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## Highlights

- In 2000, there were 27,637 claim closures of which 1,397 (5.1 percent) were by the Evaluation Unit, and 26,240 (94.9 percent) by insurers.
- Insurer closures ranged between 28 and 37 percent of the total in the period 1985-1990; thereafter, the proportion of insurer closures rose rapidly to reach 94.9 percent in 2000. All closures will be by insurers from January 2001.
- In 2000, permanent partial disability (PPD) orders were 25.4 percent of all orders, while temporary total disability (TTD) orders were 67.5 percent.
- There were 41 fatality awards, one less than in 1999; 28 were by Evaluation and 13 were by insurers.
- The net permanent total disability (PTD) award by Evaluation and insurers for 2000 was zero; there were 9 in 1999.
- PPD dollar awards (by Evaluation and insurers) reached \$47.8 million in 2000, an increase of 1.6 percent over 1999.
- The number of PPD awards for 2000 was 6,849; this was 5.8 percent less than in 1999.
- The average degree award per scheduled body part dropped steadily from 16.84 degrees in 1985 to 12.57 in 1999; it rose to 13.17 in 2000. The average award per unscheduled body part of 42.90 degrees in 2000 was 1.03 degrees more than last year.
- Awards for lower back injuries were 41.1 percent of all unscheduled awards, while those for the shoulder constituted 37.0 percent. The knee (27.5 percent), the arm (10.7 percent), and the wrist (10.3 percent) were the most frequent scheduled parts injured.
- For 2000, the bulk of scheduled PPD awards (96 percent for insurers, and almost 90 percent for Evaluation) was 48 degrees or less. For unscheduled awards, 89 percent of Evaluation awards and 93 percent of insurer awards were 96 degrees or less.
- The insurers' share of PPD awards continued to increase and reached 95.5 percent of all PPD awards, from 80.8 percent in 1999, with a corresponding decrease in the Evaluation share.
- For scheduled PPD, the average Evaluation award in 2000 was 24.87 degrees, and the average insurer award was 14.32 degrees. For unscheduled PPD, the Evaluation award was 47.33 degrees (13.6 percent more than 1999), while the insurer award was 42.68 degrees, a 1.3 percent increase from 1999.
- Evaluation TTD closures, at 714 in 2000, were 83.3 percent less than in 1999. Insurer TTD closures held steady at a little over 15,000 from 1991 through 1994, then dropped to 14,048 in 1997. It increased to 17,944 in 2000.
- The median time lag between the injury and first closure has remained almost stationary at five months since 1992.

The WCD Evaluation unit was closed at the end of 2000, ending an era of departmental claim closures. This report, therefore, will be the last report on claim closures in the current form.

## Introduction

Oregon workers who suffer an occupational injury or disease may receive workers' compensation benefits by filing a claim with their workers' compensation insurer or self-insured employer. If the insurer finds the claim to be compensable, the insurer will accept the claim and pay related medical expenses and any benefits for time lost from work. These "temporary disability" benefits generally continue until the worker either returns to work or is declared "medically stationary," i.e. no further improvement in the worker's medical condition is expected. At this point the "claim closure" process begins, which ends the payment of temporary disability and determines the extent of permanent disability. To close the claim, the insurer may issue a notice of closure (NOC) directly to the worker, or request closure by the Evaluation Unit of the Workers' Compensation Division (WCD), which closes the claim by issuing a determination order (DO). Prior to 1980, Evaluation had sole authority to close claims. In 1980, insurers were authorized to close claims involving only temporary disability. In 1987, insurer closure authority was expanded to include closure of all claims where the worker's condition was medically stationary and the worker had returned to work. In 1990, the legislature further expanded the insurer's authority to include those accepted disabling cases where the worker's condition had become medically stationary and the attending physician had released the worker to return to regular or modified employment (ORS 656.268).

The 1999 Oregon Legislature by Senate Bill 220, effective October 23, 1999, transferred the responsibility for closing all workers' compensation claims and for reclassifying nondisabling claims to workers' compensation insurers and self-insured employers. The law providing for this transfer also mandated that the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services phase out the departmental claim closure activities in a manner that minimizes disruption for all concerned. However, all departmental closure activity had to cease not later than June 30, 2001. See box below. The Workers' Compensation Division moved the cutoff date forward to January 1, 2001.

### Section 16, chapter 313, Oregon Laws 1999, provides:

(1) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall phase out the claim closure activities of the Department of Consumer and Business Services in a manner that minimizes disruption for workers, insurers and self-insured employers to the greatest extent practicable.

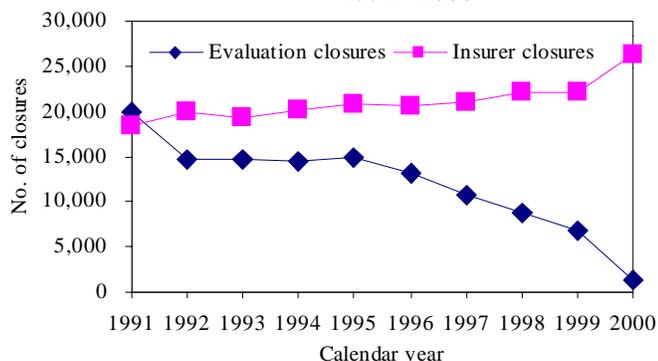
(2) The director may:

(a) After providing reasonable written notice, require insurers and self-insured employers to assume claim closure responsibilities by a date certain for all claims or specific kinds of claims.

(b) Take other reasonable steps as may be necessary to implement this section and amendments to ORS 656.206.....

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, the director shall cease all claim closure activities and insurers and self-insured employers shall assume the responsibility for closing all workers' compensation claims not later than June 30, 2001.

**Figure 1. All Evaluation Unit and insurer closures, 1991 - 2000**



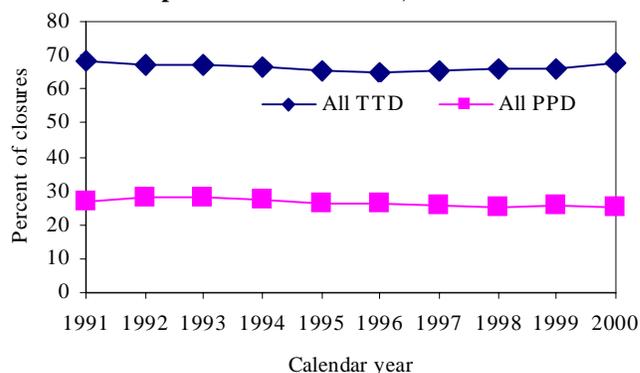
The shift from Evaluation closures toward insurer closures (which was already occurring because of the incremental enhancement of claim closure authority of insurers) was accelerated by this major change in law. As seen from Table 1 and Figure 1, insurers who were historically closing fewer claims than Evaluation began closing more claims than Evaluation from 1992, the gap increasing each successive year. In 2000, of 27,637 closures, Evaluation closures totaled only 1,397 (5.1 percent) while insurer closures amounted to 26,240 (94.9 percent).

## Claim Determinations By Benefit Types

There are four main types of workers' compensation indemnity (cash) benefits awarded to claimants on claim closure: temporary total disability (TTD), permanent partial disability (PPD), permanent total disability (PTD), and fatality awards. A claim may receive multiple benefit types, but is classified by the highest benefit received.

In 2000, PPD orders (Evaluation and insurer NOCs taken together) were 25.3 percent of all orders while TTD orders were 67.5 percent. Figure 2 shows the respective percentages over the last 10 years.

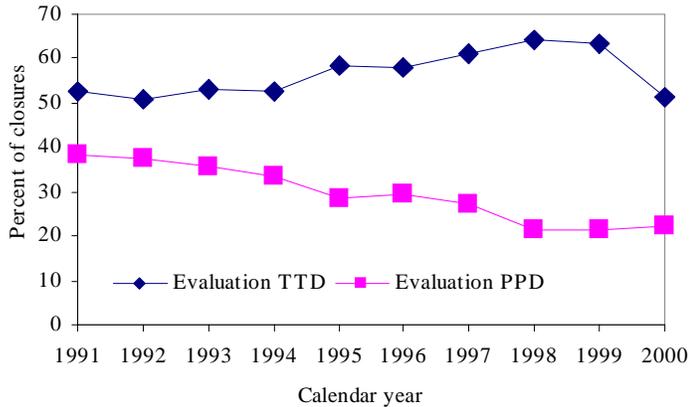
**Figure 2. All TTD and PPD closures as percent of all closures, 1991 - 2000**



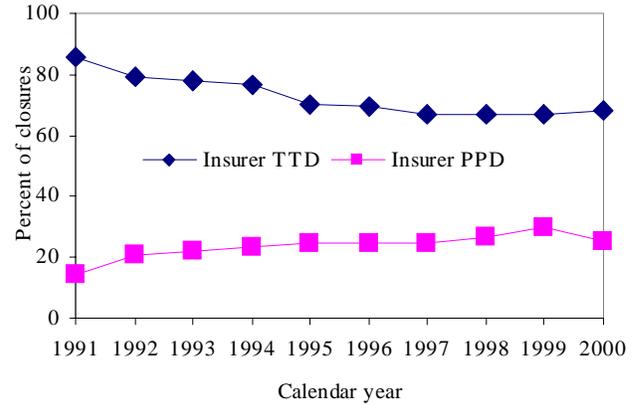
Within each category of closing authority, the proportions are quite different. Evaluation PPD closures as a proportion of all Evaluation closures decreased from a high of 41 percent in 1990, to a low of 21.2 percent in 1999, increasing slightly to

22.3 percent in 2000. The corresponding proportion of insurer PPD closures reached a high of 27.0 percent in 1999 and decreased slightly to 25.4 percent in 2000. (Table 1 and Figures 3 and 4).

