

Michigan Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §600.1483. In 1994 Michigan passed a \$280,000 limit on noneconomic damages; \$500,000 limit on noneconomic damages for catastrophic/ disabling injuries. Cap adjusts for inflation so the caps are now about \$440,000 and \$785,000 respectively.

Population in 2015: 9,922,576

Number of Licensed Physicians¹ in 2015: 45,703

	2013	2014	2015	Average for 2013-2015
Per Capita ³ Amount Paid Against all Practitioners	\$6.25	\$6.49	\$6.98	\$6.57
State Rank	39	40	35	41
Per Capita ³ Amount Paid Against Physicians (MD/DO) Only	\$5.65	\$5.85	\$6.22	\$5.91
State Rank	36	39	33	37
Paid Claims/100 Physicians		0.65	0.65	
State Rank		21	16	

Table showing the amount paid per capita³ in Michigan 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 Michigan 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 Michigan from 2003-2015

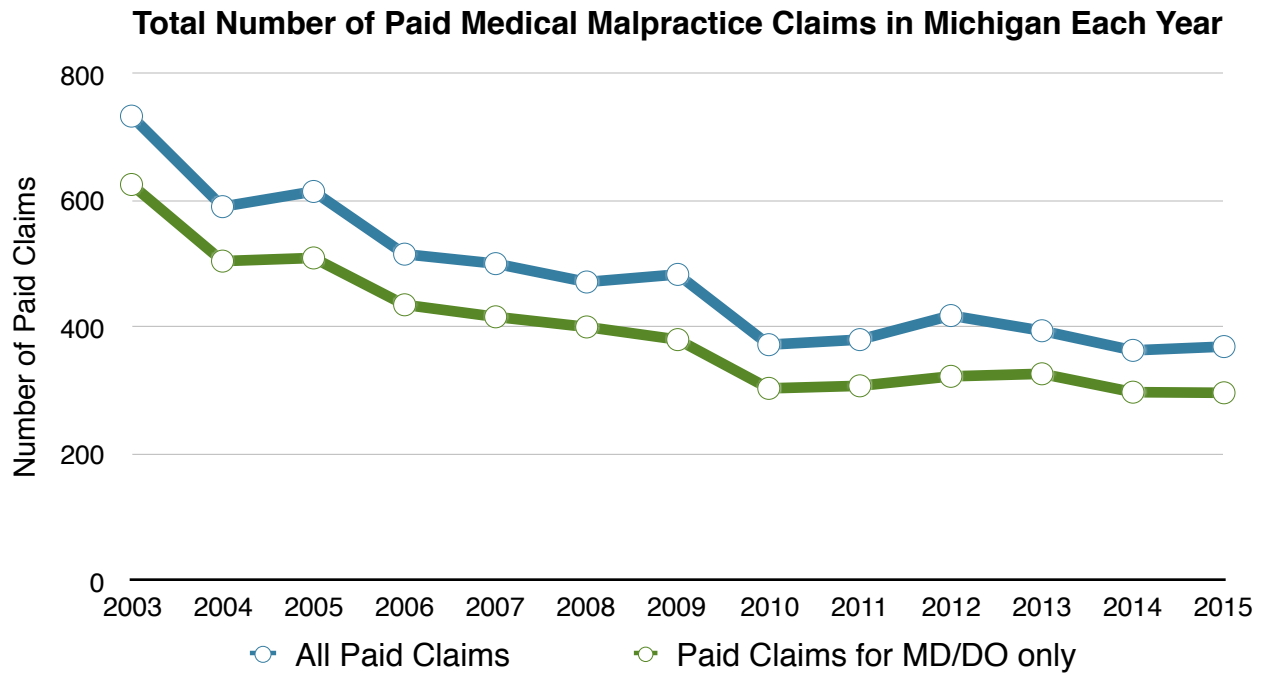


Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Michigan from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners Combined as Well as for MD/DOs Only.

