

Workers' Comp – state fund operational – data source where applicable, Your Premium Dollars at Work (YPDW) FY 2023

Update Schedule

Employers insured	203,000 (YPDW)	Annual – Oct
Premiums assessed ¹	\$2.15 billion	Annual – Oct
Workers covered	2.78 million	Annual – Oct
Benefits Incurred ¹	\$2.23 billion (YPDW)	Annual – Oct
Benefits Paid for fiscal year 2023	\$2.60 billion - All Funds \$1.63 billion - Excluding SPF, self-insurance, and DOE	Annual – Kim Hurley
Claims received as of Dec 2023	101,106 FY2023	Annual – Dec
of claims received, # accepted as of Dec 2023	83,873 (83% of claims received) FY2023	Annual – Dec
of claims received, # denied as of Dec 2023	16,989 (17% of claims received) FY2023	Annual – Dec
of claims received, # new time-loss as of Dec 2023	16,248 (19% of accepted claims) FY2023 note: additional claims will incur time-loss in the future	Annual – Dec
of claims received, # medical only as of Dec 2023	59,912 (71% of accepted claims) FY2023 note: the rest of accepted claims are compensable but have not received a time-loss payment	Annual – Dec
Median days of time-loss paid as of Dec 2023	36 (FAY 2023 claims as of 12/31/23) – excludes KOS	Annual – Dec

¹Includes only Accident, Medical Aid and Stay at Work.

Financial (based on Statutory Financial Information as of June 30, 2024)

Total assets	\$22.4 billion	Qtrly – Kim Hurley
Total liabilities	\$16.9 billion	Qtrly – Kim Hurley
Contingency reserve (% liabilities)	\$5,490 million (32.47%)	Qtrly – Kim Hurley
Annual CY rate change (based on hours worked not payroll)	2023 rate change 4.8% (hrly), -0.3% (payroll) 2022 rate change 3.1% (hrly), 1.1% (payroll)	Annual – Dec
Average rate per hour for CY 2023 (w/SPF)	\$0.684 per hour before retro refunds	Annual – Bill Vasek
COLA - based on wage inflation calculation done by ESD as directed in RCW 50.04.355 and 50.20.120. The COLA implemented each FY reflects the wage inflation in the prior CY.	7/1/2023 2.0% 7/1/2022 7.5% 7/1/2021 10.1% 7/1/2020 6.7%	Annual – Dec

FY 2023 wage growth was 3.9% (Quarterly avg. BLS QCEW.)

Cost Indicators

Medical cost growth – annualized average cost excluding hearing loss based on fiscal service year. Adjusted to fiscal accident year 2018 claim count distribution.	Annualized FY2023 growth = 3.9% Annualized FY2022 growth revised = -9.3% Average annual growth (FY2019-FY2023) = -1.3%	Annual – Ali Ishaq
state-fund TPD Pensions granted FY2023 as of Dec 2023	846	Annual – Dec Cindy Ranger
self-insured TPD Pensions granted FY2023 as of Dec 2023	85	Annual – Dec Cindy Ranger
state-fund fatal Pensions granted FY2023 as of Dec 2023	45	Annual – Dec Cindy Ranger
self-insured fatal Pensions granted FY2023 as of Dec 2023	20	Annual – Dec Cindy Ranger

Average cost: (estimate based on claims from accident year ending 6/30/23 as of 9/30/23)²

Medical-only claims average	\$ 2,100 - 70.2% of counts	Annual – Bill Vasek
Compensable ³ claims average	\$ 102,300 - 29.8% of counts	Annual – Bill Vasek
Short-term compensable (less than 12 months of time-loss)	\$ 13,900 - 23.9% of counts	Annual – Bill Vasek
Long-term disability claims (more than 12 months of time-loss)	\$ 462,000 - 5.9% of counts	Annual - Bill Vasek
TPD Pension claim—Average cost of all benefits paid including medical	\$1,525,600 - 1.4% of counts	Annual – Bill Vasek
<p>2. These are average per claim discounted benefit costs (including the cost-of-living adjustment to wage replacement benefits) for injuries/illnesses that occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 based on data as of September 30, 2023 at 2024 benefit levels.</p> <p>3. Compensable (or indemnity) claims include kept-on-salary, time-loss claims, fatalities, total permanent disability pensions, and claims with permanent partial disability awards. Medical only hearing loss claims are included in the medical-only category.</p>		