**Figure 3. Evaluation TTD and PPD closures as percent of all Evaluation closures, 1991- 2000**



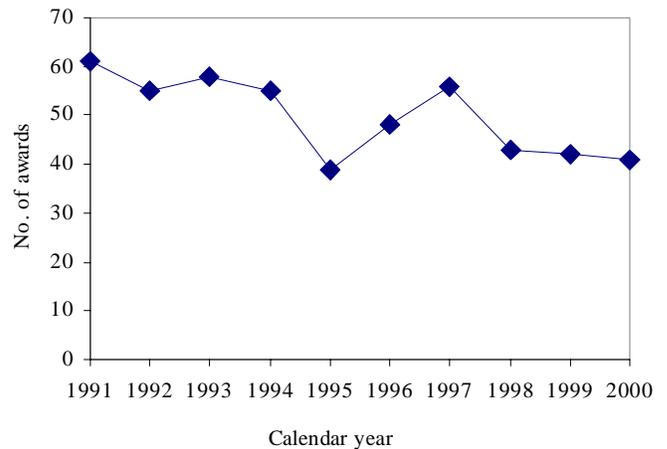
**Figure 4. Insurer TTD and PPD closures as percent of all insurer closures, 1991 - 2000**



**Fatalities**

In 2000, there were 41 claim determinations with a fatality award, one less than the previous year. Twenty-eight were by Evaluation and thirteen by insurers. Figure 5 shows fatality awards for the last 10 years.

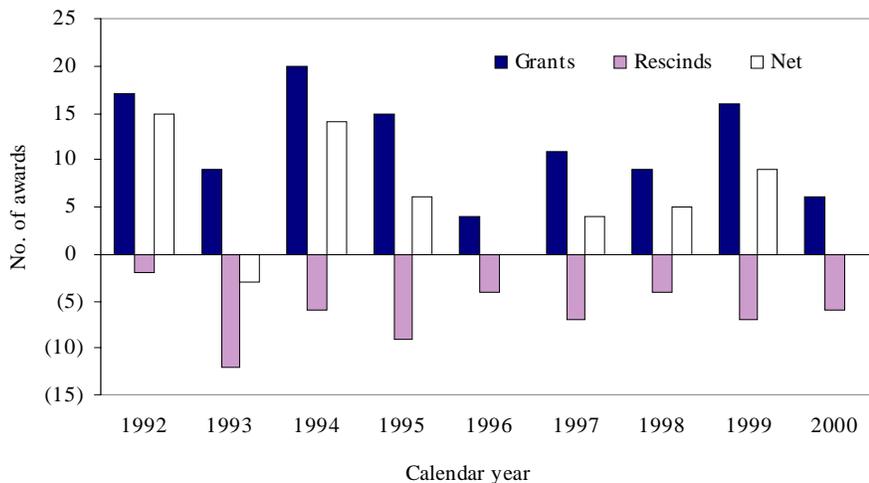
**Figure 5. Fatality awards, 1991 - 2000**



**Permanent total disability (PTD) awards**

Six PTD awards were granted by Evaluation this year. There were also six rescissions, four by the Evaluation Unit and two by insurers for a net award of zero PTDs. Five PTDs were affirmed. See Figure 6 for PTD awards for the last 10 years.

**Figure 6. Permanent total disability awards, 1991 - 2000**



## Permanent Partial Disability (PPD) Awards

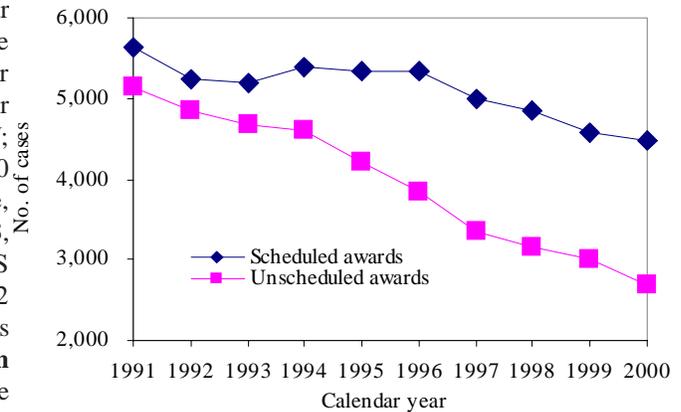
PPD awards are broadly categorized into scheduled or unscheduled awards. Scheduled awards are those listed (or scheduled) in ORS 656.214 (2)-(4), setting the maximum degree award possible for each scheduled part. Most of these are parts of the arms and legs. Maximum scheduled awards for loss of function of a body part range from four degrees for a toe to 192 degrees for an arm. Those parts not listed are unscheduled (e.g. back, neck, chest, abdomen, shoulder, hips), and an injury to any of these parts has a potential extent of permanent disability of 320 degrees. In this report, we look at the two categories separately.

The dollar value of a degree, assigned by ORS 656.214, has increased progressively with time. For unscheduled degrees it changed from \$85 for a 1980 injury, to \$100 for an injury in or after November 1981. For injuries since 1992, the value has a three-tiered rate structure. Through the end of calendar year 1995, this value was based on the State Average Weekly Wage (SAWW), the rate being controlled by the date of injury. For the first 96 degrees the rate was 24 percent of the SAWW; for the next 96 (to a total of 192) it was 28 percent of the SAWW; and, for the third tier of 128 degrees (to the maximum of 320 degrees) the rate was 71 percent of the SAWW. For example, for an FY 1994 injury, the three tiers were valued at \$112.03, \$130.70, and \$331.41 respectively. An amendment to ORS 656.214 effective June 7, 1995, changed the rate for pre-1992 injuries to the post-1992 three-tiered structure, with values \$117.47, \$317.05, and \$347.52 respectively **for awards made from the effective date of the amendment.** This amendment by Senate Bill 369 also changed both the tier structure and the rate for injuries from January 1, 1996, through December 31, 2000, as follows: first 64 degrees at \$130 per degree; the next 96 degrees at \$230 per degree and the final 160 degrees at \$625 per degree, reverting to the FY 1995 structure and values at the beginning of CY 2001. House Bill 2549 of 1997 made a further amendment, changing the values of the three tiers for unscheduled PPD to \$137.80, \$243.80, and \$662.50 respectively, for injuries from January 1, 1998, through December 31, 2000. A further increase was made by Senate Bill 460 of 1999, increasing the values of the three tiers to \$153.00, \$267.44, and \$709.79 per degree

respectively, for injuries, January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2004, with the following exception: if the total unscheduled degrees are more than 64 but less than or equal to 160, then the first 64 degrees are at \$267.44 per degree and the next 96 are at \$153.00 per degree.

For scheduled degrees, the value per degree rose from \$100 for a mid-1979 injury to \$305 for a May 1990 injury. From 1992, it was 71 percent of the SAWW, later amended by Senate Bill 369 of 1995 to \$420 per degree for injuries from January 1996 through December 2000. SB 369 also changed the dollar value for pre-1992 injuries to 71 percent of the SAAW. In 1997, House Bill 2549 further raised the value of a scheduled degree to \$454 for

**Figure 8. All PPD awards, scheduled and unscheduled, 1991 - 2000**

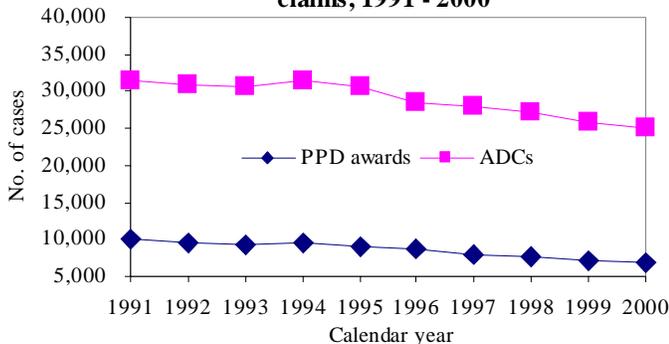


injuries from January 1998 through December 2000. Senate Bill 460 also increased the value of a scheduled degree to \$511.29 for injuries from January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2004.

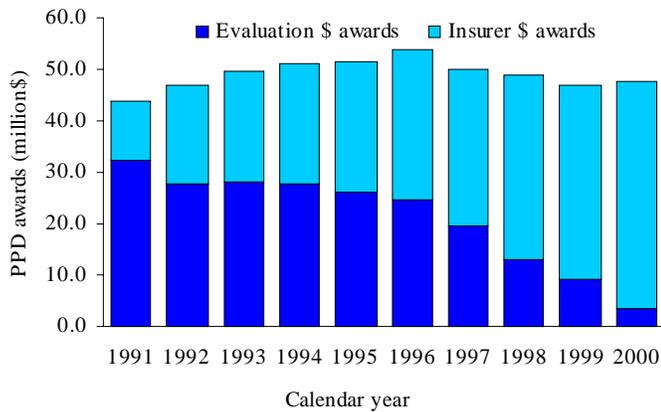
The number of PPD awards has declined, reaching a record low of 6,849 in 2000, 48.8 percent of the 1990 peak of 14,047. The count of accepted disabling claims (ADCs) displayed in the same chart one shows that the trend in PPD awards follows to some extent that in ADCs lagged by one year (Figure 7).

Of the 6,849 PPD awards, 4,467 (65.2 percent) were scheduled awards, and 2,695 (39.3 percent) were unscheduled. (This adds up to more than 100 percent, as some determinations have both scheduled and unscheduled awards.) Before 1986, scheduled awards outnumbered unscheduled awards. This was reversed between 1986 and 1990; again, since 1991, there have been more scheduled awards than unscheduled (Figure 8). The dollar value of awards increased from \$34.7 million in 1985 to a high of \$58.1 million in 1989, and decreased to \$44.1 million in 1991; it then increased steadily to \$51.8 million in 1996 and dropped to \$47.0 million in 1999. It rose slightly to \$47.8 million in 2000. (Table 4C and Figure 9).

