# WORKERS' COMPENSATION **2007 ANNUAL REPORT**

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A total of \$226.7 million was paid in workers' compensation benefits during calendar year 2007. This is an increase of 1.68% from 2006's total of \$223.0 million.

million, 26.5%, was paid by self-

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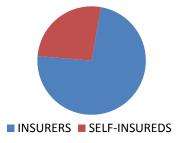
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**MEDICAL BENEFITS** 

In 2007, medical benefits totaled

benefits paid in 2007, compared to 54.9% of total benefits paid in

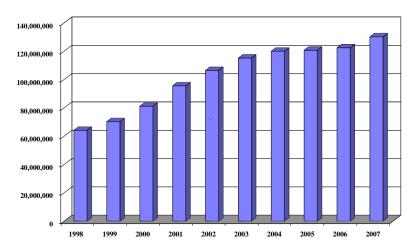
\$130.2 million, up 6.0% from \$122.4 million in 2006. Medical

benefits were 57.4% of total

2006.

insured employers. This compares to \$167.8 million, 75.2%, paid by market-insured employers, and \$55.2 million, 24.8%, paid by self-insured employers in 2006.

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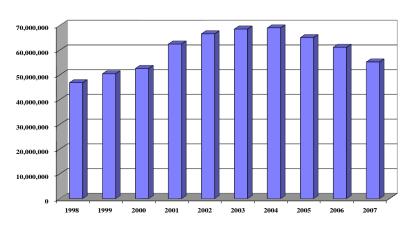
# Of this amount, \$166.7 million, 73.5%, was paid by marketinsured employers, and \$60.0

**Medical Payments** 

#### **Total Compensation Payments**

# **INDEMNITY BENEFITS**

For calendar year 2007 indemnity benefits (TTD, TPD, PPI, and PTD) totaled \$55.3 million, down 9.7% from \$61.2 million in 2006. TTD benefits decreased 10.6%, from \$33.0 million to \$29.5 million; TPD benefits increased 19.6%, from \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million; PPI benefits decreased 12.2%, from \$21.5 million to \$18.9 million; and PTD benefits decreased 0.6% from \$5.54 million to \$5.50 million.



Indemnity Payments

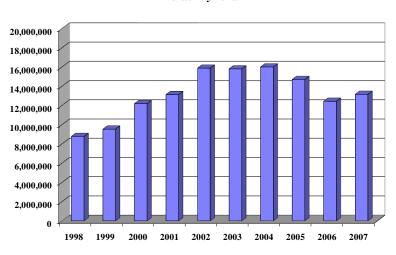


#### **LEGAL EXPENSES**

Legal expenses increased 4.8%, to \$14.1 million in 2007 from \$13.5 million in 2006. Employee attorney fees increased 39.2%, from \$3.0 million to \$4.2 million; employer attorney fees declined 8.2%, from \$8.9 million to \$8.2 million; and litigation costs increased 12.5%, from \$1.6 million to \$1.8 million.

# **REEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Reemployment benefit payments increased 5.8% in 2007, to \$13.2 million from \$12.4 million in 2006. Compensation paid while under rehabilitation, 041(k) benefits, increased 14.1%, from \$7.2 million in 2006 to \$8.3 million in 2007. Employee evaluation costs increased 18.5%, from \$1.04 million to \$1.23 million. Rehabilitation specialist fees increased 8.8%, from \$759,413 to \$826,313. Plan development costs decreased 11.4%, from \$2.35 million to \$2.08 million. Plan monitoring fees decreased 51.0%,

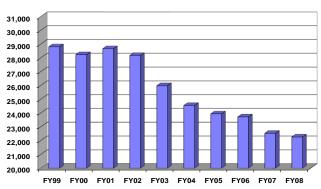


Rehab Payments

from \$1.04 million to \$510,561. Job dislocation benefits, 041(g), totaled \$242,000 in 2007, the first year this figure has been reported separately.

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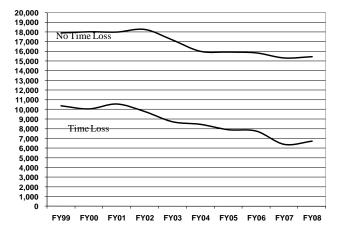
#### ANALYSIS OF WORKERS' COMP CLAIMS

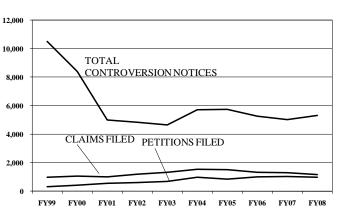


Total Injury Notices Received

In FY08, the number of reports of injury and occupational illness submitted to the Workers' Compensation Division declined 1.2%, from 22,528 in FY07 to 22,261 in FY08.

