

Delaware Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

Tort Reform Law: None

Population in 2014: 935,614

Number of Licensed Physicians¹ in 2014: 5,268

Number of Paid Medical Malpractice claims per 100 physicians in 2014: 0.4

State Rank: 39th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners² per capita³ in 2014: \$12.27

State Rank: 15th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners per capita in 2013: \$10.63

State Rank: 16th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2014: \$11.71

State Rank: 13th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2013: \$9.81

State Rank: 15th

Notes

- 1)** MDs and DOs only. Many physicians are licensed in more than one State which is why the total number of physicians in all of the States exceeds the total number of physicians in the US.
- 2)** All Practitioners includes MDs, DOs, podiatrists, dentists, nurses, hygienists, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, lab techs, physical therapists, etc...
- 3)** Total amount paid in medical malpractice claims in the State that year/ the State's Population

Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Delaware from 2003-2014

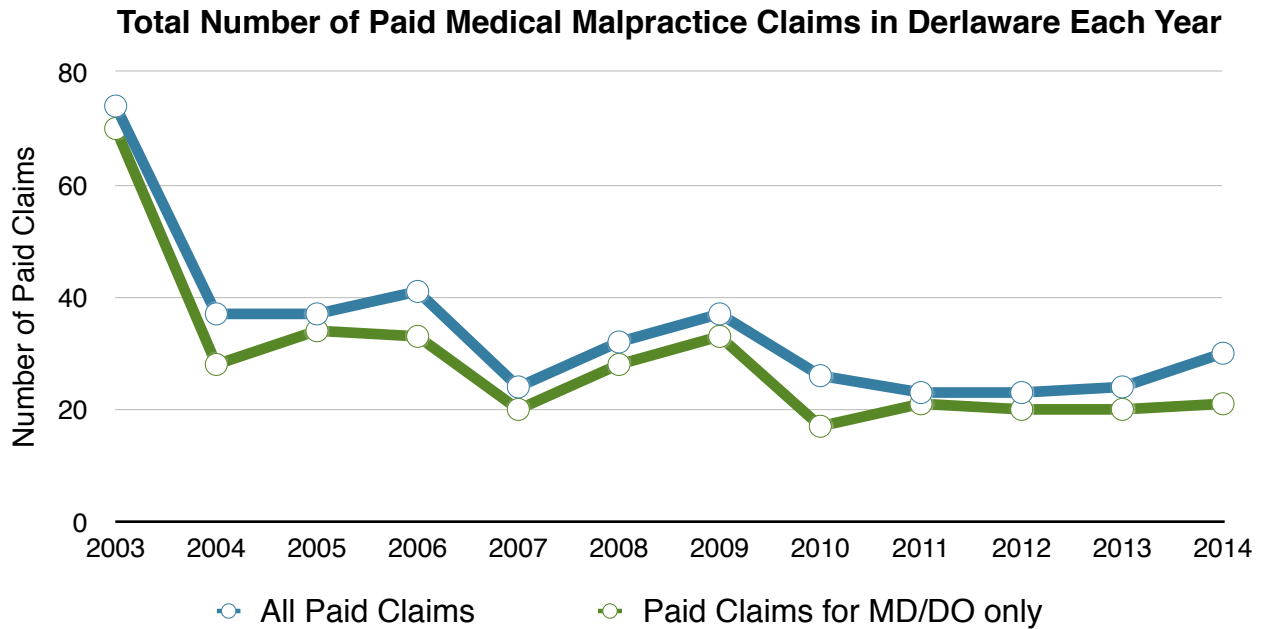


Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Delaware from 2003-2014 for All Health Care Practitioners Combined as Well as for MD/DOs Only