**Figure 7. All PPD awards and accepted disabling claims, 1991 - 2000**



**Figure 9. PPD dollar awards, Evaluation Unit and insurers, 1991 - 2000**



### PPD awards by body part

Table 2 gives details of PPD awarded for each body part by Evaluation and insurers combined for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000. The counts are more than those by order (Tables 4A, 4B & 4C) because some orders deal with more than one body part.

For scheduled body parts, the criterion for rating of disability is the permanent loss of use or function (totally or partially) of that particular body part. There will therefore be separate awards for different scheduled body parts in an injury involving multiple body parts, resulting in the count of awards by body part yielding a much bigger number than a count by case. For unscheduled awards, the criterion for rating of disability is quite different. It is the permanent loss of earning capacity due to the injury. In the case of multiple body parts the percent impairments of the different body parts are combined to give one number and then converted to degrees of disability. In recording these awards on the claims system these degrees are almost always associated with the unscheduled body part contributing the largest impairment. Therefore the number of unscheduled awards by body part will be very close to the number of awards by case.

The average degree award per **scheduled** body part dropped steadily (except for a slight increase from 1994 to 1995) from 16.84 degrees in 1985 to 12.57 degrees in 1999. It then rose to 13.17 degrees in 2000. As has been seen every year, the average award by each body part has changed since the prior year, some much more than others. In 2000, there were many increases in the average award of over one degree: lower leg, 11.31; thigh, 9.25; forearm, 5.99; leg, 4.73; arm 3.27; sight, 3.33; hip, 1.75. Only hearing, -6.60 degrees and ankle, -1.37 had decreases in the average award of more than one degree.

The average degree award per **unscheduled** body part at 42.90 was 1.03 degrees more than the 1999 average. In the case of some body parts the average unscheduled award changed considerably from 1999 to 2000. As might be expected, average awards for body parts with fewer awards generally display greater year-to-year volatility. The larger increases in the

average award were: integumentary system, 11.66 degrees; back (multiple), 6.80; and upper/mid back, 5.35. The larger decreases were: brain -33.92; head, -8.32; and hip, -3.34. (Those body parts with less than six awards were excluded from the average ranking.)

The percent distribution of awards by body part remained almost the same from 1999 to 2000 for both scheduled and unscheduled awards, except for slight increases in the frequency of hearing loss and shoulder, and slight decreases for lower back, neck, and wrist.

Just three body parts, lower back (41.1 percent), shoulder (37.0 percent) and neck (12.6 percent) constituted 90.7 percent of the unscheduled parts of the body injured; the lower back continues to be the most frequently injured part. The spread of injuries over scheduled body parts was greater than that for unscheduled parts. The knee (27.5 percent), the arm (10.7 percent), and the wrist (10.3 percent) were the most frequently injured scheduled parts.

### PPD awards by degree intervals

Almost 90 percent of Evaluation Unit scheduled awards and 96 percent of insurer scheduled awards were 48 degrees or less, and 96.2 percent of scheduled awards by Evaluation and 99.2 percent by insurers were 96 degrees or less (Table 3).

In contrast, unscheduled awards were spread over a larger degree range; only 64.5 percent of Evaluation and 67.0 percent of insurer awards were 48 degrees or less. Eighty-nine percent of Evaluation awards and 93 percent of insurer awards were 96 degrees or less.

### All PPD awards by type of insurer

Of the 6,849 PPD awards by Evaluation and insurers in 2000, 2,349 (34.3 percent) were for workers insured by SAIF, 3,139 (45.8 percent) by private insurers, and 1,326 (19.4 percent) by self-insured employers. The mean dollar value, were \$6,853, \$7,205 and \$6,469 respectively. See table 4D.

### Evaluation Unit PPD Activity

In 2000 there were 310 PPD awards by Evaluation, a 77.8 percent decrease from 1999. This was 4.5 percent of all PPD awards, as compared to 19.2 percent in 1999. The rest of the awards were handled by insurers. Insurers are handling a greater proportion of PPD awards each successive year since 1989. (Figure 10). As mandated they are handling all closures (and awards) effective January 1, 2001.

The average degree award by Evaluation has changed very little over the years except in the last two years. For scheduled awards the net average award reached a high of 19.57 degrees in 1987. Then it hovered between 18 and 19 degrees through 1993. It dropped to 17.74 degrees in 1994, rose to 18.84 degrees in 1995 and then dropped steadily to 15.32 degrees (a new low)

in 1999. The Evaluation unit average for scheduled awards increased to 24.9 degrees in 2000. This was due to a few large awards within the small number (183) awards by the unit. (Table 4A and Figure 11). The dollar value of these awards increased from a low of \$9.9 million in 1985 to a high of \$16.2 million in 1991. Thereafter it stayed between \$14.4 million and \$15 million through 1996, except for \$15.2 million in 1995. It dropped to \$7.7 million in 1998 and \$2.0 million in 2000.

For Evaluation unscheduled awards the net average award ranged from a high of 50.97 degrees in 1989 to a low of 43.84 in 1991. It increased to 49.27 degrees in 1993 and decreased progressively to 41.68 in 1999 but increased to 47.33 degrees in 2000. The dollar awards dropped to \$1.3 million in 2000.

## Insurer PPD Activity

Insurer PPD awards have increased rapidly since the first awards were made in 1989 (Table 4B and Figure 10). In 2000 insurers awarded PPD in 6,539 cases, 11.3 percent more than the previous year, and 95.5 percent of all PPD awards, as compared with 80.8 percent in 1999.

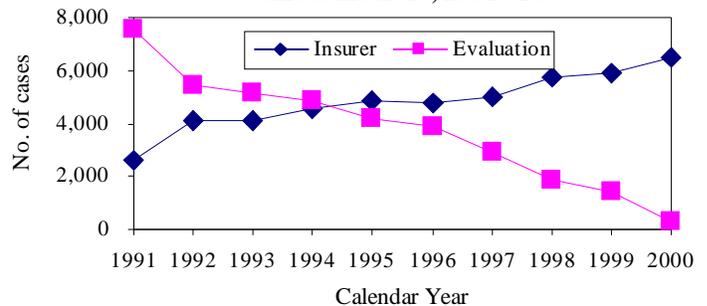
SAIF Corporation was the insurer in 34.3 percent of all 2000 PPD closures, and it issued 35.9 percent of insurer closures with PPD. SAIF closed 99.7 percent of its PPD cases. (Table 5 and Figures 12, 13 and 14.) The other 0.3 percent were closed by Evaluation. Private insurer closures accounted for 44.9 percent of insurer PPD closures, up from 42.9 percent in 1999. They were the insurers in 45.8 percent of all PPD closures. Private insurers did 93.5 percent of their own PPD closures (the other 6.5 percent was by Evaluation), up from 71.8 percent in 1999. Self-insured employer closures accounted for 18.7 percent of insurer PPD closures; they were the insurer in 19.2 percent of all PPD closures, and did 92.8 percent of their own PPD closures.

### PPD awards by insurers

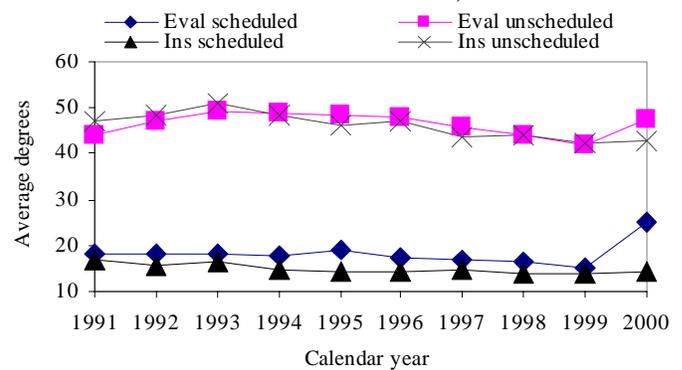
Insurers awarded scheduled PPD in 4,284 cases, 13.2 percent more than in 1999. The dollar value of these awards was \$27.7 million, 21.2 percent more than in 1999. The average scheduled degree award ranged from a high of 16.84 degrees in 1991 to a low of 14.23 degrees in 1995. It went up slightly to 14.56 degrees in 1997, and fell to a new low of 13.92 degrees in 1999. It rose to 14.32 in 2000. (Table 4B and Figure 11.)

Unscheduled PPD awards by insurers, which reached a high of 2,227 in 1995, dropped to 2,050 in 1997 and rose again to a new high of 2,543 in 2000. The dollar value of these awards reached a high of \$16.8 million in 2000. The average unscheduled award rose from nearly 31 degrees in 1989 and 1990 to 50.87 degrees in 1993; it decreased gradually to 42.15 degrees in 1999. It rose to 42.68 degrees in 2000.