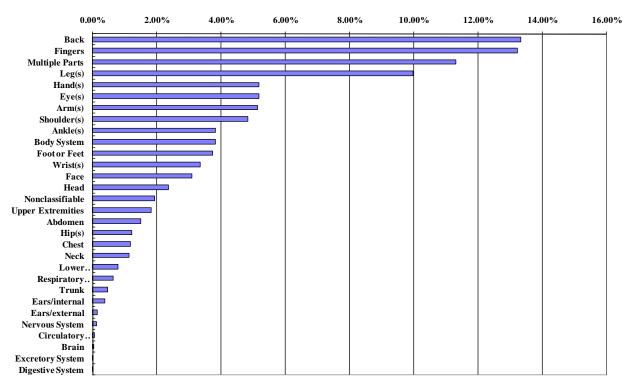
Of the case files set up by the Division in FY08, 15,484 cases, 69.6%, were notime-loss cases; 6,727 cases, 30.2%, were time-loss cases; 29 cases, .13%, were fatalities, and 21 cases, .09%, were jurisdictional claims.





CLAIMS & PETITIONS

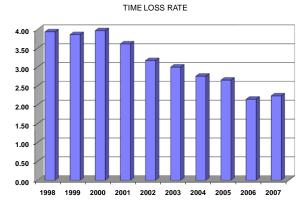
In FY08, the number of claims filed decreased 9.9%, from 1,297 in FY07 to 1,168 in FY08. The number of petitions filed decreased 5.6%, from 1,048 to 989. The total number of controversion notices filed increased 6.1%, from 5,018 to 5,323, and the total number of cases controverted in FY08 increased 5.8%, from 3,739 cases to 3,956 cases.



# **Body Part Injured**

The top 10 injuries by body part injured are

- 1. back injuries (13.3%)
- 2. finger injuries (13.2%)
- 3. multiple part injuries(11.3%)
- 4. leg injuries (10.0%)
- 5. hand injuries (5.2%)
- 6.



eye injuries (5.2%)

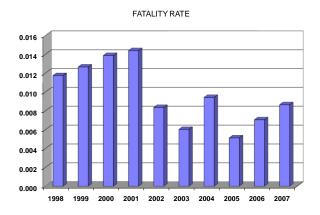
- 7. arm injuries (5.2%)
- 8. shoulder injuries (4.9%)
- 9. ankle injuries (3.8%).
- 10. body system (3.8%)

Based on Department of Labor & Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section data, total average employment in 2007 was estimated at 317,600 up .92% from 314,700 in 2006. Excluding 16,800 federal employees, the number of workers covered under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act in 2007 would be approximately 300,800.

Using the number of time-loss claims established by the Workers' Compensation

Division, the time loss rate per 100 employees in 2007 was 2.24, up 4.2% from a loss rate of 2.15 in 2006.

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Using the number of fatalities established by the Workers' Compensation Division, the fatality rate per 100 employees in 2007 was .009, up 28.6% from a fatality rate of .005 in 2006.

# **OTHER**

The top twenty insurers/self-insured employers paid \$160.5 million, or 70.8% of total workers' compensation benefits paid in 2007. This compares to \$162.7 million or 73.0% in 2006.

The top five insurers/self-insured employers by benefits paid in 2007 were Alaska National Insurance Co. at \$36.1 million, State of Alaska at \$19.2 million, Commerce & Industry Ins. Co. at \$14.2 million, Liberty Northwest Insurance Co. at \$11.5 million, and Zurich American Insurance Co. at \$9.0 million.

For the most recent statistical year, fiscal year 2007, the Division of Insurance reported 184 insurance companies authorized to write workers' compensation insurance in Alaska, with direct premiums written totaling \$323.1 million. This compares to 185 admitted insurers writing \$337.9 million in direct premiums in fiscal year 2006. Of direct premiums written in fiscal year 2007, three companies wrote 55.7% of the policies. Alaska National Insurance Co. had 30.64% of the market share, Commerce & Industry Insurance Co. (AIG) had 17.0% of the market, and Liberty Northwest Insurance Co had 8.1% of the market share.

In calendar year 2007, workers' compensation premium rates decreased 10.5%, compared to an decrease of 7.0% in 2006. Premiums for calendar year 2008 declined 10.9%.

During calendar year 2007, there were no new notices of rehabilitation or liquidation for admitted Alaskan workers' compensation insurers.