

1990 Workers' Compensation State Ranking

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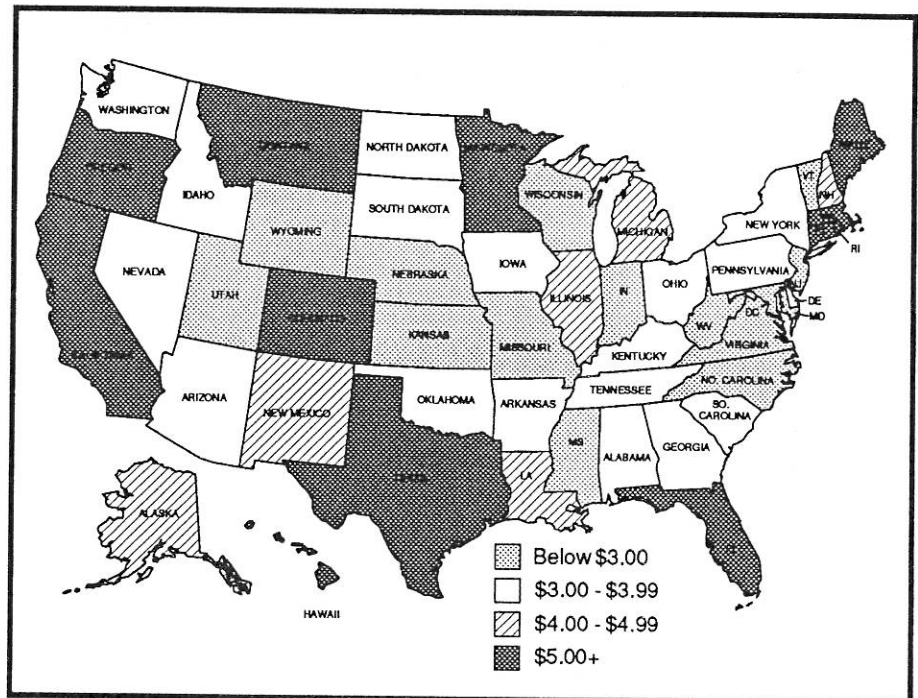
Oregon employers pay, on average, the 8th highest workers' compensation insurance premium rates in the nation. This represents no change from Oregon's position as found in a similar 1988 study.

Oregon's premium rate index is \$5.65 per \$100 of payroll. National premium rate indices range from a low of \$1.53 in North Carolina to a high of \$6.72 in Minnesota. Thirteen jurisdictions have premium rates above \$5.00; six are in the \$4.00 - \$4.99 range; 18 are in the \$3.00 - \$3.99 range; and 14 are under \$3.00 (see Figure 1 below). Indices are based on data from 51 jurisdictions for rates in effect during 1990.

Classification codes from the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) were used in this study. Of the 517 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 payroll in the selected classifications. Listed below is Oregon's ranking in the top ten of the fifty payroll classifications used:

FIGURE 1
1990 Workers' Compensation Premium Rates

<u>Occupations</u>	<u>Ranking</u>
Clerical Office Employees	6
College or School Professionals	13
Salespeople/Collectors-Outside	11
Restaurants	2
Hospital Professionals	13
Truckers	4
Retail Stores	3
Logging or Lumbering	16
Meat/Combined Grocery-Retail	14
Saw Mills	27



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

Table 1
Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking

1990 Rank	State	Index Rate	1990 Rank	State	Index Rate
1	Minnesota	6.72	27	Georgia	3.57
2	Texas	6.46	28	Oklahoma	3.55
3	Montana	6.43	29	Arkansas	3.48
4	Florida	6.39	30	New York	3.46
5	Colorado	5.94	31	Alabama	3.41
6	Hawaii	5.87	32	Tennessee	3.34
7	Rhode Island	5.77	33	Delaware	3.26
8	OREGON	5.65	34	Kentucky	3.24
9	California	5.61	35	South Carolina	3.22
10	Connecticut	5.50	36	Iowa	3.06
11	District of Columbia	5.46	37	South Dakota	3.06
12	Maine	5.45	38	Wisconsin	2.99
13	Massachusetts	5.14	39	Mississippi	2.94
14	New Mexico	4.82	40	Vermont	2.88
15	Alaska	4.78	41	Missouri	2.65
16	Louisiana	4.50	42	Maryland	2.61
17	Illinois	4.30	43	New Jersey	2.48
18	New Hampshire	4.18	44	Wyoming	2.47
19	Michigan	4.00	45	Kansas	2.43
20	Pennsylvania	3.98	46	Utah	2.34
21	North Dakota	3.94	47	Nebraska	2.31
22	Arizona	3.93	48	West Virginia	2.30
23	Washington	3.92	49	Virginia	2.19
24	Nevada	3.88	50	Indiana	2.03
25	Ohio	3.81	51	North Carolina	1.53
26	Idaho	3.80			

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.

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