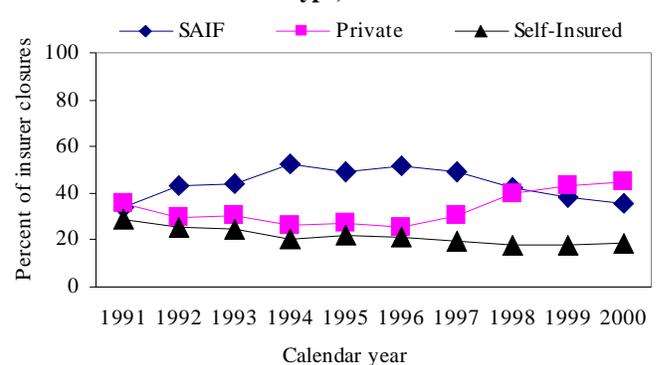
**Figure 10. PPD awards by Evaluation Unit & insurers, 1991 - 2000**



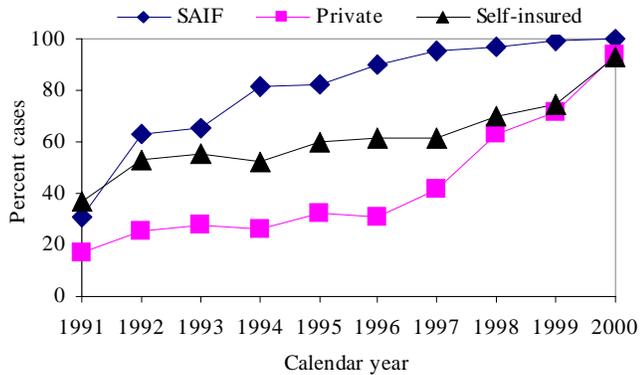
**Figure 11. Average PPD degrees, Evaluation Unit and insurers, 1991 - 2000**



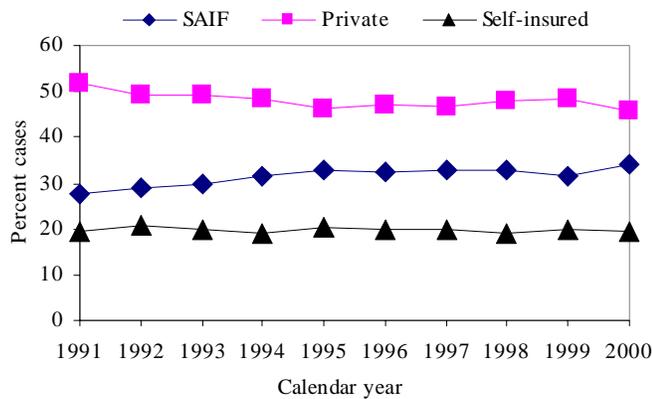
**Figure 12. Insurer PPD closurers, percent closed by insurer type, 1991 - 2000**



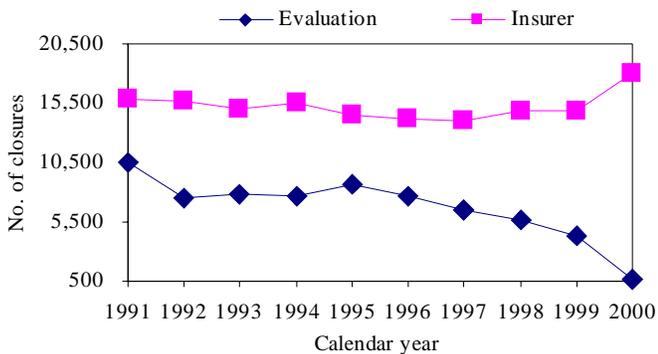
**Figure 13. Insurer PPD closures, percent of own claims closed by insurer type, 1991 - 2000**



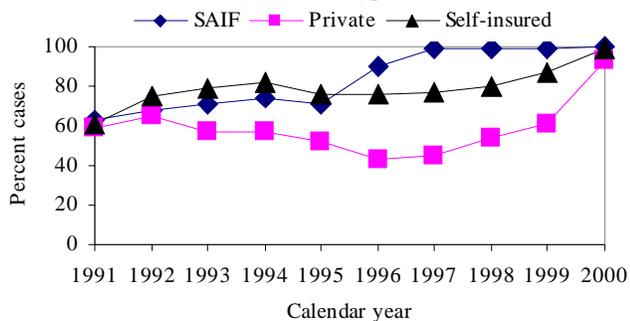
**Figure 14. All PPD closures by insurer type, 1991 - 2000**



**Figure 15. Temporary disability closures, 1991 - 2000**



**Figure 16. Insurer TTD closures, percent of own claims closed by insurer type, 1991 - 2000**



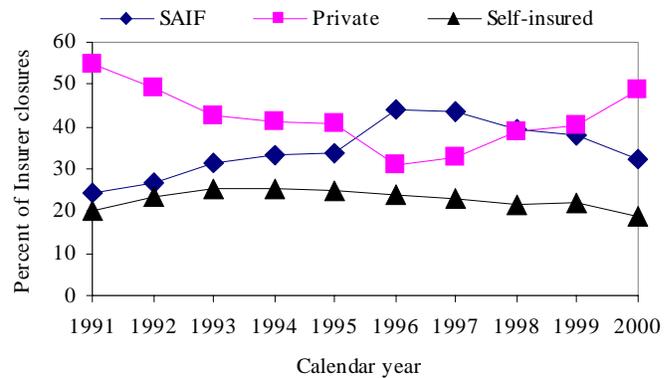
## Temporary Disability

Temporary disability closures by Evaluation peaked at 19,712 in 1988 and thereafter decreased steadily to 7,441 in 1992, remaining almost static through 1994, increasing to 8,714 in 1995, an increase of 14.5 percent over 1994. It dropped steadily to 4,226 in 1999, then to 714 in 2000. Insurer TTD closures that had almost leveled off at over 15,000 prior to 1995, dropped to 14,048 in 1997, before climbing to a new high of 17,944 in 2000. (Table 1 and Figure 15).

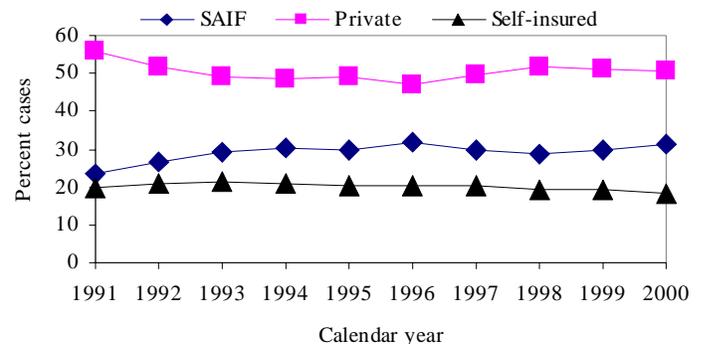
### TTD closures by insurer type

In 2000 SAIF closed 99.9 percent of its claims with TTD only. This was 32.4 percent of all insurer TTD closures; SAIF was the insurer in 31.2 percent of all TTD closures (Table 6 and Figures 16, 17 and 18). Private insurers closed 93.0 percent of their TTD claims, which was 48.8 percent of all insurer TTD closures. Private insurers appeared 50.5 percent of the time in all TTD closures. Self-insured employers closed 98.7 percent of their TTD claims in 2000, which was 18.6 percent of all insurer TTD closures. Self-insured employers were the insurers in 18.1 percent of all TTD closures.

**Figure 17. Insurer TTD closures, percent closed by insurer type, 1991 - 2000**



**Figure 18. All TTD closures by insurer type, 1991 - 2000**

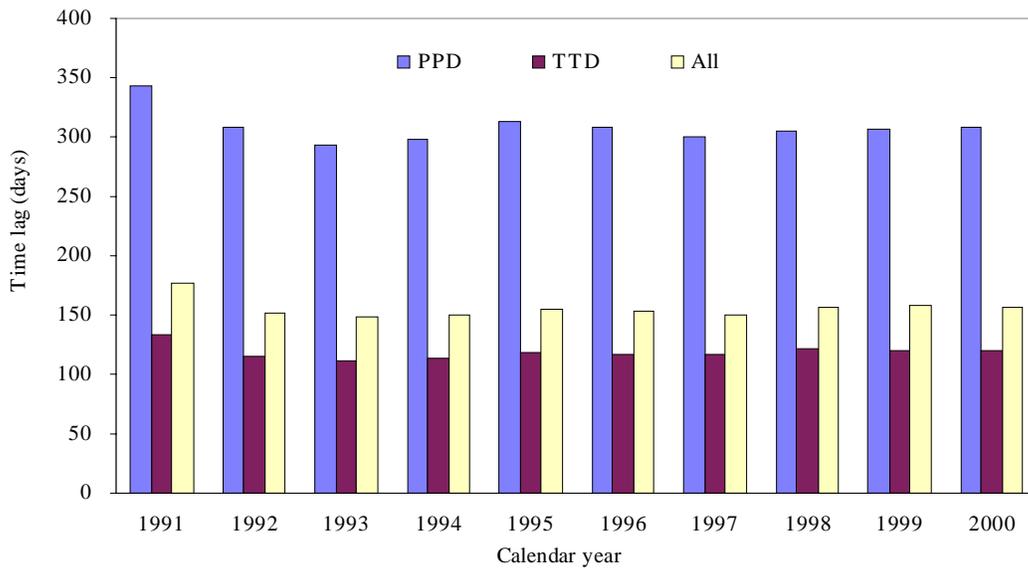


## Time lags

For first closures with only temporary disability awards, the median time lag between injury and first closure date showed very little variation for the period 1986 to 1991, fluctuating between 4.1 and 4.4 months (Figure 19). Thereafter it dropped to a little less than four months in 1992 through 2000. For closures with PPD awards, there was greater variation. The time lag fluctuated between 11.2 months and 11.8 months from 1987

through 1991 and dropped to a little above 10 months in 1992. In 1993 and 1994 it dropped further to just below 10 months, and rose again to a little above 10 months in 1995 and 1996. In 1997 it dropped to just below 10 months, and rose very slightly to 10 months from 1998. Taking all cases together, the time lag peaked at six months in 1990, and dropped to five months in 1992 through 2000.

