

# Workers Compensation Costs in Oregon

*Information from DCBS Report on Workers Compensation System issued Jan. 2015 &  
DCBS Report on OR Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking for 2014 issued February 2015*

Overall premiums paid by Oregon employers: \$880M

Premium **decrease** for 2015: 5.3%

Premium **decrease** for 2014: 7.6%

In the last 13 years, premiums have decreased 7 years.

In the last 13 years, premiums were flat 4 years.

The two increases in the last 13 years were 1.9% in 2012  
and 1.7% in 2013.

Of the \$880M in premiums, \$54.9M went to lawyers:  
\$34.2M went for employers/insurers' legal fees/costs.  
\$20.7M went to injured workers' lawyers.

Oregon has the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest workers' compensation  
premiums in the country. Oregon premiums are 74% of  
the national average.

1.7 Million Oregon workers are covered by system.