

# 1992 Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking

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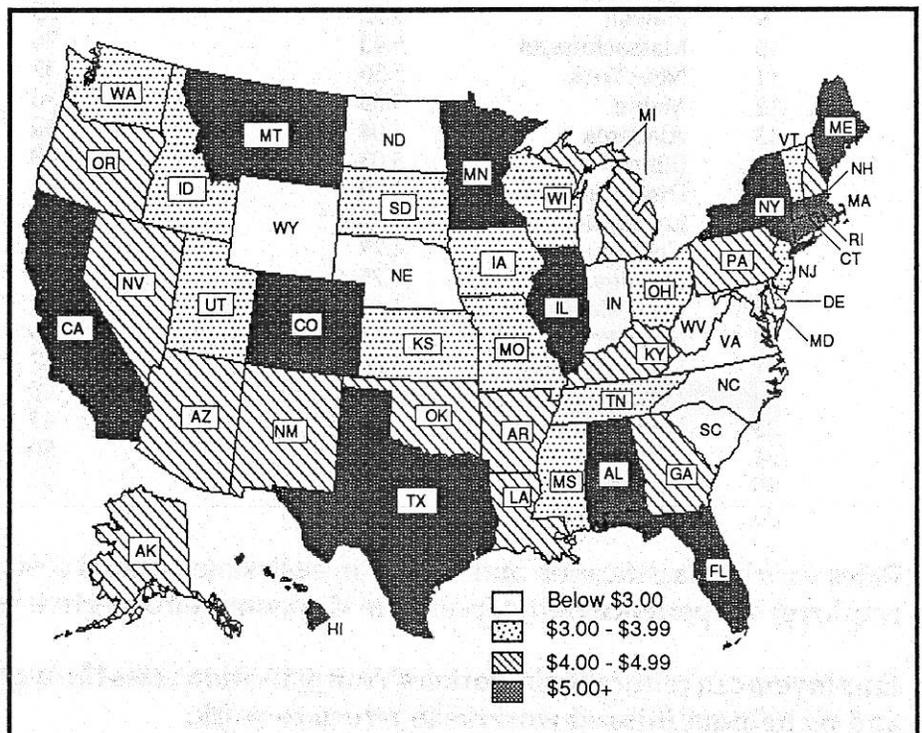
Oregon employers pay, on average, the 22nd highest workers' compensation insurance premium rates in the nation. This represents a significant drop from Oregon's 1990 position of 8th.

Oregon's premium rate index is \$4.41 per \$100 of payroll. National premium rate indices range from a low of \$1.97 in North Dakota to a high of \$6.60 in Colorado. Fourteen jurisdictions have premium rates above \$5.00; another fourteen are in the \$4.00 - \$4.99 range; fourteen more are in the \$3.00 - \$3.99 range; and nine are under \$3.00. Indices are based on data from 51 jurisdictions for rates in effect as of February 1, 1992.

Classification codes from the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) were used in this study. Of the 523 active classifications in Oregon, 50 were selected based on relative importance as measured by percent of losses. To control for differences in industry distributions, each state's rates were weighted by Oregon 1986-1988 payroll in the selected classifications. Listed below are Oregon's rankings in the top ten of the fifty payroll classifications used:

FIGURE 1  
1992 Workers' Compensation Premium Rates

OCCUPATIONS	RANKING
Clerical Office Employees	9
College or School Professionals	29
Salespeople/Collectors-Outside	24
Restaurants	4
Hospital Professionals	33
Retail Stores	10
Trucking	20
Logging or Lumbering	40
Saw Mills	37
Meat/Grocery Combined- Retail	17



A table on the back contains the premium rate ranking for all 51 jurisdictions.

**Table 1**  
Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking

<u>1992 Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Index Rate</u>	<u>1992 Rank</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Index Rate</u>
1	Colorado	6.60	27	Kentucky	4.04
2	Texas	6.51	28	Arkansas	4.04
3	Montana	6.34	29	Idaho	3.90
4	Florida	6.22	30	Ohio	3.83
5	Connecticut	6.21	31	Missouri	3.63
6	Rhode Island	6.19	32	Washington	3.54
7	Minnesota	6.18	33	South Dakota	3.42
8	California	5.96	34	Mississippi	3.41
9	Hawaii	5.52	35	Iowa	3.37
10	Massachusetts	5.40	36	Delaware	3.35
11	New York	5.36	37	Tennessee	3.33
12	Maine	5.05	38	New Jersey	3.13
13	Alabama	5.04	39	Vermont	3.11
14	Illinois	5.03	40	Kansas	3.10
15	District of Columbia	4.99	41	Wisconsin	3.02
16	Louisiana	4.96	42	Utah	3.00
17	Georgia	4.77	43	West Virginia	2.99
18	Michigan	4.75	44	Nebraska	2.92
19	New Mexico	4.63	45	Maryland	2.86
20	Nevada	4.61	46	South Carolina	2.71
21	Pennsylvania	4.60	47	North Carolina	2.56
22	<b>OREGON</b>	<b>4.41</b>	48	Indiana	2.29
23	New Hampshire	4.40	49	Virginia	2.28
24	Alaska	4.35	50	Wyoming	2.12
25	Arizona	4.34	51	North Dakota	1.97
26	Oklahoma	4.11			

Rates vary by classification and insurer in each state. Actual cost to an employer can be adjusted by the employer's experience rating, premium discount, retrospective rating, and dividends.

Employers can reduce their workers' compensation rates through accident prevention, safety training, and by helping injured workers to return to work.

Detailed Ranking Report available from the DIF  
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