**Figure 19. Median time lag from injury to first closure for PPD, TTD and all cases, 1991 - 2000**



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# Tables

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**Table 1. Claim determinations by order category, 1991-2000**

Calendar year	Temporary disability orders							Permanent partial disability orders							
	Evaluation			Insurer				Evaluation				Insurer			
	Grant	Amend	Total	Grant	Amend	Rescind	Total	Grant increase	Rescind reduce	Total	Orders with no degrees	Grant increase	Rescind reduce	Total	Orders with no degrees
1991	10,416	19	10,435	14,092	1,587	148	15,827	7,397	156	7,553	60	2,616	32	2,648	8
			27.2%				41.3%			19.7%	0.2%			6.9%	0.0%
1992	7,432	9	7,441	14,229	1,339	163	15,731	5,352	111	5,463	47	4,054	43	4,097	48
			21.6%				45.6%			15.8%	0.1%			11.9%	0.1%
1993	7,750	8	7,758	13,658	1,264	99	15,021	5,023	141	5,164	9	4,055	51	4,106	129
			22.9%				44.4%			15.3%	0.0%			12.1%	0.4%
1994	7,604	5	7,609	13,943	1,415	90	15,448	4,712	111	4,823	36	4,513	76	4,589	155
			22.0%				44.6%			13.9%	0.1%			13.3%	0.4%
1995	8,712	2	8,714	12,913	1,531	104	14,548	4,113	96	4,209	24	4,808	47	4,855	311
			24.4%				40.8%			11.8%	0.1%			13.6%	0.9%
1996	7,604	19	7,623	13,100	1,056	79	14,235	3,777	81	3,858	11	4,755	61	4,816	217
			22.6%				42.1%			11.4%	0.0%			14.3%	0.6%
1997	6,573	0	6,573	13,579	395	74	14,048	2,858	62	2,920	6	4,974	69	5,043	88
			20.8%				44.4%			9.2%	0.0%			15.9%	0.3%
1998	5,606	1	5,607	14,163	540	62	14,765	1,818	34	1,852	4	5,685	64	5,749	129
			18.2%				48.0%			6.0%	0.0%			18.7%	0.4%
1999	4,263	3	4,266	14,327	487	60	14,784	1,356	38	1,394	26	5,809	65	5,874	110
			14.8%				51.2%			4.8%	0.1%			20.3%	0.4%
2000	713	1	714	17,300	581	63	17,944	296	14	310	1	6,468	71	6,539	132
			2.6%				64.9%			1.1%	0.0%			23.7%	0.5%

Calendar year	Permanent total disability			Fatales	Handi-capped worker orders	PPD affirm after voc rehab		Other orders		All evaluation orders	All insurer closures	Total
	Grant	Rescind	Affirm			Eval	Insurer	Eval	Insurer			
1991	21	14	1	61	23	332		1,368		19,868	18,483	38,351
	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.9%		3.6%		51.8%	48.2%	100.0%
1992	17	2	3	55	13	131		1,458		14,630	19,876	34,506
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.4%		4.2%		42.4%	57.6%	100.0%
1993	9	12	4	58	2	70		1,481		14,567	19,256	33,823
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%		4.4%		43.1%	56.9%	100.0%
1994	20	6	6	55	0	75		1,809		14,439	20,192	34,631
	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%		5.2%		41.7%	58.3%	100.0%
1995	15	9	10	39	1	76	20	1,818	1,008	14,915	20,742	35,657
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	5.1%	2.8%	41.8%	58.2%	100.0%
1996	4	4	4	48	0	77	54	1,572	1,261	13,201	20,583	33,784
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	4.7%	3.7%	39.1%	60.9%	100.0%
1997	11	7	1	56	0	67	88	1,084	1,657	10,725	20,924	31,649
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	3.4%	5.2%	33.9%	66.1%	100.0%
1998	9	4	8	43	0	43	88	1,168	1,320	8,738	22,051	30,789
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	3.8%	4.3%	28.4%	71.6%	100.0%
1999	16	7	9	42	0	28	81	925	1,336	6,713	22,185	28,898
	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	3.2%	4.6%	23.2%	76.8%	100.0%
2000	6	6	5	41	0	27	93	302	1,517	1,397	26,240	27,637
	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	1.1%	5.5%	5.1%	94.9%	100.0%

**Table 2. Permanent partial disability awards by body part, 1998 - 2000**

Body part	1998				1999				2000			
	No. of awards	% of awards	Avg degree award	Avg dollar award	No. of awards	% of awards	Avg degree award	Avg dollar award	No. of awards	% of awards	Avg degree award	Avg dollar award
<b>Scheduled body parts</b>												
124 Hearing	65	1.20%	16.24	\$6,329.85	51	0.99%	23.36	\$8,828.50	120	2.40%	16.76	\$6,697.72
130 Sight	63	1.16%	42.85	\$12,648.91	48	0.93%	38.65	\$11,983.72	40	0.80%	41.98	\$16,083.32
311 Arm	606	11.16%	17.96	\$7,396.46	596	11.53%	18.60	\$8,059.28	534	10.68%	21.87	\$9,716.74
315 Forearm	109	2.01%	16.56	\$6,806.42	97	1.88%	14.16	\$6,140.66	100	2.00%	20.15	\$9,028.94
320 Wrist	618	11.39%	10.68	\$4,395.06	597	11.55%	11.31	\$4,958.76	515	10.30%	10.50	\$4,735.91
330 Hand	310	5.71%	22.40	\$9,460.66	321	6.21%	19.01	\$8,414.13	354	7.08%	18.87	\$8,762.31
341 Thumb	356	6.56%	9.52	\$4,125.02	338	6.54%	9.26	\$4,167.30	316	6.32%	10.17	\$4,849.41
342 Index finger	329	6.06%	6.52	\$2,820.66	280	5.41%	6.66	\$3,005.57	293	5.86%	7.03	\$3,347.51
343 Middle finger	244	4.50%	5.58	\$2,434.68	249	4.82%	5.43	\$2,452.30	258	5.16%	5.31	\$2,534.91
344 Ring finger	177	3.26%	2.55	\$1,095.46	144	2.78%	2.83	\$1,276.42	149	2.98%	2.49	\$1,176.82
345 Little finger	206	3.80%	1.72	\$740.04	193	3.73%	1.84	\$829.86	159	3.18%	1.56	\$738.58
441 Hip	28	0.52%	16.77	\$7,239.45	40	0.77%	15.75	\$6,972.26	42	0.84%	17.50	\$7,966.00
451 Shoulder	0	0.00%	N/A	N/A	0	0.00%	N/A	N/A	0	0.0%	N/A	N/A
500 Leg	200	3.68%	28.29	\$11,232.83	173	3.35%	19.69	\$8,340.41	210	4.20%	24.42	\$10,542.28
511 Thigh	16	0.29%	16.41	\$6,485.21	15	0.29%	11.40	\$5,032.80	13	0.26%	20.65	\$9,442.95
513 Knee	1,490	27.45%	12.87	\$5,385.50	1,421	27.48%	12.91	\$5,699.70	1,375	27.49%	12.46	\$5,715.60
515 Lower leg	19	0.35%	27.78	\$10,615.92	16	0.31%	17.97	\$7,906.78	16	0.32%	29.28	\$12,480.42
520 Ankle	341	6.28%	12.68	\$5,232.90	371	7.17%	13.64	\$5,925.91	311	6.22%	12.27	\$5,560.54
530 Foot	153	2.82%	11.82	\$4,804.24	120	2.32%	10.47	\$4,539.76	109	2.18%	11.26	\$5,102.65
541 Great toe	51	0.94%	5.97	\$2,534.63	50	0.97%	5.85	\$2,578.73	50	1.00%	6.43	\$3,037.47
542-545 Other toes	47	0.87%	1.28	\$544.97	51	0.99%	1.49	\$675.07	38	0.76%	1.65	\$775.63
Total sched body parts	5,428	100.00%	12.95	\$5,319.05	5,171	100.00%	12.57	\$5,457.39	5,002	100.00%	13.17	\$5,944.88
<b>Unscheduled body parts</b>												
110 Brain	31	0.98%	76.49	\$11,494.46	24	0.79%	88.53	\$15,391.57	31	1.15%	54.61	\$8,317.13
126 Auditory system	4	0.13%	63.20	\$7,849.52	0	0.00%	N/A	N/A	2	0.07%	51.20	\$6,295.13
132 Visual system	1	0.03%	9.60	\$1,248.00	1	0.03%	9.60	\$1,322.88	0	0.00%	N/A	N/A
198 Head	10	0.32%	40.64	\$4,926.29	5	0.17%	30.72	\$4,051.35	8	0.30%	22.40	\$2,889.36
200 Neck	461	14.63%	42.51	\$5,944.30	423	13.97%	43.24	\$6,393.31	340	12.60%	41.97	\$6,615.07
410 Abdomen	9	0.29%	44.09	\$6,006.54	4	0.13%	52.00	\$7,409.60	5	0.19%	59.52	\$8,594.17
415 Groin	3	0.10%	40.53	\$4,741.08	2	0.07%	48.00	\$6,402.24	2	0.07%	44.80	\$6,265.60
420 Back (multiple)	76	2.41%	46.65	\$6,871.96	50	1.65%	54.53	\$10,946.69	48	1.78%	61.33	\$10,890.31
422 Upper/m back	81	2.57%	26.67	\$3,674.38	61	2.01%	20.51	\$2,895.67	75	2.78%	25.86	\$3,919.58
423 Lower back	1,328	42.16%	46.09	\$6,519.28	1,307	43.16%	46.97	\$6,982.27	1,108	41.07%	47.32	\$7,354.42
430 Chest	1	0.03%	16.00	\$2,080.00	1	0.03%	57.60	\$7,488.00	1	0.04%	9.60	\$1,322.88
440 Hip	22	0.70%	68.65	\$9,822.49	19	0.63%	47.66	\$7,071.36	20	0.74%	44.32	\$6,608.10
445 Pelvis	9	0.29%	73.60	\$11,523.56	10	0.33%	48.00	\$6,116.64	11	0.41%	49.45	\$7,983.07
450 Shoulder	1,058	33.59%	41.04	\$5,880.17	1,063	35.11%	34.80	\$5,017.76	997	36.95%	37.49	\$5,639.22
600 Integumentary sys	6	0.19%	27.73	\$4,122.77	14	0.46%	17.14	\$2,334.81	14	0.52%	28.80	\$4,470.67
801 Circulatory system	0	0.00%	N/A	N/A	0	0.00%	N/A	N/A	0	0.00%	N/A	N/A
802 Heart (only)	1	0.03%	-64.00	(\$7,594.88)	1	0.03%	32.00	\$4,160.00	2	0.07%	83.20	\$13,500.16
803 Hematopoietic	4	0.13%	16.00	\$2,111.20	1	0.03%	16.00	\$2,204.80	5	0.19%	17.92	\$2,595.84
820 Excretory system	7	0.22%	41.60	\$6,270.51	5	0.17%	30.72	\$4,024.97	5	0.19%	106.88	\$30,882.18
840 CNS (spine)	3	0.10%	224.0	\$32,718.93	1	0.03%	48.00	\$6,614.40	2	0.07%	161.60	\$49,096.00
850 Respiratory system	8	0.25%	69.20	\$12,775.86	7	0.23%	51.20	\$9,305.18	5	0.19%	113.28	\$26,966.80
880 Other body systems	15	0.48%	40.75	\$5,503.78	16	0.53%	38.60	\$5,385.16	10	0.37%	36.16	\$5,008.00
881 Psyche condition	7	0.22%	82.29	\$15,595.73	6	0.20%	67.73	\$9,075.14	5	0.19%	108.16	\$24,902.85
900 Other parts/cond	5	0.16%	23.04	\$2,995.20	7	0.23%	32.46	\$4,622.08	2	0.07%	38.40	\$5,129.28
Total unsched body parts	3,150	100.00%	44.02	\$6,267.93	3,028	100.00%	41.87	\$6,218.09	2,698	100.00%	42.90	\$6,698.13

