

Maryland Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: Courts & Judicial Proceedings Code §3-2A-09(A). Noneconomic damages for a cause of action arising between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2008, inclusive, may not exceed \$650,000. Increased annually by \$15,000 after 2008. Applies to all claims and to all defendants from the same injury, or to wrongful death cases with only one plaintiff. If two wrongful death plaintiffs- \$125% of current non-economic cap.

Population in 2015: 6,006,401

Number of Licensed Physicians¹ in 2015: 28,976

	2013	2014	2015	Average for 2013-2015
Per Capita ³ Amount Paid Against all Practitioners	\$19.85	\$21.13	\$17.15	\$19.38
State Rank	6	7	10	6
Per Capita ³ Amount Paid Against Physicians (MD/DO) Only	\$17.93	\$19.30	\$15.00	\$17.41
State Rank	5	7	10	6
Paid Claims/100 Physicians		0.58	0.59	
State Rank		28	21	

Table showing the amount paid per capita³ in Maryland for medical malpractice claims against all practitioners each year as well as against physicians only. It also shows the number of claims won against physicians per 100 licensed physicians in Maryland in 2014 and 2015.

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 Maryland from 2003-2015

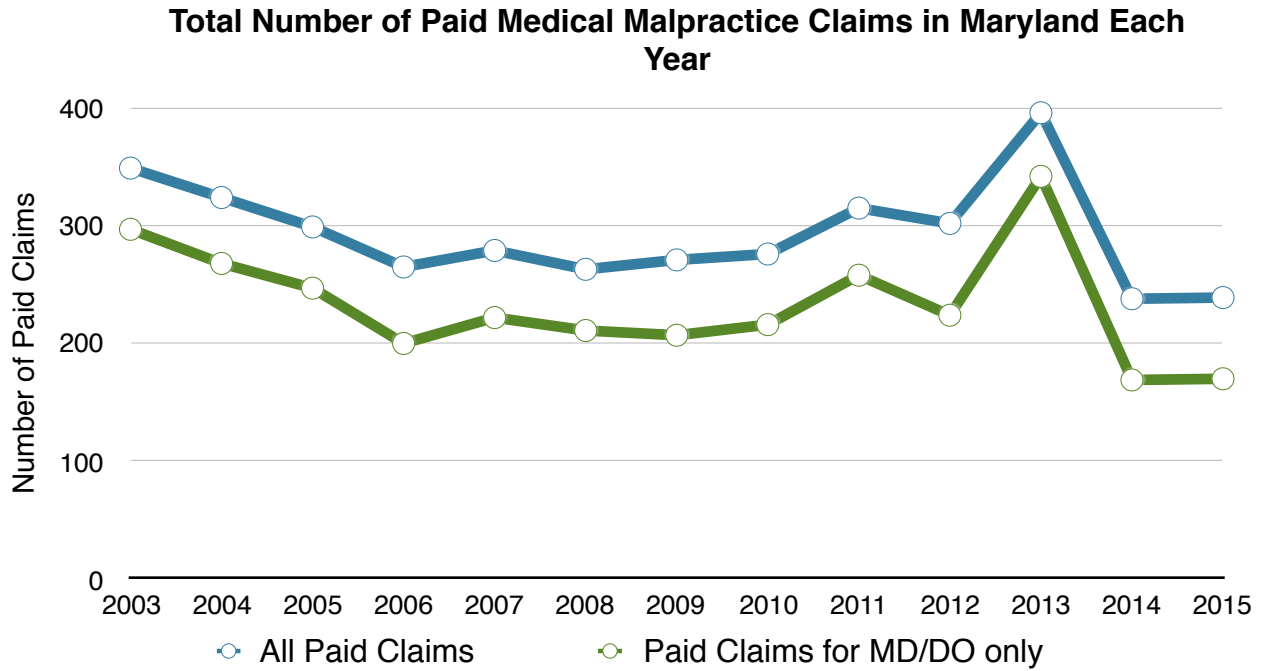


Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Maryland from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners Combined as Well as for MD/DOs Only.

