

Even though the cost of medical malpractice has dropped precipitously since 2003, malpractice costs still vary extensively from State to State. The following graph shows that, in 2014, only six States accounted for nearly half of all medical malpractice payouts. In fact, since 2003, the State of New York has consistently accounted for 20% of all medical malpractice costs in the US.

Even in New York the distribution of medical malpractice is far from even. [Here's a map](#) showing how the cost of medical malpractice premiums for doctors differed throughout the State in 2013-2014. As the map shows, medical malpractice insurance for doctors is extremely expensive in New York City. Long Island counties have, by far, the highest rates for medical malpractice in the State (and probably in the United States) whereas in upstate New York, medical malpractice premiums are far more reasonable.

6 States that Accounted for Nearly Half of all Malpractice Payments against Physicians in 2014

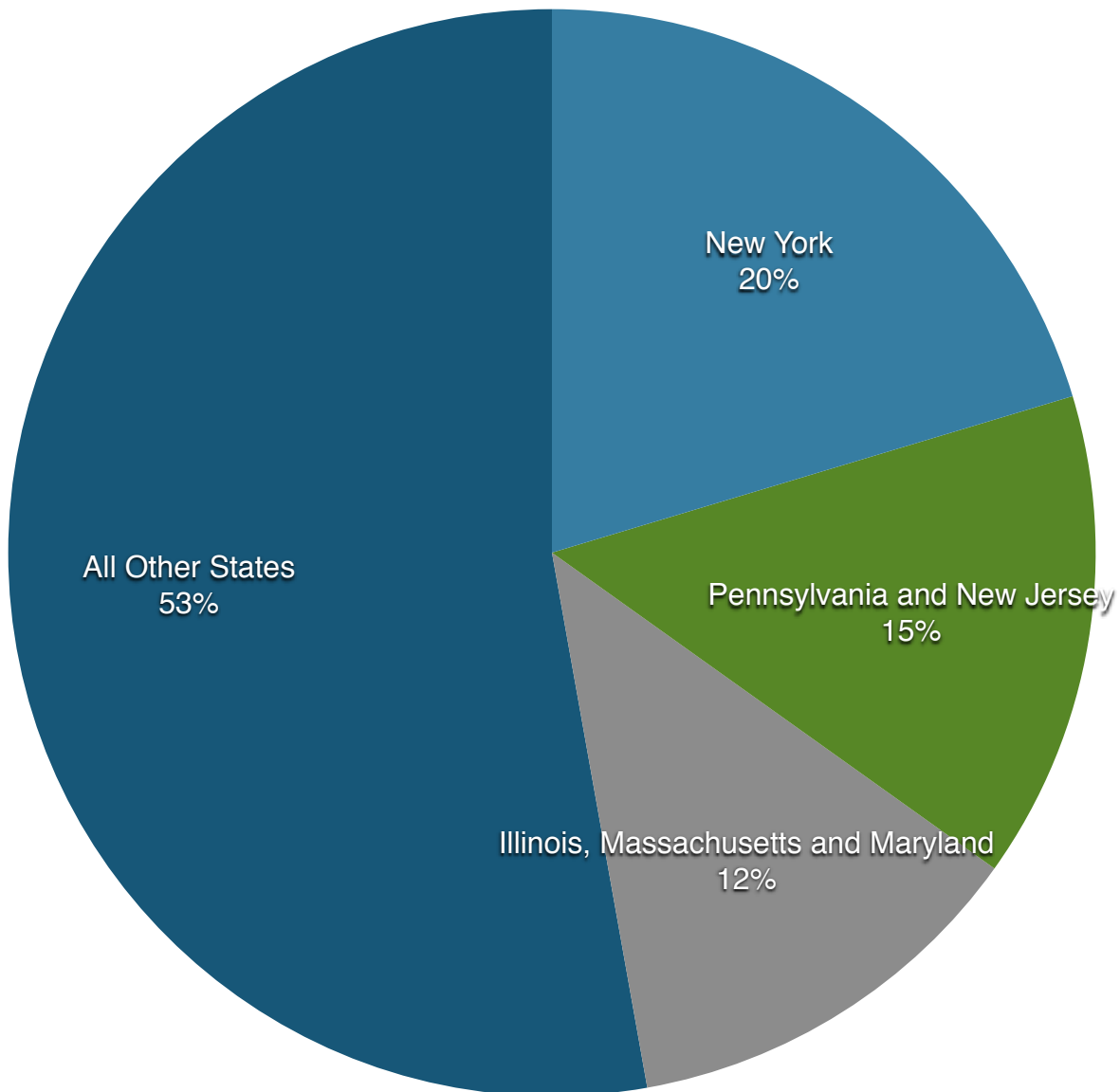


Figure 1 (above) shows that nearly half (47%) of all medical malpractice payments for physicians (MD/DO's) in 2014 occurred in only 6 States.

The three tables on the following pages show the annual per capita cost of medical malpractice as well as the number of paid medical malpractice claims per 100 licensed physicians in each State in 2014.

-The first table shows the number of paid medical malpractice claims per 100 licensed physicians in each State in 2014. It also ranks each State from most to least number of claims per 100 physicians. Many doctors are licensed in more than one State. This means that, if you add the number of licensed physicians in every State it will exceed the total number of physicians in the US since many doctors will be counted more than once.

-The Second table lists the per capita amount paid in each State for all health care practitioners in 2014 (including nurses, dentists, pharmacists, etc...) and ranks the States from most to least in per capita payments. Per capita costs are calculated by dividing the total in paid claims for a State in 2014 by the population of that State in 2014.