**Table 3. Percent PPD closures by degree intervals, 1996 - 2000**

Degree range	Evaluation closures (percent)										Insurer closures (percent)									
	Scheduled					Unscheduled					Scheduled					Unscheduled				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Negative	1.03	0.89	0.86	1.49	1.09	3.29	3.75	3.56	3.69	7.89	0.57	0.44	0.41	0.48	0.35	2.19	2.73	2.19	2.03	2.36
48 or less	92.78	92.73	93.82	93.18	87.98	58.19	57.61	61.84	62.83	56.58	96.04	95.71	96.06	96.03	95.89	57.63	60.91	62.64	65.02	64.33
>48 - 96	4.73	5.15	3.69	4.34	7.10	27.42	30.15	24.91	24.88	24.34	2.83	3.13	2.64	2.75	2.94	32.13	29.67	27.05	26.36	25.99
>96 - 144	0.99	0.95	1.03	0.50	2.19	8.64	6.20	7.36	7.07	6.58	0.43	0.47	0.63	0.63	0.44	6.58	5.81	6.66	5.58	6.13
>144 - 192	0.34	0.22	0.17	0.12	0.00	1.73	1.84	1.47	1.08	1.97	0.10	0.19	0.16	0.08	0.19	1.17	0.78	1.33	0.84	0.94
>192 - 240	0.09	0.00	0.17	0.12	1.09	0.50	0.15	0.61	0.31	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.03	0.12	0.24	0.10	0.09	0.17	0.16
>240 - 288	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.25	0.00	0.06	0.23	0.12	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
>288 - 320	0.00	0.06	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.08	0.12	0.15	0.66	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.04
>320	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Table 4A . PPD awards at Evaluation, 1991 - 2000**

Calendar year	Disposition	Scheduled PPD			Unscheduled PPD			Sched & unsched PPD	
		No. of cases	Avg change degrees	Total dollar value	No. of cases	Avg change degrees	Total dollar value	No. of cases	Total dollar value
1991	Grant/incr	4,212	18.43	\$16,318,036.50	3,615	46.59	\$16,825,232.00	7,397	\$33,136,548.50
	Decrease	49	(18.46)	(\$147,995.00)	115	(42.43)	(\$486,248.00)	156	(\$627,523.00)
	All	4,261	18.01	\$16,170,041.50	3,730	43.84	\$16,338,984.00	7,553	\$32,509,025.50
1992	Grant/incr	2,970	18.83	\$14,625,788.27	2,699	49.70	\$13,438,784.61	5,351	\$28,063,932.88
	Decrease	46	(16.47)	(\$139,164.07)	83	(39.94)	(\$331,909.85)	112	(\$470,433.92)
	All	3,016	18.29	\$14,486,624.20	2,782	47.03	\$13,106,874.76	5,463	\$27,593,498.96
1993	Grant/incr	2,825	18.87	\$14,948,685.18	2,537	52.58	\$13,801,116.53	5,023	\$28,744,041.71
	Decrease	57	(18.31)	(\$260,778.74)	99	(35.54)	(\$352,371.14)	141	(\$607,389.88)
	All	2,882	18.14	\$14,687,906.44	2,636	49.27	\$13,448,745.39	5,164	\$28,136,651.83
1994	Grant/incr	2,674	18.38	\$14,999,497.06	2,370	51.38	\$13,136,447.06	4,712	\$28,125,877.77
	Decrease	51	(15.98)	(\$215,674.14)	83	(30.44)	(\$259,288.39)	111	(\$464,896.18)
	All	2,725	17.74	\$14,783,822.92	2,453	48.61	\$12,877,158.67	4,823	\$27,660,981.59
1995	Grant/incr	2,439	19.44	\$15,395,183.10	1,925	51.02	\$11,288,556.63	4,113	\$26,666,231.60
	Decrease	39	(18.79)	(\$197,326.12)	68	(27.12)	(\$199,626.79)	96	(\$379,444.78)
	All	2,478	18.84	\$15,197,856.98	1,993	48.35	\$11,088,929.84	4,209	\$26,286,786.82
1996	Grant/incr	2,304	17.78	\$14,467,255.43	1,733	50.58	\$10,590,601.89	3,777	\$25,057,857.32
	Decrease	26	(13.11)	(\$117,070.40)	59	(25.48)	(\$172,006.03)	81	(\$289,076.43)
	All	2,330	17.44	\$14,350,185.03	1,792	48.07	\$10,418,595.86	3,858	\$24,768,780.89
1997	Grant/incr	1,769	17.17	\$11,835,678.72	1,258	48.47	\$8,138,553.73	2,858	\$19,974,232.45
	Decrease	19	(11.37)	(\$76,329.49)	48	(25.07)	(\$156,465.36)	62	(\$232,794.85)
	All	1,788	16.87	\$11,759,349.23	1,306	45.77	\$7,982,088.37	2,920	\$19,741,437.60
1998	Grant/Incr	1,154	16.48	\$7,756,030.70	786	46.41	\$5,369,698.02	1,818	\$13,125,728.72
	Decrease	9	(12.19)	(\$43,187.53)	27	(19.91)	(\$70,423.82)	34	(\$113,611.35)
	All	1,163	16.26	\$7,712,843.17	813	44.21	\$5,299,274.20	1,852	\$13,012,117.37
1999	Grant/incr	790	15.84	\$5,405,712.83	622	45.00	\$4,228,056.70	1,356	\$9,633,769.53
	Decrease	14	(14.07)	(\$81,730.43)	26	(37.54)	(\$164,479.98)	38	(\$246,210.41)
	All	804	15.32	\$5,323,982.40	648	41.68	\$4,063,576.72	1,394	\$9,387,559.12
2000	Grant/Incr	181	25.20	\$1,992,535.12	139	54.22	\$1,351,578.70	296	\$3,344,113.82
	Decrease	2	-4.43	(\$3,818.44)	13	-26.34	(\$67,675.42)	14	(\$71,493.86)
	All	183	24.87	\$1,988,716.68	152	47.33	\$1,283,903.28	310	\$3,272,619.96

Notes: There may sometimes be a slight difference between the sum of the scheduled and unscheduled dollar values for grants and decreases, and the scheduled and unscheduled total dollar value. This is due to the handful of cases with an increase in the scheduled award and a decrease in the unscheduled award or vice versa. The sum of the number of scheduled and unscheduled awards is greater than the total number of cases because some cases have both a scheduled and an unscheduled award. Excludes PPD awarded on rescission of PTDs.

