

Table 8. Number of Lost Work Time Claims for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Cases Identified in Workers' Compensation Systems by State, 2002

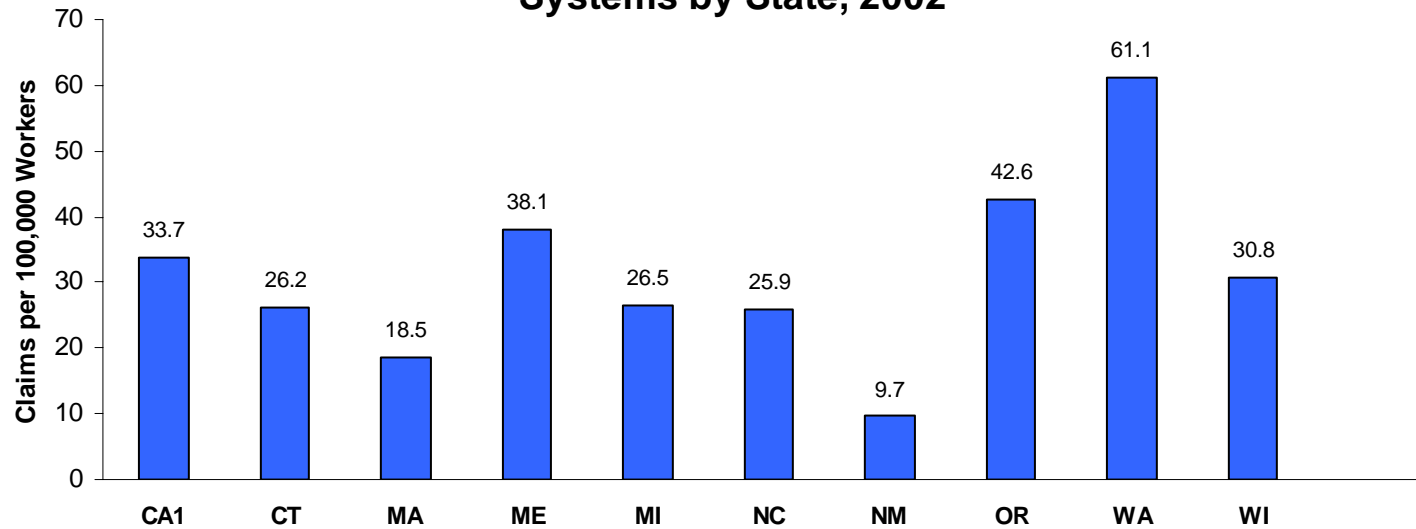
	CA	CT	MA	ME	MI	NC	NJ	NY	NM	OR	WA	WI	US
Cases of carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS)	4,916	427	583	220	1,125	935	N/A	N/A	66	658	1,573	803	N/A

N/A is defined as not available, indicating that there is no worker's compensation dataset

Differences exist among states with respect to how Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is classified in state workers' compensation systems. See Technical Notes below.

State abbreviation label (CA) in graph should be superscripted

Figure 8. Rate of Lost Work Time Claims for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome Cases identified in State Workers' Compensation Systems by State, 2002



National workers' compensation claims data do not exist

Data Sources: Numbers of CTS cases: State workers' compensation systems. Numbers of workers covered by workers' compensation used to calculate rates: National Academy of Social Insurance

Technical Notes

The table below illustrates state variations in the components used to generate data for this indicator.

STATE	Type of Claim Included	Waiting Period for Time Loss Compensation	Data Systems Definition for Claim Identification ²
CA	All Claims Filed ¹	3 Days	IAIABC Nature of Injury Code = 78 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome)
CT	Time Loss Claims Filed	3 Days	OIICS Nature of Injury Code = 1241 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome)
MA	Time Loss Claims Filed	5 Days	Unique Massachusetts Nature of Injury Code (N=265) for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (added to the ANSI Z-16.2 structure)
ME	Time Loss Claims Filed	7 Days	OIICS Nature of Injury Code = 1241 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome)
MI	Time Loss Claims Filed	7 Days	ANSI Z-16.2 Nature of Injury Code = 562 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome) and Body Part Code = 320 (Wrist) ³
NC	Time Loss Claims Filed	7 Days	IAIABC Nature of Injury Code = 78 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome)
NE	Time Loss Claims Filed	7 Days	IAIABC Nature of Injury Code = 78 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome)
NM	Time Loss Claims Filed	7 Days	BLS Supplemental Data System Nature of Injury Code = 265 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome) and Type of Injury Code = 12* (Overexertion) and Body Part Code = 320 (Wrist)
NY	Time Loss Claims Accepted	7 Days	OIICS Nature Code = 1241 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome)
OR	Time Loss Claims Accepted	3 Days	OIICS Nature Code = 1241 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome) and Event or Exposure Code = 12* (Overexertion) and Body Part Code = 32 (Wrist)
WA	Time Loss Claims Accepted	3 Days	ANSI Z-16.2 Nature of Injury Code = 562 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome) and Type of Injury Code = 12* (Overexertion) and Body Part Code = 320 (Wrist)
WI	Time Loss Claims Filed	3 Days	IAIABC Nature of Injury Code = 78 (Carpal Tunnel Syndrome)

¹ In all states, some filed claims are rejected..

² OIICS: Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System

ANSI: American National Standards Institute

IAIABC: International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions

³ Variable "Injury Type" not available, so could not limit to cases involving overexertion.