



First Glance at Accepted Disabling Claims, 2006

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The Oregon Workers' Compensation Division (WCD) received 23,373 accepted disabling workers' compensation claims during calendar year 2006. Accepted disabling claims are those that are accepted by insurers and received by WCD for disabling occupational injuries or diseases that entitle workers to compensation for disability or death. This is the fourth-lowest number of accepted disabling claims received since 1966, when legislative reforms made workers' compensation insurance mandatory for most employers and standardized data collection began. The statewide disabling claims rate maintained at 1.3 claims per 100 workers, making it the lowest claims rate ever recorded in Oregon for a second year (see table, below).

Employment, accepted disabling claims and claims rates, Oregon, 1992-2006

Year	Employment ¹	Disabling claims		Fatalities	
		Number	Rate ²	Number	Rate ³
1992	1,280,500	30,786	2.4	63	4.9
1993	1,317,100	30,741	2.3	64	4.9
1994	1,378,800	31,530	2.3	55	4.0
1995	1,431,600	30,564	2.1	48	3.4
1996	1,487,300	28,389	1.9	54	3.6
1997	1,547,800	27,922	1.8	43	2.8
1998	1,576,100	27,049	1.7	52	3.3
1999	1,602,700	25,802	1.6	47	2.9
2000	1,627,600	25,365	1.6	45	2.8
2001 ⁴	1,616,400	24,645	1.5	34	2.1
2002 ⁴	1,596,100	23,482	1.5	52	3.3
2003 ⁴	1,585,800	21,832	1.4	41	2.6
2004	1,630,500	22,325	1.4	46	2.8
2005	1,682,000	22,114	1.3	31	1.8
2006 ⁵	1,736,295	23,373	1.3	37	2.1

Notes:

¹ 1992-2005 Employment figures are estimated workers' compensation covered employment developed primarily from data supplied by the Oregon Employment Division. Figures represent annual average employment.

² Claims rates are the number of claims per 100 workers.

³ Fatality rates are the number of fatality claims per 100,000 workers.

⁴ 2001-2003 figures have been updated since the SICs/NAICS conversion.

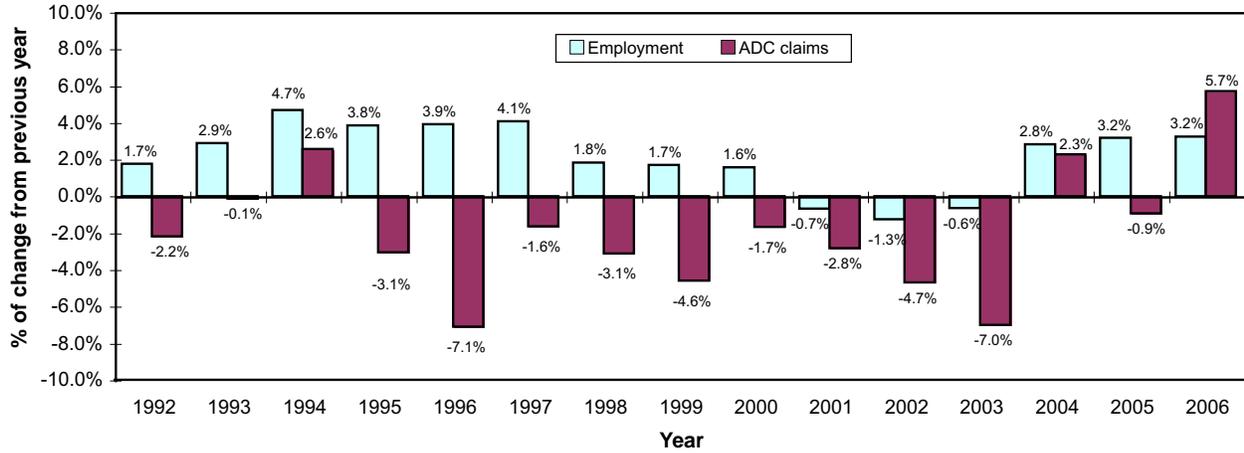
⁵ 2006 employment, claims rate, and fatality rate estimates are preliminary. The covered employment estimate is based on data from the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis forecast of nonagriculture wage and salary employment.

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In 2006, WCD received notification of 37 claims that were accepted for fatality benefits. The fatality rate increased to 2.1 claims per 100,000 workers, up 15 percent from 1.8 fatal claims per 100,000 workers in 2005.

For the third year in a row, the number of workers covered by Oregon's workers' compensation law grew. The 2006 figure is projected to be the highest covered employment estimate on record for the state.

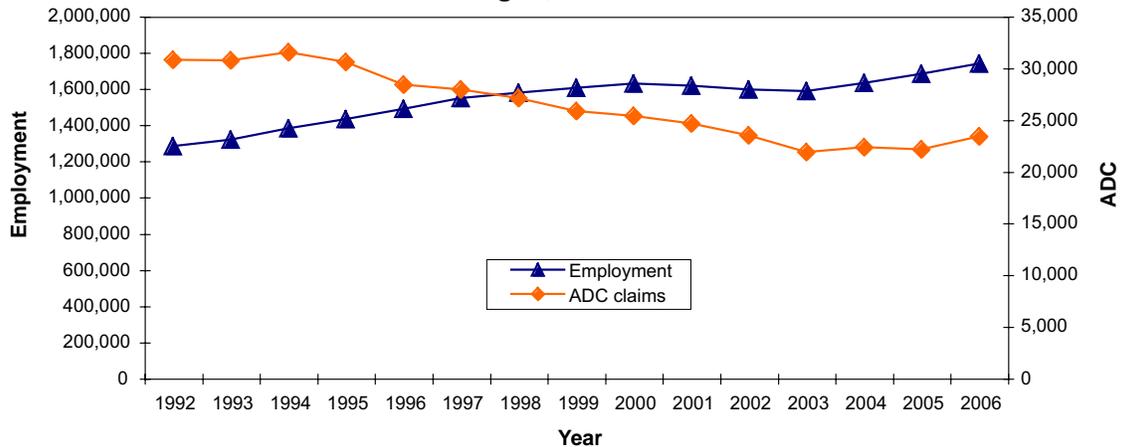
Figure 1. Percentage change of employment and accepted disabling claims, Oregon, 1992-2006



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After a year of decreased claims, the 2006 count rose as the pool of workers covered by workers' compensation continued to expand. Accepted disabling claims increased 5.7 percent from 2005; at the same time the number of subject workers grew 3.2 percent (see Figure 1).

Figure 2. Employment & ADC Trends Oregon, 1992-2006



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For a comprehensive and chronological history of Oregon's workers' compensation system and legislative reforms, see the [Biennial Report on the Oregon Workers' Compensation System](#). Reports on [claim characteristic statistics](#) can be found on the Information Management Division's Web site.

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