**Table 4B. PPD awards by insurer, 1991 - 2000**

Calendar year	Disposition	Scheduled PPD			Unscheduled PPD			Sched & unsched PPD	
		No. of cases	Avg change degrees	Total dollar value	No. of cases	Avg change degrees	Total dollar value	No. of cases	Total dollar value
1991	Grant/incr	1,356	17.47	\$5,040,398.75	1,382	48.42	\$6,687,584.00	2,616	\$11,727,982.75
	Decrease	17	(33.13)	(\$83,006.75)	17	(58.26)	(\$99,040.00)	32	(\$182,046.75)
	All	1,373	16.84	\$4,957,392.00	1,399	47.13	\$6,588,544.00	2,648	\$11,545,936.00
1992	Grant/incr	2,217	15.97	\$9,408,880.37	2,029	49.89	\$10,160,814.62	4,055	\$19,569,694.99
	Decrease	11	(22.53)	(\$42,425.09)	32	(41.30)	(\$132,580.68)	42	(\$175,005.77)
	All	2,228	15.78	\$9,366,455.28	2,061	48.48	\$10,028,233.94	4,097	\$19,394,689.22
1993	Grant/incr	2,296	16.60	\$10,990,069.97	2,013	52.19	\$10,889,533.21	4,055	\$21,879,603.18
	Decrease	23	(12.79)	(\$77,377.12)	31	(34.84)	(\$108,738.27)	51	(\$186,115.39)
	All	2,319	16.30	\$10,912,692.85	2,044	50.87	\$10,780,794.94	4,106	\$21,693,487.79
1994	Grant/incr	2,625	15.23	\$12,397,662.09	2,093	50.06	\$11,395,027.87	4,513	\$23,792,689.96
	Decrease	38	(12.86)	(\$150,057.85)	43	(37.66)	(\$168,583.08)	76	(\$318,640.93)
	All	2,663	14.83	\$12,247,604.24	2,136	48.29	\$11,226,444.79	4,589	\$23,474,049.03
1995	Grant/incr	2,854	14.30	\$13,598,457.52	2,184	47.74	\$11,863,887.54	4,808	\$25,458,212.75
	Decrease	7	(13.46)	(\$31,351.58)	43	(36.75)	(\$177,236.43)	47	(\$204,455.70)
	All	2,861	14.23	\$13,567,105.94	2,227	46.11	\$11,686,651.11	4,855	\$25,253,757.05
1996	Grant/incr	2,987	14.50	\$15,550,110.00	2,006	49.07	\$11,764,250.67	4,755	\$27,314,360.67
	Decrease	19	(8.19)	(\$53,573.70)	46	(33.46)	(\$180,965.59)	61	(\$234,539.29)
	All	3,006	14.35	\$15,496,536.30	2,052	47.22	\$11,583,285.08	4,816	\$27,079,821.38
1997	Grant/incr	3,179	14.67	\$18,469,630.70	1,993	45.97	\$12,071,517.64	4,974	\$30,541,148.34
	Decrease	17	(6.02)	(\$41,234.11)	57	(34.08)	(\$254,201.96)	69	(\$295,436.07)
	All	3,196	14.56	\$18,428,396.59	2,050	43.74	\$11,817,315.68	5,043	\$30,245,712.27
1998	Grant/incr	3,661	14.11	\$21,319,975.27	2,279	45.77	\$14,742,279.11	5,685	\$36,062,254.38
	Decrease	18	(14.80)	(\$61,006.12)	50	(31.58)	(\$197,564.58)	64	(\$258,570.70)
	All	3,679	13.96	\$21,258,969.15	2,329	44.11	\$14,544,714.53	5,749	\$35,803,683.68
1999	Grant/incr	3,761	14.10	\$23,039,449.26	2,320	43.56	\$14,947,841.65	5,809	\$37,987,290.91
	Decrease	22	(16.39)	(\$143,261.31)	47	(27.17)	(\$183,046.16)	65	(\$326,307.47)
	All	3,783	13.92	\$22,896,187.95	2,367	42.15	\$14,764,795.49	5,874	\$37,660,983.44
2000	Grant/incr	4,265	14.42	\$27,824,095.65	2,485	44.36	\$17,109,173.07	6,468	\$44,933,268.72
	Decrease	19	-8.82	(\$76,539.74)	58	-29.13	(\$321,515.69)	71	(\$398,055.43)
	All	4,284	14.32	\$27,747,555.91	2,543	42.68	\$16,787,657.38	6,539	\$44,535,213.29

Notes: There may sometimes be a slight difference between the sum of the scheduled and unscheduled dollar values for grants and decreases, and the scheduled and unscheduled total dollar value. This is due to the handful of cases with an increase in the scheduled award and a decrease in the unscheduled award or vice versa.

The sum of the number of scheduled and unscheduled awards is greater than the total number of cases because some cases have both a scheduled and an unscheduled award.

Excludes PPD awarded on rescission of PTDs.

**Table 4C. All PPD awards, 1991 - 2000**

Calendar year	Disposition	Evaluation closures		Insurer closures		All closures	
		Scheduled & unscheduled PPD No.of cases	Total dollar value	Scheduled & unscheduled PPD No.of cases	Total dollar value	Scheduled & unscheduled PPD No.of cases	Total dollar value
1991	Grant/incr	7,397	\$33,136,548.50	2,616	\$11,727,982.75	10,013	\$44,864,531.25
	Decrease	156	(\$627,523.00)	32	(\$182,046.75)	188	(\$809,569.75)
	All	7,553	\$32,509,025.50	2,648	\$11,545,936.00	10,201	\$44,054,961.50
1992	Grant/incr	5,351	\$28,063,932.88	4,055	\$19,569,694.99	9,406	\$47,633,627.87
	Decrease	112	(\$470,433.92)	42	(\$175,005.77)	154	(\$645,439.69)
	All	5,463	\$27,593,498.96	4,097	\$19,394,689.22	9,560	\$46,988,188.18
1993	Grant/incr	5,023	\$28,744,041.71	4,055	\$21,879,603.18	9,078	\$50,623,644.89
	Decrease	141	(\$607,389.88)	51	(\$186,115.39)	192	(\$793,505.27)
	All	5,164	\$28,136,651.83	4,106	\$21,693,487.79	9,270	\$49,830,139.62
1994	Grant/incr	4,712	\$28,125,877.77	4,513	\$23,792,689.96	9,225	\$51,918,567.73
	Decrease	111	(\$464,896.18)	76	(\$318,640.93)	187	(\$783,537.11)
	All	4,823	\$27,660,981.59	4,589	\$23,474,049.03	9,412	\$51,135,030.62
1995	Grant/incr	4,113	\$26,666,231.60	4,808	\$25,458,212.75	8,921	\$52,124,444.35
	Decrease	96	(\$379,444.78)	47	(\$204,455.70)	143	(\$583,900.48)
	All	4,209	\$26,286,786.82	4,855	\$25,253,757.05	9,064	\$51,540,543.87
1996	Grant/incr	3,777	\$25,057,857.32	4,755	\$27,314,360.67	8,532	\$52,372,217.99
	Decrease	81	(\$289,076.43)	61	(\$234,539.29)	142	(\$523,615.72)
	All	3,858	\$24,768,780.89	4,816	\$27,079,821.38	8,674	\$51,848,602.27
1997	Grant/incr	2,858	\$19,974,232.45	4,974	\$30,541,148.34	7,832	\$50,515,380.79
	Decrease	62	(\$232,794.85)	69	(\$295,436.07)	131	(\$528,230.92)
	All	2,920	\$19,741,437.60	5,043	\$30,245,712.27	7,963	\$49,987,149.87
1998	Grant/incr	1,818	\$13,125,728.72	5,685	\$36,062,254.38	7,503	\$49,187,983.10
	Decrease	34	(\$113,611.35)	64	(\$258,570.70)	98	(\$372,182.05)
	All	1,852	\$13,012,117.37	5,749	\$35,803,638.68	7,601	\$48,815,801.05
1999	Grant/incr	1,356	\$9,633,769.53	5,809	\$37,987,290.91	7,165	\$47,621,060.44
	Decrease	38	(\$246,210.41)	65	(\$326,307.47)	103	(\$572,517.88)
	All	1,394	\$9,387,559.12	5,874	\$37,660,983.44	7,268	\$47,048,542.56
2000	Grant/Incr	296	\$3,344,113.82	6,468	\$44,933,268.72	6,764	\$48,277,382.54
	Decrease	14	(\$71,493.86)	71	(\$398,055.43)	85	(\$469,549.29)
	All	310	\$3,272,619.96	6,539	\$44,535,213.29	6,849	\$47,807,833.25

Note: There may sometimes be a slight difference between the sum of the scheduled and unscheduled dollar values for grants and decreases, and the scheduled and unscheduled total dollar value. This is due to the handful of cases with an increase in the scheduled award and a decrease in the unscheduled award or vice versa.

**Table 4D. PPD awards by insurer type for all closures, 1997 - 2000**

Calendar Year	Insurer Type	Scheduled PPD				Unscheduled PPD				Scheduled & Unscheduled PPD		
		Number of Cases	Net Average Change Degrees	Total Dollar Value	Net Average Dollar Value	Number of Cases	Net Average Change Degrees	Total Dollar Value	Net Average Dollar Value	Number of Cases	Total Dollar Value	Net Average Dollar Value
1997	SAIF	1,682	15.10	\$10,119,792	\$6,017	1,020	42.55	\$5,769,594	\$5,656	2,602	\$15,889,386	\$6,107
	Private	2,334	16.17	\$14,773,405	\$6,330	1,602	47.26	\$10,143,905	\$6,332	3,730	\$24,917,310	\$6,680
	Self-insured	932	13.88	\$5,043,359	\$5,411	714	41.38	\$3,781,591	\$5,296	1,578	\$8,824,950	\$5,592
	Non-complying	36	17.55	\$251,189	\$6,977	20	38.72	\$104,314	\$5,216	53	\$355,503	\$6,708
	<b>ALL</b>	<b>4,984</b>	<b>15.39</b>	<b>\$30,187,745</b>	<b>\$6,057</b>	<b>3,356</b>	<b>44.53</b>	<b>\$19,799,404</b>	<b>\$5,900</b>	<b>7,963</b>	<b>\$49,987,149</b>	<b>\$6,277</b>
1998	SAIF	1,592	14.29	\$9,436,012	\$5,927	1,005	41.28	\$5,923,637	\$5,894	2,482	\$15,359,649	\$6,188
	Private	2,326	14.73	\$14,042,590	\$6,037	1,523	47.09	\$10,270,421	\$6,744	3,641	\$24,313,011	\$6,678
	Self-insured	895	14.28	\$5,285,650	\$5,906	603	41.29	\$3,580,475	\$5,938	1,439	\$8,866,125	\$6,161
	Non-complying	29	17.19	\$207,561	\$7,157	11	50.62	\$69,455	\$6,314	39	\$277,016	\$7,103
	<b>ALL</b>	<b>4,842</b>	<b>14.52</b>	<b>\$28,971,812</b>	<b>\$5,983</b>	<b>3,142</b>	<b>44.13</b>	<b>\$19,843,989</b>	<b>\$6,316</b>	<b>7,601</b>	<b>\$48,815,801</b>	<b>\$6,422</b>
1999	SAIF	1,490	14.30	\$9,265,132	\$6,218	902	41.13	\$5,639,152	\$6,252	2,282	\$14,904,284	\$6,531
	Private	2,205	14.18	\$13,577,893	\$6,158	1,473	43.08	\$9,394,271	\$6,378	3,510	\$22,972,163	\$6,545
	Self-insured	866	13.81	\$5,180,114	\$5,982	632	40.87	\$3,740,998	\$5,919	1,442	\$8,921,111	\$6,187
	Non-complying	26	17.39	\$197,032	\$7,578	8	50.00	\$53,952	\$6,744	34	\$250,983	\$7,382
	<b>ALL</b>	<b>4,587</b>	<b>14.17</b>	<b>\$28,220,170</b>	<b>\$6,152</b>	<b>3,015</b>	<b>42.05</b>	<b>\$18,828,372</b>	<b>\$6,245</b>	<b>7,268</b>	<b>\$47,048,543</b>	<b>\$6,473</b>
2000	SAIF	1,605	14.17	\$10,322,379	\$6,431	864	42.70	\$5,775,970	\$6,685	2,349	\$16,098,350	\$6,853
	Private	1,983	15.18	\$13,626,058	\$6,871	1,297	44.34	\$8,994,038	\$6,934	3,139	\$22,620,096	\$7,206
	Self-insured	852	14.48	\$5,465,599	\$6,415	524	39.31	\$3,148,654	\$6,009	1,326	\$8,614,254	\$6,496
	Non-complying	27	26.99	\$322,236	\$11,935	10	73.92	\$152,898	\$15,290	35	\$475,133	\$13,575
	<b>ALL</b>	<b>4,467</b>	<b>14.75</b>	<b>\$29,736,273</b>	<b>\$6,657</b>	<b>2,695</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>\$18,071,561</b>	<b>\$6,706</b>	<b>6,849</b>	<b>\$47,807,833</b>	<b>\$6,980</b>