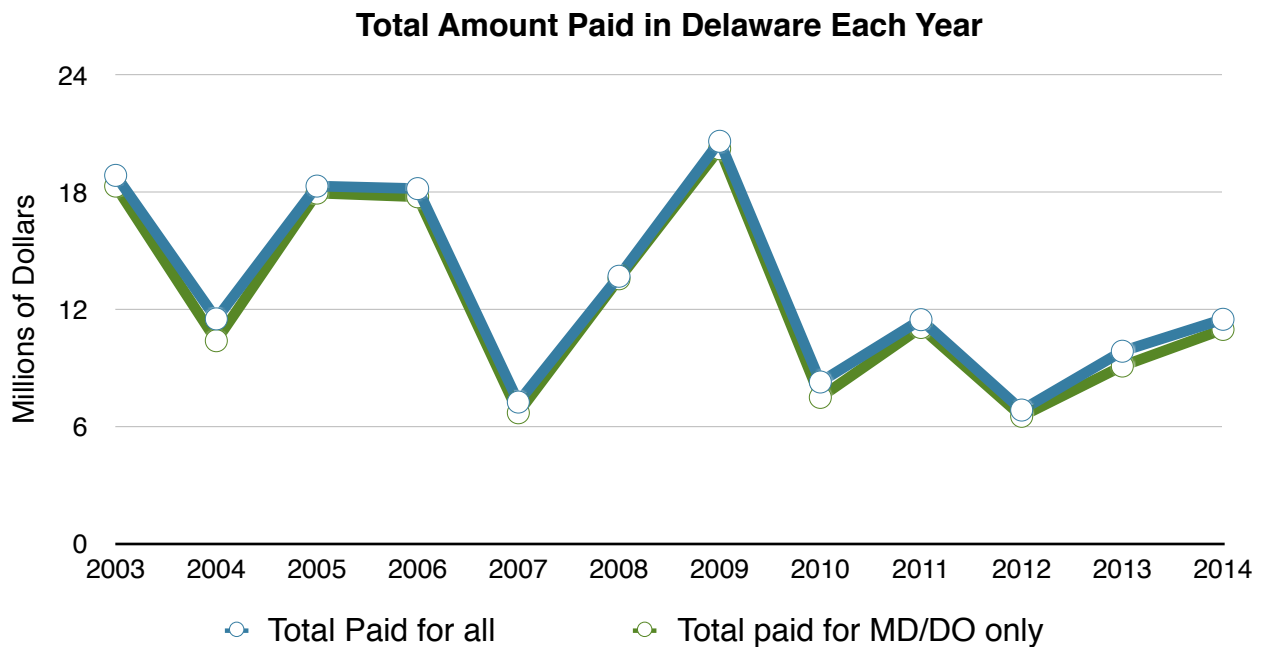


Figure 2: Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2014 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Delaware.

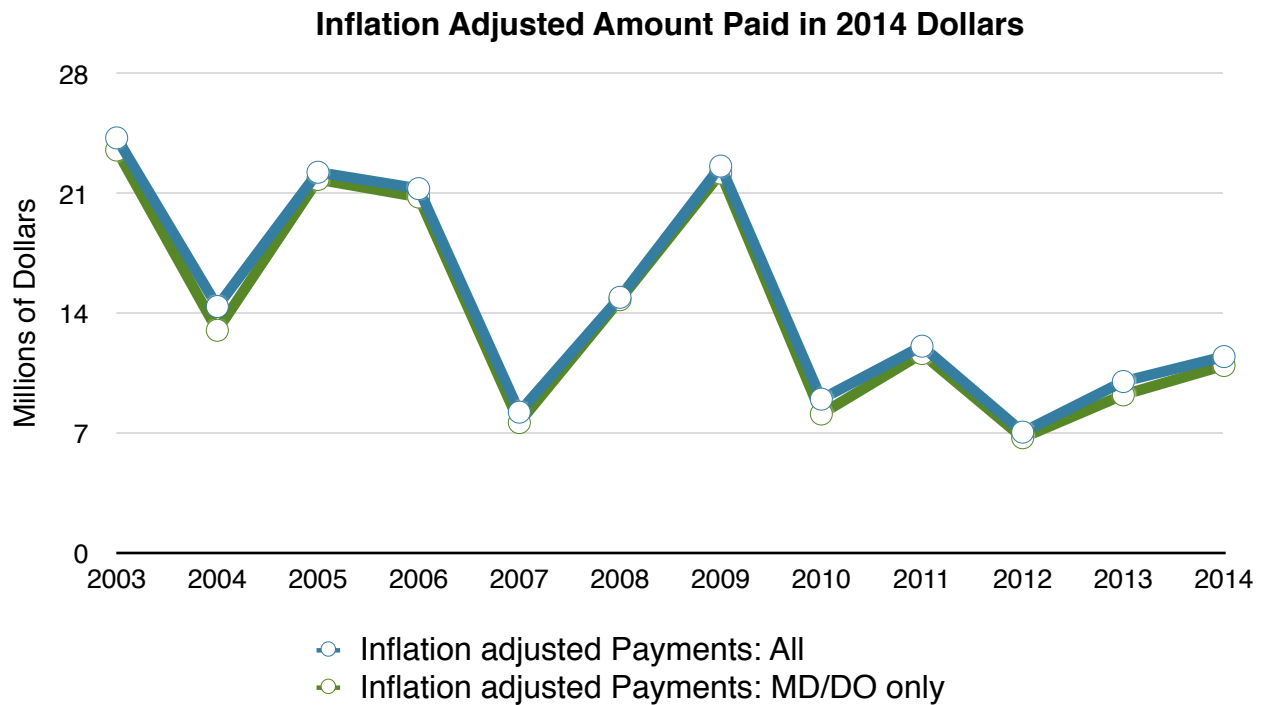


Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Brief summary: Delaware's medical malpractice costs have been dropping more rapidly than the national average since 2003. Still, per capita cost remain high, though the total number of paid claims are quite low.

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