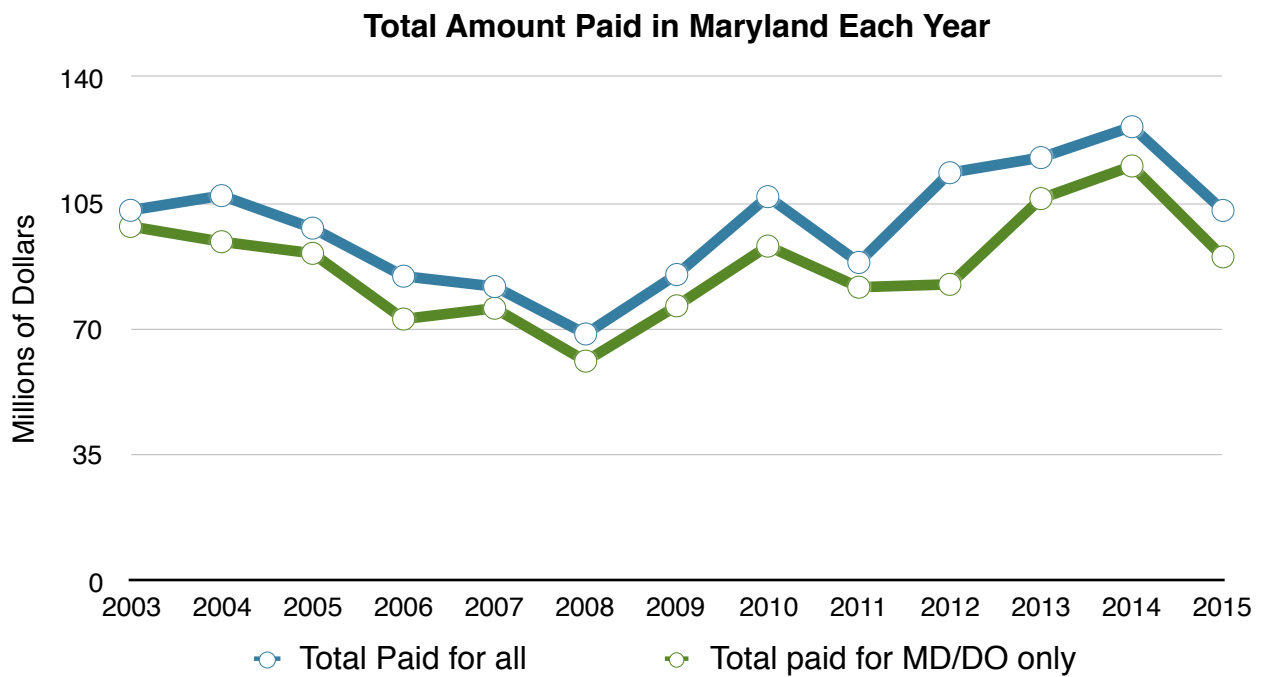


Figure 2: Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Maryland.

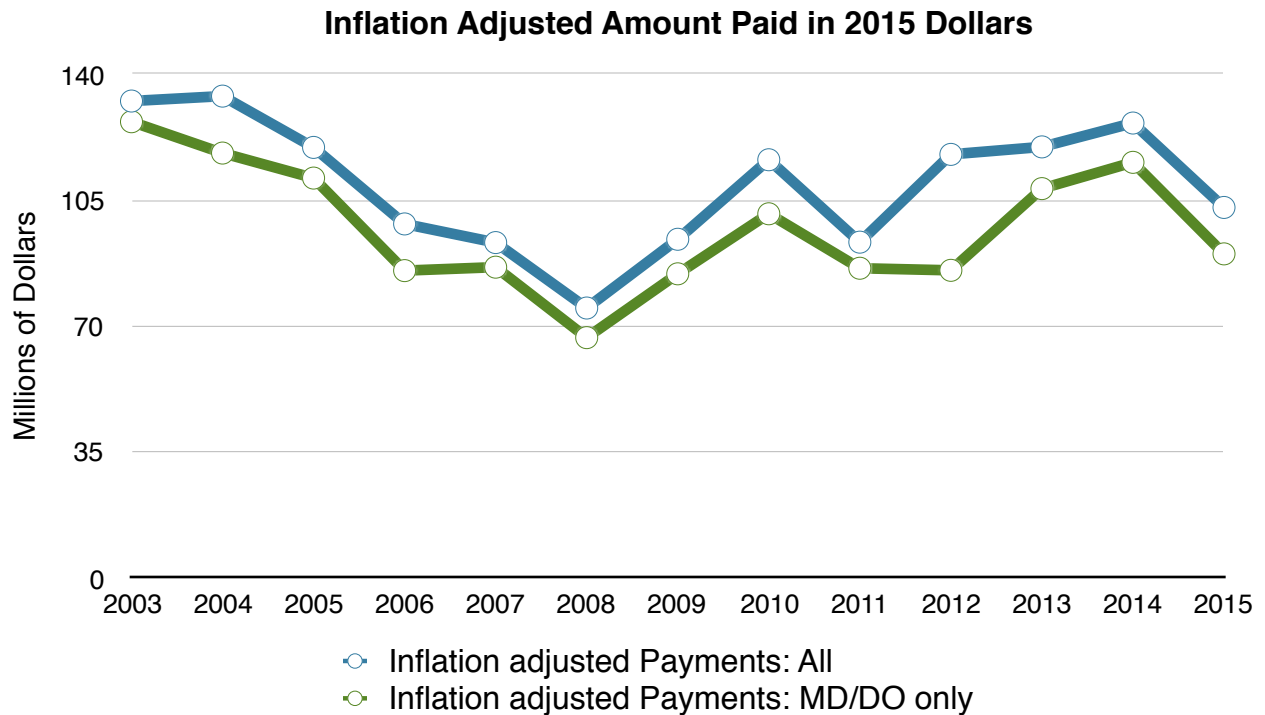


Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Brief summary: Medical malpractice is far more expensive in most North Eastern states than it is in the rest of the U.S. and Maryland is no exception. This is in spite of the cap they have on awards for non-economic damages. Is this because their cap is too high, or is it just that tort reform in general and damage caps in particular don't really work?

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