-The third table lists and ranks each State in per capita medical malpractice costs against physicians (MD/DO's) only.

Table 1: Paid Medical Malpractice Claims per 100 Physicians in 2014

	Number of Physicians (MD/DO) in 2014	Number of Paid MediMal Claims Against Physicians	Number of Paid Claims/ 100 Physicians	State Rank
United States	917,260	8,875	0.97	
Louisiana	16,346	246	1.50	1
New York	91,744	1324	1.44	2
Kansas	9,002	116	1.29	3
New Jersey	35,842	414	1.16	4
Pennsylvania	55,443	638	1.15	5
West Virginia	7,493	83	1.11	6
Florida	71,024	755	1.06	7
Rhode Island	4,105	40	0.97	8
Oklahoma	12,491	115	0.92	9
Indiana	27,206	245	0.90	10
New Mexico	8,691	74	0.85	11
Mississippi	9,951	75	0.75	12
South Dakota	3,607	26	0.72	13
New Hampshire	6,346	44	0.69	14
Maine	6,364	44	0.69	15
Kentucky	17,645	119	0.67	16
Utah	9,891	66	0.67	17
Massachusetts	33,965	220	0.65	18
South Carolina	17,442	112	0.64	19
Michigan	45,703	290	0.63	20
Montana	4,765	30	0.63	21
Arizona	24,928	153	0.61	22
Georgia	34,163	206	0.60	23
California	143,427	861	0.60	24
Connecticut	16,678	98	0.59	25
Illinois	43,835	254	0.58	26
Maryland	28,976	163	0.56	27
Oregon	14,092	79	0.56	28

Table 1 Continued

	Number of Licensed Physicians (MD/DO)	Number of Paid MediMal Claims Against Physicians	Number of Paid Claims/ 100 Physicians	State Rank
Texas	72,601	407	0.56	29
Missouri	25,926	145	0.56	30
Tennessee	21,151	112	0.53	31
Arkansas	9,529	49	0.51	32
Nevada	8,111	41	0.51	33
Nebraska	8,598	42	0.49	34
Iowa	11,224	54	0.48	35
Washington	26,517	121	0.46	36
Idaho	5,687	24	0.42	37
Wyoming	3,360	14	0.42	38
Delaware	5,268	21	0.40	39
Ohio	44,981	175	0.39	40
Colorado	19,897	77	0.39	41
North Carolina	33,266	102	0.31	42
Virginia	36,041	110	0.31	43
Alaska	3,786	11	0.29	44
Vermont	3,171	8	0.25	45
Alabama	16,064	40	0.25	46
Hawaii	9,136	20	0.22	47
Minnesota	21,855	39	0.18	48
Wisconsin	25,774	37	0.14	49
North Dakota	3,769	5	0.13	50
D.C	10,623	7	0.07	51

