



Department of Consumer
and Business Services

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To: Sally Coen, Administrator

From: Summer Tucker, Policy Analyst

Subject: Average wage information

In response to questions on some cost estimates provided on SB 418, you asked for information about average injured worker wages reported to the division compared to the state average weekly wage.

Year	Average injured worker wage	State Average Weekly Wage (as of July 1)
2021 (prelim)	\$916.52	\$1,247.13
2020 (prelim)	\$867.76	\$1,093.41
2019	\$806.51	\$1,044.40
2018	\$781.16	\$1,007.05
2017	\$760.04	\$963.01
2016	\$727.05	\$974.20
2015	\$711.62	\$922.39

*Source: Department of Consumer and Business Services
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A few notes about the data:

- The average (mean) injured worker wage is from claim reports to the Workers' Compensation Division on Form 1502. The data provided is for accepted disabling claims only, the wage data does not include denied claims.
- The average worker wage for each year is based on the accepted disabling claims reported to the division for that calendar year. The wages for 2020 and 2021 are preliminary, as they have not yet gone through a final review and been published.
- The state average weekly wage is that in effect July 1st of that calendar year. As defined in ORS 656.211, the state average weekly wage is: "...the average weekly wage of workers in covered employment in Oregon, as determined by the Employment Department, for the last quarter of the calendar year preceding the fiscal year in which compensation is paid and as computed by the Employment Department as of May 15 of each year."