

Rhode Island Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: None

Population in 2015: 1,056,298

Number of Licensed Physicians¹ in 2015: 4,105

	2013	2014	2015	Average for 2013-2015
Per Capita ³ Amount Paid Against all Practitioners	\$25.89	\$26.54	\$17.55	\$23.32
State Rank	4	4	9	5
Per Capita ³ Amount Paid Against Physicians (MD/DO) Only	\$24.62	\$24.28	\$15.88	\$21.36
State Rank	3	2	9	4
Paid Claims/100 Physicians		1.05	1.07	
State Rank		8	8	

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

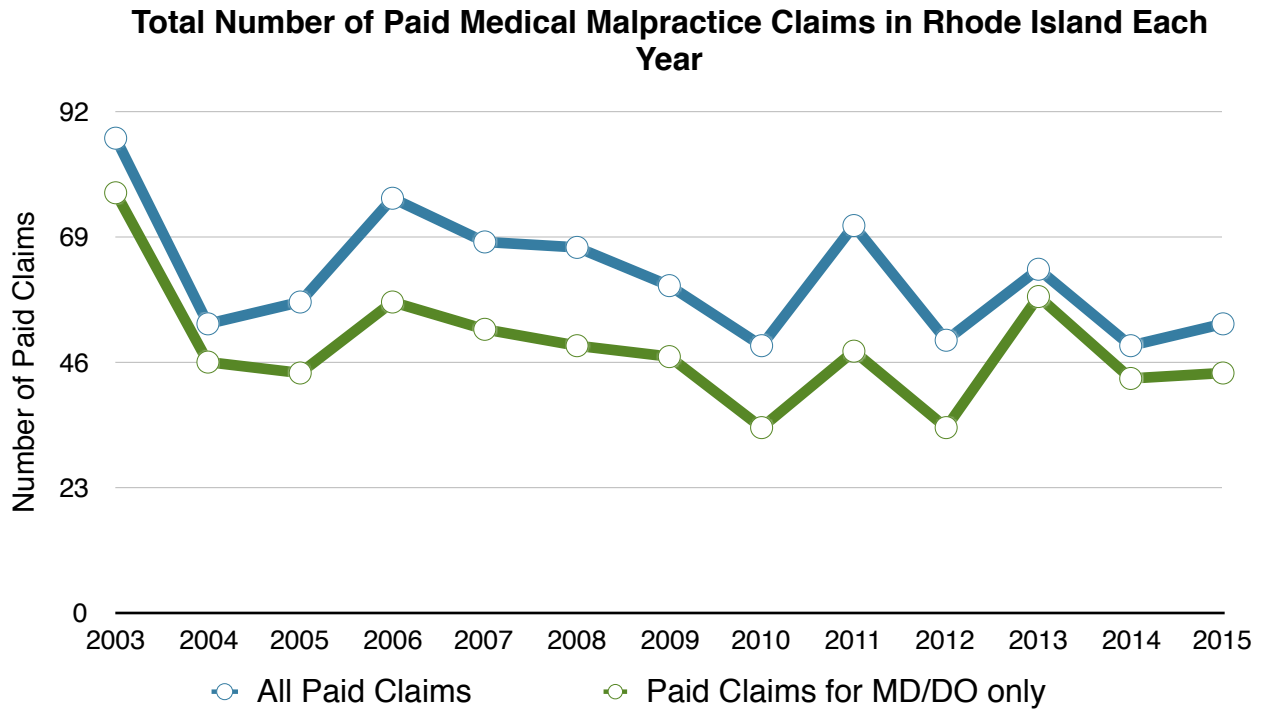


Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Rhode Island from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners Combined as Well as for MD/DOs Only.

