	30.71%	29.15%	28.46%	27.23%	26.50%	25.74%	23.30%	19.25%	28.02%
Average Payment	\$39,376	\$36,999	\$37,819	\$31,828	\$32,153	\$31,690	\$29,210	\$26,379	\$20,213	\$12,795	\$30,996
Median Payment	\$8,971	\$10,048	\$10,606	\$9,390	\$9,864	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,015	\$8,569	\$5,920	\$9,376
Back Injury											
Total Payments	\$622,683,818	\$577,361,681	\$505,110,203	\$404,042,303	\$388,012,830	\$394,653,887	\$351,976,647	\$286,812,055	\$200,122,890	\$85,854,547	\$3,816,630,860
Percent of Benefit Total	29.40%	28.33%	25.25%	23.79%	23.34%	23.43%	21.92%	20.17%	18.05%	14.74%	23.97%
Average Payment	\$29,606	\$28,572	\$27,171	\$22,555	\$23,069	\$24,411	\$22,294	\$20,158	\$14,948	\$8,522	\$23,243
Median Payment	\$4,569	\$4,965	\$5,375	\$5,117	\$5,411	\$6,472	\$6,533	\$6,470	\$5,609	\$4,054	\$5,425
Lower Extremities											
Total Payments	\$392,622,738	\$367,730,930	\$363,098,689	\$330,620,298	\$317,767,729	\$324,768,396	\$326,024,245	\$289,171,547	\$228,063,331	\$119,415,601	\$3,059,283,504
Percent of Benefit Total	18.54%	18.04%	18.15%	19.46%	19.11%	19.28%	20.30%	20.33%	20.57%	20.50%	19.22%
Average Payment	\$21,605	\$21,172	\$21,324	\$19,417	\$19,316	\$19,224	\$18,680	\$17,268	\$13,681	\$9,028	\$18,315
Median Payment	\$3,450	\$3,956	\$4,569	\$5,230	\$5,587	\$6,000	\$6,316	\$6,321	\$5,495	\$4,246	\$5,045
Upper Extremities											
Total Payments	\$278,789,339	\$266,336,173	\$323,455,630	\$290,525,632	\$298,489,610	\$311,544,251	\$311,513,688	\$278,479,006	\$216,900,147	\$115,394,699	\$2,691,428,176
Percent of Benefit Total	13.16%	13.07%	16.17%	17.10%	17.95%	18.50%	19.40%	19.58%	19.56%	19.81%	16.90%
Average Payment	\$16,493	\$16,243	\$18,457	\$15,947	\$16,251	\$16,545	\$16,007	\$15,087	\$11,782	\$8,004	\$15,207
Median Payment	\$3,144	\$3,706	\$4,292	\$4,812	\$5,207	\$5,846	\$5,900	\$6,065	\$5,290	\$4,041	\$4,850
Trunk											
Total Payments	\$61,880,210	\$66,450,197	\$83,691,974	\$75,780,697	\$72,762,533	\$80,550,502	\$78,175,079	\$75,318,407	\$57,240,608	\$30,257,906	\$682,108,111
Percent of Benefit Total	2.92%	3.26%	4.18%	4.46%	4.38%	4.78%	4.87%	5.30%	5.16%	5.19%	4.28%
Average Payment	\$15,560	\$16,199	\$15,863	\$15,177	\$14,762	\$15,979	\$15,063	\$14,745	\$11,508	\$7,988	\$14,397
Median Payment	\$4,619	\$4,819	\$4,922	\$5,085	\$5,267	\$5,346	\$5,529	\$5,500	\$5,332	\$4,939	\$5,115
Head											
Total Payments	\$70,958,578	\$82,025,528	\$59,615,788	\$59,927,768	\$69,724,397	\$61,136,233	\$58,025,951	\$48,619,081	\$38,659,004	\$19,995,460	\$568,687,789
Percent of Benefit Total	3.35%	4.02%	2.98%	3.53%	4.19%	3.63%	3.61%	3.42%	3.49%	3.43%	3.57%
Average Payment	\$29,541	\$34,537	\$25,852	\$24,835	\$27,172	\$24,642	\$22,130	\$19,676	\$16,291	\$11,202	\$23,900
Median Payment	\$3,957	\$4,550	\$4,224	\$5,000	\$5,346	\$6,075	\$6,163	\$6,000	\$5,300	\$4,055	\$5,090
Neck											
Total Payments	\$14,757,421	\$17,214,610	\$43,535,875	\$34,613,852	\$28,185,403	\$31,163,576	\$24,691,386	\$24,687,120	\$18,010,989	\$7,552,427	\$244,412,659
Percent of Benefit Total	0.70%	0.84%	2.18%	2.04%	1.70%	1.85%	1.54%	1.74%	1.62%	1.30%	1.54%
Average Payment	\$51,599	\$40,505	\$37,402	\$28,630	\$26,317	\$28,486	\$23,272	\$24,132	\$17,975	\$10,137	\$26,918
Median Payment	\$14,569	\$13,073	\$7,514	\$7,781	\$8,728	\$9,533	\$8,224	\$9,153	\$7,479	\$4,497	\$8,119
Missing Data											
Total Payments	\$35,894,462	\$43,431,967	\$7,469,430	\$7,975,626	\$14,493,971	\$21,633,552	\$29,953,256	\$53,058,163	\$91,551,822	\$91,900,216	\$397,362,465
Percent of Benefit Total	1.69%	2.13%	0.37%	0.47%	0.87%	1.28%	1.87%	3.73%	8.26%	15.78%	2.50%
Average Payment	\$27,675	\$30,912	\$44,727	\$26,945	\$32,644	\$22,677	\$17,155	\$14,221	\$14,212	\$9,541	\$15,216
Median Payment	\$10,656	\$9,821	\$22,585	\$11,904	\$13,401	\$10,000	\$7,971	\$6,000	\$6,893	\$5,100	\$6,423
Total											
Total Payments	\$2,117,992,009	\$2,038,180,202	\$2,000,189,081	\$1,698,666,052	\$1,662,572,323	\$1,684,066,175	\$1,605,924,633	\$1,422,259,820	\$1,108,896,189	\$582,481,708	\$15,921,228,192
Average Payment	\$26,364	\$25,809	\$25,546	\$21,882	\$22,061	\$22,178	\$20,618	\$18,802	\$14,583	\$9,330	\$20,989
Median Payment	\$4,625	\$5,159	\$5,632	\$5,786	\$6,084	\$6,724	\$6,757	\$6,753	\$6,015	\$4,624	\$5,829

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