Table 1: State Ranks for number of paid medical malpractice claims per 100 licensed physicians in each State in 2014. Many physicians are licensed in more than one State which is why the total for all physicians in every States exceeds the total number of physicians in the US

Table 2: Amount Paid Per Capita for Malpractice against All Practitioners

State	Population in 2014	Total Amount Paid for Claims Against All Practitioners (Millions of Dollars)	Amount Paid Per Capita Against All Practitioners 2014	State Rank
United States	319,425,019	3,623.92	\$11.35	
New York	19,746,227	709.56	\$35.93	1
New Jersey	8,938,175	248.49	\$27.8	2
Rhode Island	1,055,173	27.28	\$25.85	3
South Dakota	853,175	20.29	\$23.78	4
Pennsylvania	12,787,209	288.07	\$22.53	5
Massachusetts	6,745,408	149.85	\$22.22	6
Maryland	5,976,407	125.03	\$20.92	7
Connecticut	3,596,677	66.62	\$18.52	8
New Mexico	2,085,572	33.38	\$16.01	9
New Hampshire	1,326,813	20.11	\$15.16	10
Maine	1,330,089	19.37	\$14.56	11
D.C	658,893	9.30	\$14.11	12
Illinois	12,880,580	176.33	\$13.69	13
West Virginia	1,850,326	24.64	\$13.32	14
Delaware	935,614	11.48	\$12.27	15
Louisiana	4,649,676	56.51	\$12.15	16
Wyoming	584,153	6.95	\$11.9	17
Oregon	3,970,239	44.85	\$11.3	18
Florida	19,893,297	222.98	\$11.21	19
Indiana	6,596,855	70.98	\$10.76	20
Kentucky	4,413,457	46.15	\$10.46	21
Montana	1,023,579	10.49	\$10.25	22
Alabama	4,849,377	46.63	\$9.62	23
Georgia	10,097,343	93.69	\$9.28	24
Washington	7,061,530	65.01	\$9.21	25
Oklahoma	3,878,051	35.64	\$9.19	26
Hawaii	1,419,561	13.00	\$9.16	27

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Arizona	6,731,484	60.38	\$8.97	28
Utah	2,942,902	26.19	\$8.9	29
Colorado	5,355,866	46.86	\$8.75	30
Kansas	2,904,021	24.76	\$8.53	31
Missouri	6,063,589	50.53	\$8.33	32
Iowa	3,107,126	24.66	\$7.94	33
Nebraska	1,881,503	14.81	\$7.87	34
Alaska	736,732	5.61	\$7.61	35
Arkansas	2,966,369	21.77	\$7.34	36
Tennessee	6,549,352	47.64	\$7.27	37
South Carolina	4,832,482	34.49	\$7.14	38
Michigan	9,909,877	63.07	\$6.36	39
Virginia	8,326,289	51.91	\$6.23	40
Mississippi	2,994,079	18.36	\$6.13	41
Vermont	626,562	3.65	\$5.83	42
California	38,802,500	222.13	\$5.72	43
Idaho	1,634,464	8.44	\$5.16	44
Ohio	11,594,163	59.30	\$5.11	45
Nevada	2,839,099	13.90	\$4.9	46
Minnesota	5,457,173	23.16	\$4.24	47
North Carolina	9,943,964	38.57	\$3.88	48
Texas	26,956,958	86.19	\$3.2	49
Wisconsin	5,757,564	15.93	\$2.77	50
North Dakota	739,482	1.12	\$1.51	51

Table 2: State ranks for the per capita amount paid in medical malpractice claims against all practitioners in each State in 2014 (total amount paid in claims/State population in 2014).

Table 3: Amount Paid Per Capita for Malpractice against Physicians

State	Population in 2014	Total Amount Paid for Claims Against Physicians Only (Millions of Dollars)	Amount Paid Per Capita Against Physicians Only 2014	State Rank
United States	319,425,019	3,189.02	\$9.98	
New York	19,746,227	648.50	\$32.84	1
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Sources: <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/npdbstats/npdbStatistics.jsp>

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