Self-Insured Employers FY2023		
Number of self-insured employers and workers covered	343 employers (FY2023) 932,678 workers covered (FY2023) - about 25% of all covered workers.	Annual – SI MGMT Reports
Number and percent of compensable claims from self-insured employers. Source: Data warehouse	15,218 compensable claims for fiscal accident year 2023 or 39% of combined state and self-insured compensable claims.	Annual – Lisann Rolle

Worker Safety and Health Federal FFY 2023 (Oct 1, 2022 - Sept 30, 2023)		
Worksites under L&I's jurisdiction (non-federal)	269,265	Annual – Craig Blackwood
Inspectors	154	Annual – Craig Blackwood
Consultants	53	Annual – Craig Blackwood
Inspections	5,447	Annual – Craig Blackwood
Consultations	1,937	Annual – Craig Blackwood
Worker Injury compensable claims rate	1,423 per 100,000 FTE's 4 qtr rolling average through 2023Q2 (resulting in > 3 days missed from work)	Annual – Lisann Rolle
Worker fatality rate	WA rate – 2.9 per 100,000 FTE's CY 2022 National rate – 3.7 per 100,000 FTE's CY 2022	Annual – Lisann Rolle
Most commonly reported workplace injury	One of every 11 compensable injury claims was a sprain or strain of the back from overexertion or repetitive motion. One of every 5 compensable claims in CY 22 was related to COVID19	Annual – Darin Adams
Worker fatality causes	Transportation incidents (32); assaults and violent acts (23); falls, slips, and trips (19); exposure to harmful substances (16); all other (14). (CY2022)	Annual – Lisann Rolle
Most frequently cited hazards	1) Accident Prevention Programs 2) Chemical Hazard Communication 3) Fall Protection at Four Feet or More	Annual – Craig Blackwood

Fraud Prevention and Labor Standards FY 2023		
Dollars collected	\$252.4 million, of which more than \$233.1 was delinquent premiums	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Worker investigations completed	more than 1,300	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Total benefit costs avoided on worker fraud investigations	Over \$9.82 million	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Return on investment	\$10.32 for every \$1 spent (FY 2023)	Annual - Celeste Monahan

Total employer audits completed	nearly 2,000	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Percentage of employers found to owe debts after L&I audit	71%	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Audit premium assessments	more than \$26.8 million	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Number of unregistered employers found and audited	over 520	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Number of public works contracts reviewed to ensure contractors paid workers' comp premiums	4,200 worth \$6.9 billion	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Amount identified as L&I overpayments to health care providers	over \$9 million	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Fraud cases investigated, prepared, and/or referred to AG's office for criminal charges	8	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Prevailing wage online intent and affidavit filings	over 177,000	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Prevailing wage cases received	over 140	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Prevailing wages returned to workers	More than \$909,000	Annual - Celeste Monahan
New apprenticeship registrations	over 7,100	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Apprenticeships completed	over 4,600	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Wage complaints received	over 5,400	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Wages returned to workers	nearly \$3.0 million	Annual - Celeste Monahan
Public Safety FY 2023		
Contractors registered	67,599	Annual – Melissa McBride
Construction compliance jobsite visits	11,183	Annual – Melissa McBride
Construction underground economy violations issued	2,256	Annual – Melissa McBride
Journey level and specialty plumbers certified	6,821	Annual – Melissa McBride
Plumber trainees certified	5,797	Annual – Melissa McBride
Plumbing contractors licensed	1,718	Annual – Melissa McBride
Number of electrical inspections	264,723 (90% under 48 hours)	Annual – Shanelle Vekich
Number of elevator/escalator inspections	17,535	Annual – Shanelle Vekich
Number of manufactured home alteration permits inspected	10,905	Annual – Shanelle Vekich
Number of boiler/pressure vessel inspections	14,858	Annual – Shanelle Vekich
Budget Biennium 2023-25 (as of 12.12.24)		
Operating appropriation	\$1,092.128 million	Bien. – Melody Porter
FTE allocation	3,311	Bien. – Melody Porter
Funds Breakdown	Accident Acct \$457.543 million (state and federal)	Bien. – Melody Porter

Medical Aid Acct \$424.969 million (state and federal)
 General Fund-State \$42.831 million, General Fund-
 Federal \$11.521 million, Electrical License Acct \$74.072
 million, Construction Registration Inspection Acct
 \$31.418 million, Other \$49.774 million
 *Note: Not included in the Operating appropriation:
 Allocations or NonAppropriated/Allotted \$19.642 million

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