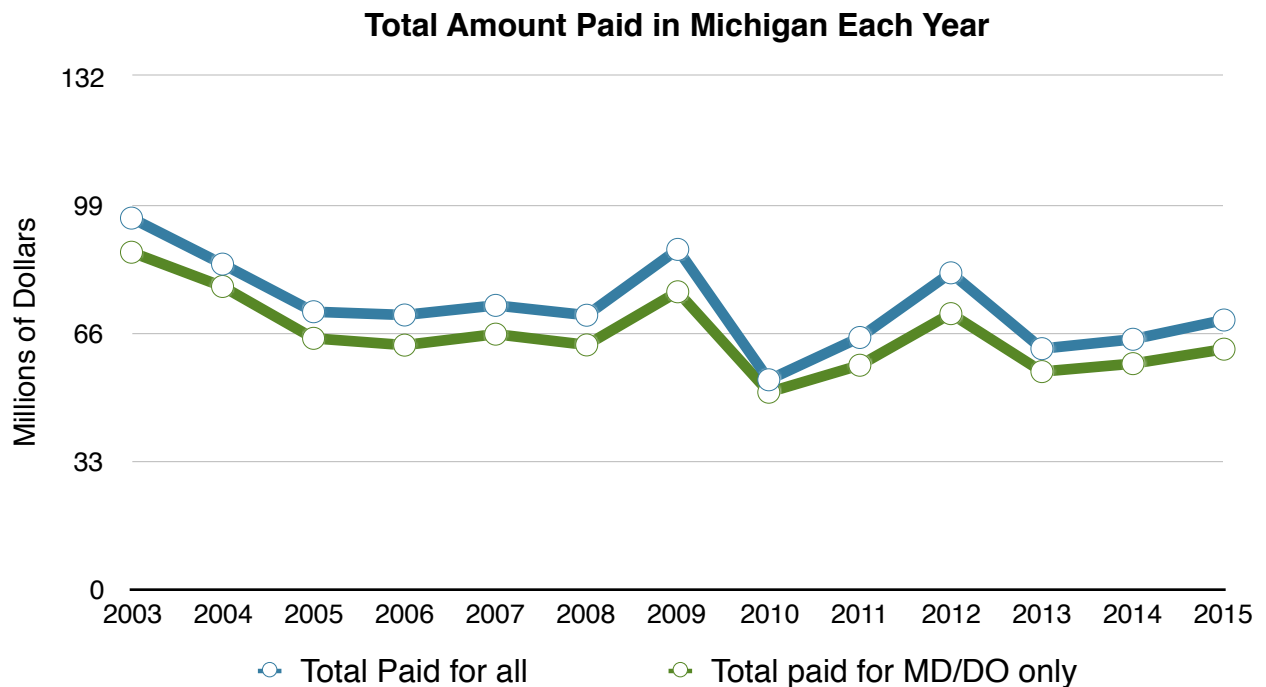


Figure 2: Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Michigan.

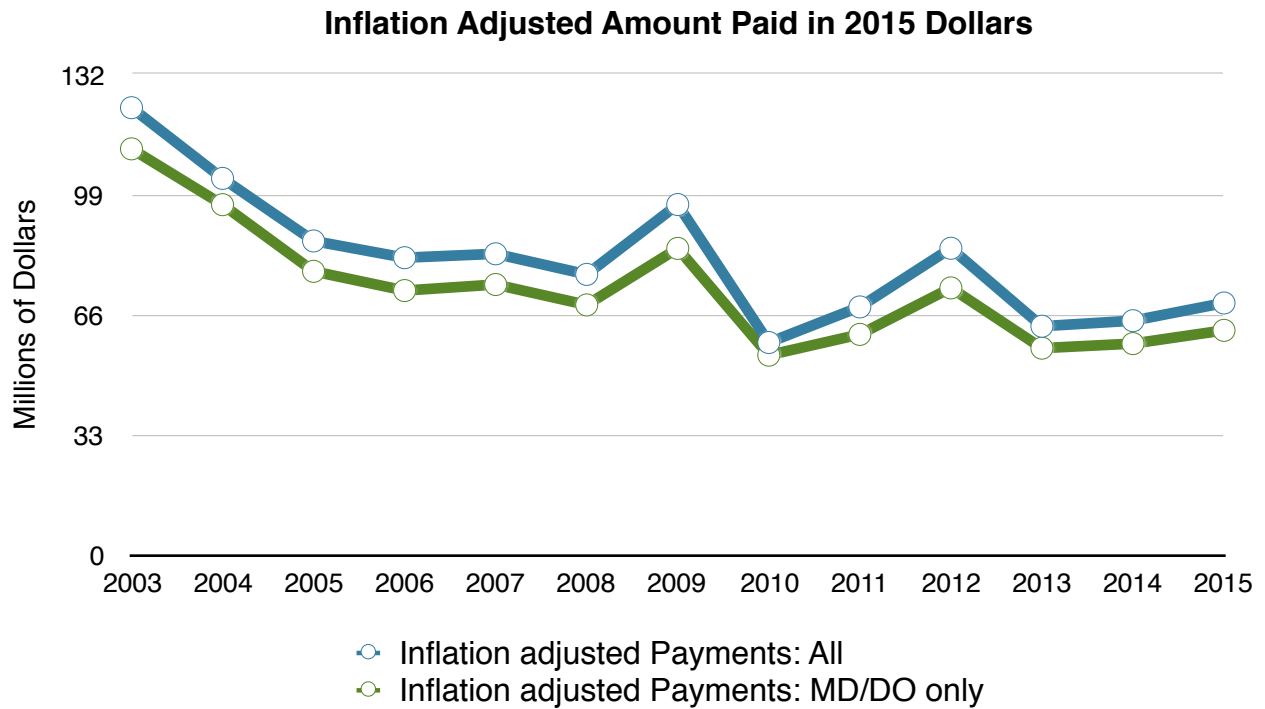


Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Brief summary: Like with most of the midwestern states, medical malpractice costs in Michigan are quite low. Michigan does have a cap on non-economic damages, but it's unclear whether that cap is the reason Michigan's malpractice costs are so low.

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