**Table 5. Percent permanent partial disability insurer closures by insurer type, 1991 - 2000**

Insurer type	CY 1991			CY 1992			CY 1993			CY 1994			CY 1995		
	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all PPD	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all PPD	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all PPD	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all PPD	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all PPD
SAIF	30.8	33.9	27.7	63.0	42.8	28.9	65.5	43.8	29.9	81.8	52.3	31.4	82.6	49.5	32.8
Private	17.2	35.3	51.8	25.7	29.9	49.3	27.8	30.7	49.3	26.3	26.0	48.5	32.5	27.5	46.3
Non-complying	54.5	2.1	1.0	53.5	1.5	1.2	55.0	1.2	1.0	59.8	1.2	1.0	59.7	0.8	0.8
Self-insured	37.3	28.8	19.5	53.1	25.8	20.6	55.1	24.4	19.8	52.7	20.6	19.1	60.4	22.2	20.1

Insurer type	CY 1996			CY 1997			CY 1998			CY1999			CY2000		
	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all PPD	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all PPD	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all PPD	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of Insurer closures	Insurer in all PPD	Percent of PPD orders	Percent of Insurer closures	Insurer in all PPD
SAIF	90.2	51.8	32.1	95.8	49.5	32.7	97.2	42.0	32.7	98.9	38.3	31.4	99.7	35.9	34.3
Private	30.4	25.5	47.5	41.1	30.3	46.8	62.8	39.8	47.9	71.8	42.9	48.4	93.5	44.9	45.9
Non-complying	92.7	1.2	0.8	94.3	1.0	0.7	100.0	0.7	0.5	97.1	0.6	0.5	97.1	0.5	0.5
Self-insured	61.5	21.5	19.6	61.1	19.1	19.8	70.0	17.5	18.9	74.4	18.2	19.8	92.8	18.7	19.2

**Table 6. Percent temporary total disability insurer closures by insurer type, 1991-2000**

Insurer type	CY 1991			CY 1992			CY 1993			CY 1994			CY 1995		
	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD
SAIF	62.6	24.4	23.5	68.4	26.6	26.4	70.7	31.2	29.1	73.5	33.2	30.3	70.7	33.7	29.8
Private	59.0	54.8	56.0	64.7	49.4	51.8	57.5	42.9	49.2	56.8	41.1	48.5	51.9	40.9	49.3
Non-complying	62.1	0.6	0.5	61.6	0.6	0.7	66.1	0.5	0.5	59.4	0.6	0.6	60.5	0.4	0.4
Self-insured	61.1	20.3	20.0	75.5	23.4	21.0	79.0	25.4	21.2	81.5	25.1	20.6	76.4	25.0	20.5

Insurer type	CY 1996			CY 1997			CY 1998			CY 1999			CY 2000		
	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD	Percent of TTD orders	Percent of insurer closures	Percent insurer in all TTD
SAIF	90.5	44.1	31.8	99.5	43.8	29.9	99.2	39.3	28.6	99.4	37.8	29.5	99.9	32.4	31.2
Private	43.0	31.1	47.2	45.0	32.7	49.5	54.4	38.8	51.6	61.1	40.1	50.9	93.0	48.8	50.5
Non-complying	87.1	0.8	0.6	98.4	0.4	0.3	100.0	0.4	0.3	100.0	0.3	0.3	100.0	0.3	0.3
Self-insured	76.2	24.0	20.5	77.0	23.0	20.3	79.9	21.5	19.5	87.4	21.8	19.3	98.7	18.6	18.1

Notes: Column 1 under each year gives PPD/TTD closures by each insurer type as a percent of all PPD/TTD closures (i.e. Evaluation and insurer closures) involving that insurer type.

Column 2 gives each insurer type closures as a percent of PPD/TTD closures by all insurers.

Column 3 gives the percent of each insurer type involvement in all PPD/TTD determinations (which includes all insurer and Evaluation PPD/TTD closures).



# Oregon Workers' Compensation Benefits

Research & Analysis Section

Department of Consumer & Business Services

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Type of benefit	Fiscal year beginning July 1			2000
	1998	1999	1999	
Examples of major benefit levels effective in year indicated.				
<b>PTD</b> Permanent total disability (ORS 656.206) subject to social security offset (ORS 656.209 & 656.727) Percent of wages	66 2/3%	66 2/3%	  <b>NOTE</b>  <b>New \$ values of PPD degrees are effective 1/1/2000 thru 12/31/2004</b>  	66 2/3%
To a maximum of 100% AWW	\$576.64/week	\$601.21/week		\$628.64/week
+ for beneficiaries (up to five)	\$5.00 ea/week	\$5.00 ea/week <sup>•</sup>		NA
Total maximum	\$601.64/week	\$626.21/week <sup>•</sup>		NA
Minimum, lesser of	\$50/week or 90% wages	\$50/week or 90% wages		\$50/week or 90% wages
<b>DEATH</b> Survivors of fatality (ORS 656.204) or death during PTD (ORS 656.208) Spouse	\$1,672.34/month (4.35 x 66 2/3% AWW)	\$1,743.60/month (4.35 x 66 2/3% AWW)	<b>NOTE</b>  <b>New \$ values of PPD degrees are effective 1/1/2000 thru 12/31/2004</b>  	\$1,823.15/month (4.35 x 66 2/3% AWW)
Children: If surviving spouse: each child	\$250.84/month (4.35 x 10% AWW)	\$261.53/month (4.35 x 10% AWW)		\$273.46/month (4.35 x 10% AWW)
If no surviving spouse: each child	\$627.10/month (4.35 x 25% AWW)	\$653.82/month (4.35 x 25% AWW)		\$683.65/month (4.35 x 25% AWW)
Maximum total benefits	\$3,344.43/month (4.35 x 133 1/3% AWW)	\$3,486.93/month (4.35 x 133 1/3% AWW)		\$3,646.02/month (4.35 x 133 1/3% AWW)
Burial allowance	\$5,766.40 (10 x AWW)	\$6,012.10 (10 x AWW)		\$6,286.40 (10 x AWW)
Spouse's remarriage allowance	24 x monthly benefit (in lump sum)	24 x monthly benefit (in lump sum)  Effective October 23, 1999 36 x monthly benefit (in lump sum)		36x monthly benefit (in lump sum)
<b>TTD</b> Temporary total disability (ORS 656.210) Percent of wages	66 2/3%	66 2/3%	66 2/3%	
To maximum of 100% AWW	\$576.64/week	\$601.21/week	\$628.64/week	
Minimum, lesser of	\$50/week or 90% wages	\$50/week or 90% wages	\$50/week or 90% wages	
<b>PPD</b> Permanent partial disability (ORS 656.214) dollars per degree	Unscheduled: 3-tier rate* Scheduled: \$454.00	<b>(July thru Dec '99)</b> Unscheduled: 3-tier rate* Scheduled: \$454.00	<b>(Jan thru June 2000)</b> Unscheduled: 3-tier rate* Scheduled: \$511.29	Unscheduled: 3-tier rate* Scheduled: \$511.29
Max scheduled losses (examples) Arm above elbow: 192° Leg above knee: 150° Hearing one ear: 60°	\$87,168.00 \$68,100.00 \$27,240.00	\$87,168.00 \$68,100.00 \$27,240.00	\$98,167.68 \$76,693.50 \$30,677.40	\$98,167.68 \$76,693.50 \$30,677.40
Maximum unscheduled: 320°	\$138,224.00	\$138,224.00	\$149,032.64	\$149,032.64
Average weekly wage (AWW)	\$576.64	\$601.21	\$601.21	\$628.64

PTD maximum and survivors' benefits are based on average weekly wage (AWW) of injury year; TTD maximum applies to benefits paid during a fiscal year providing an escalator factor.

\*The value of unscheduled degrees is applied in three successive tiers (each additive). From 1/1/96 thru 12/31/97, the first 64 unscheduled degrees are at \$130 per degree; the next 96 degrees are at \$230 per degree; above 160 degrees the value is \$625 per degree. From 1/1/98 thru 12/31/99, the first 64 unscheduled degrees are at \$137.80 per degree; the next 96 degrees are at \$243.80 per degree; above 160 degrees the value is \$662.50 per degree. From 1/1/2000 thru 12/31/2004, the first 64 unscheduled degrees are at \$153.00 per degree; the next 96 degrees are at \$267.44 per degree; above 160 degrees the value is \$709.79 per degree; (exception: if the total unscheduled degrees are more than 64 but less than or equal to 160, then the first 64 degrees are at \$267.44 per degree and the next 96 are at \$153.00 per degree).

• For injuries on or after October 23, 1999, the \$5.00/week benefit for each additional beneficiary of a permanently totally disabled worker has been eliminated. 440-1145(06/00/IMD)