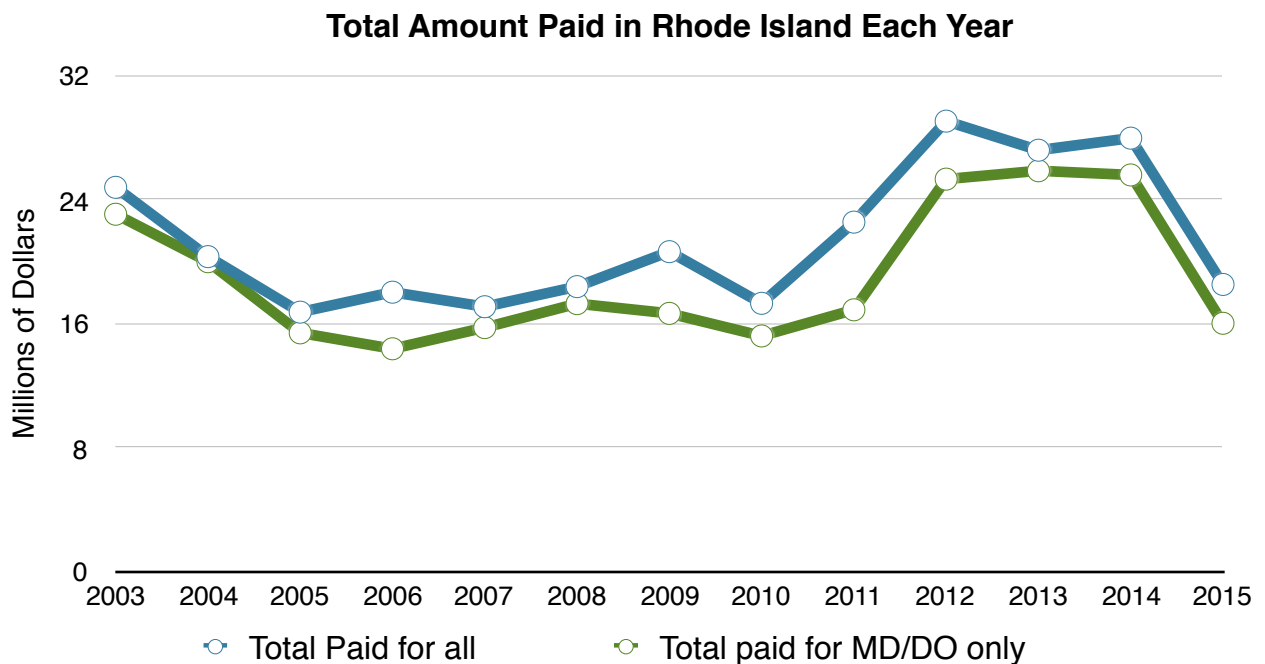


Figure 2: Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Rhode Island.

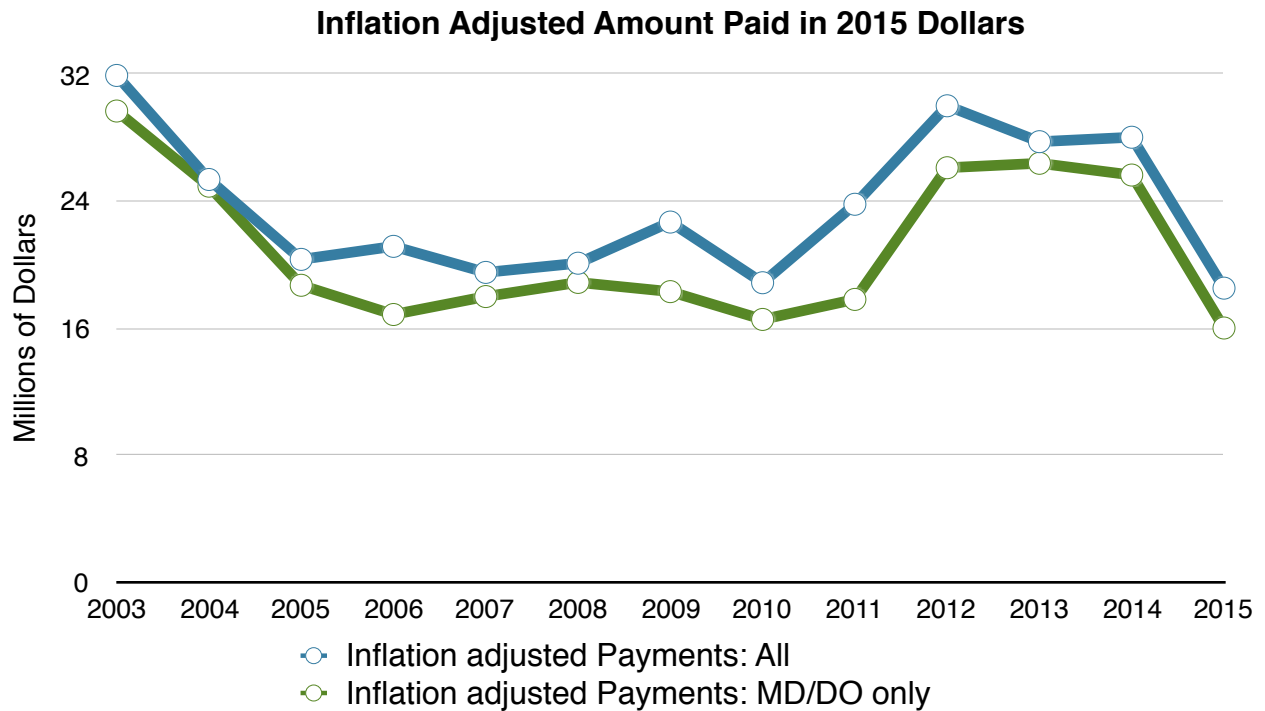


Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Rhode Island, like other states in the North East, has very high medical malpractice costs. Rhode Island also has no specific law aimed at controlling these costs but, as Massachusetts and Maryland have shown, it probably wouldn't make much of a difference they did have such a law.

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