

Vermont Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: None

Population in 2015: 626,042

Number of Licensed Physicians¹ in 2015: 3,171

	2013	2014	2015	Average for 2013-2015
Per Capita ³ Amount Paid Against all Practitioners	\$3.18	\$5.92	\$9.02	\$6.04
State Rank	51	42	26	44
Per Capita ³ Amount Paid Against Physicians (MD/DO) Only	\$2.97	\$4.21	\$8.83	\$5.34
State Rank	49	44	23	42
Paid Claims/100 Physicians		0.28	0.32	
State Rank		45	43	

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

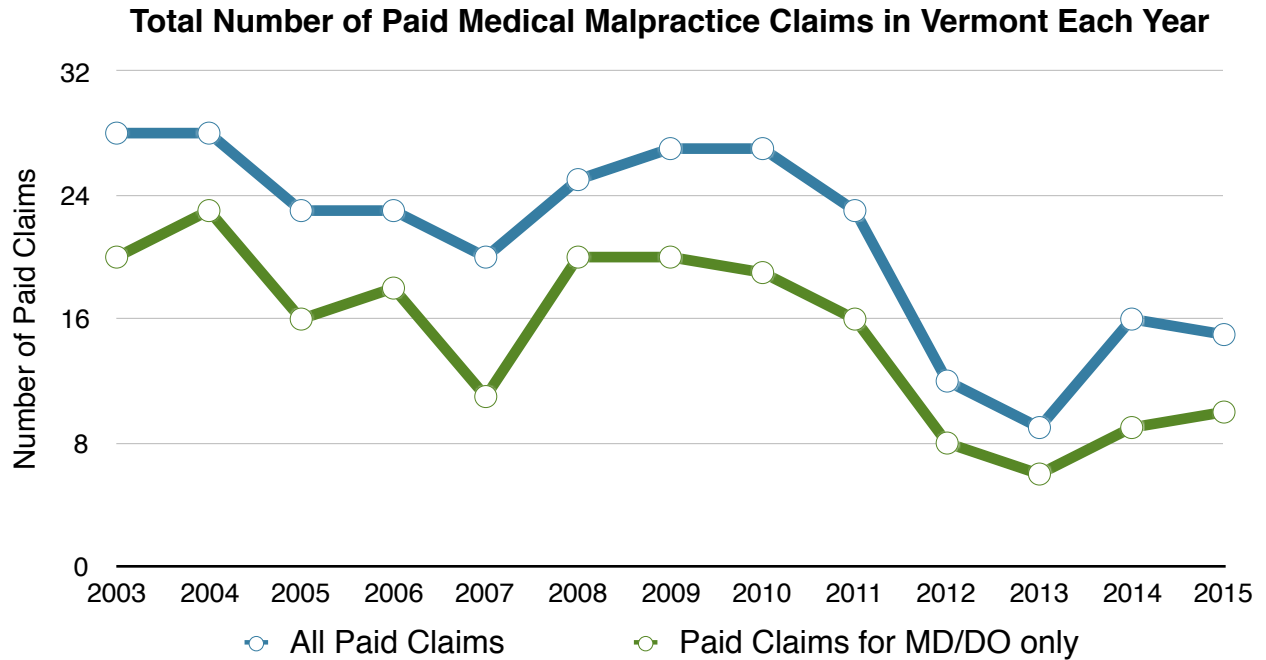


Figure 1: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Vermont from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners Combined as Well as for MD/DOs Only.

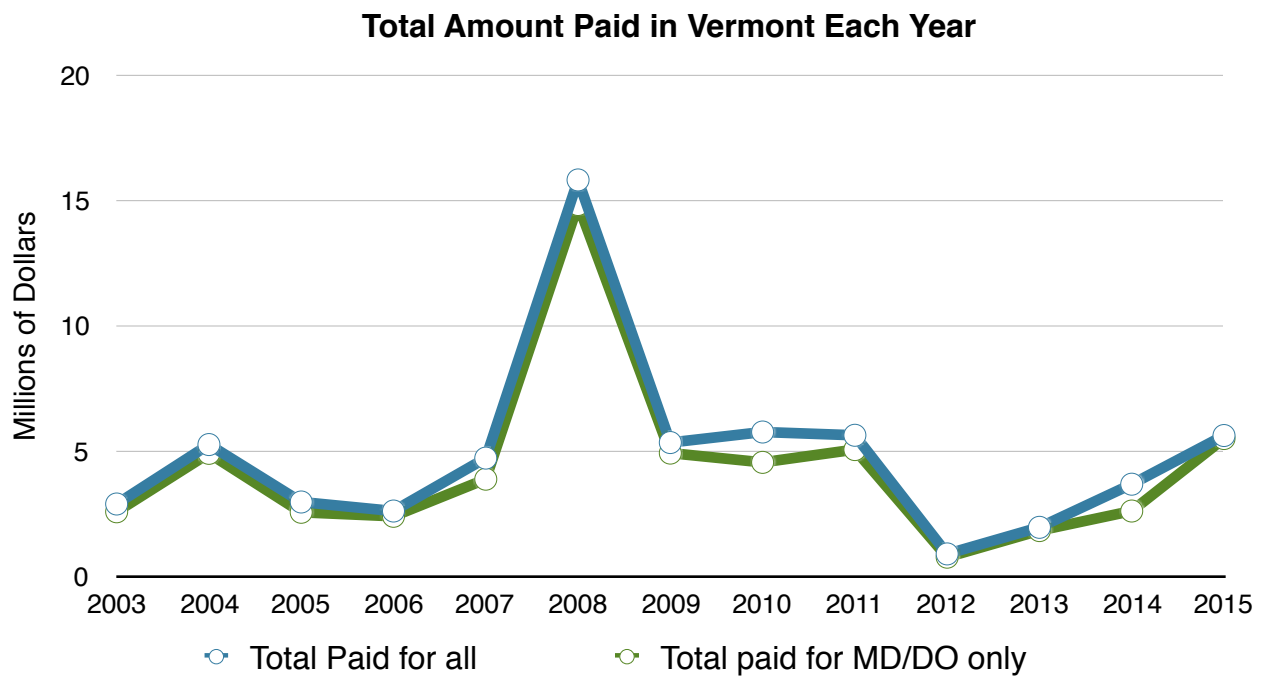


Figure 2: Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Vermont.

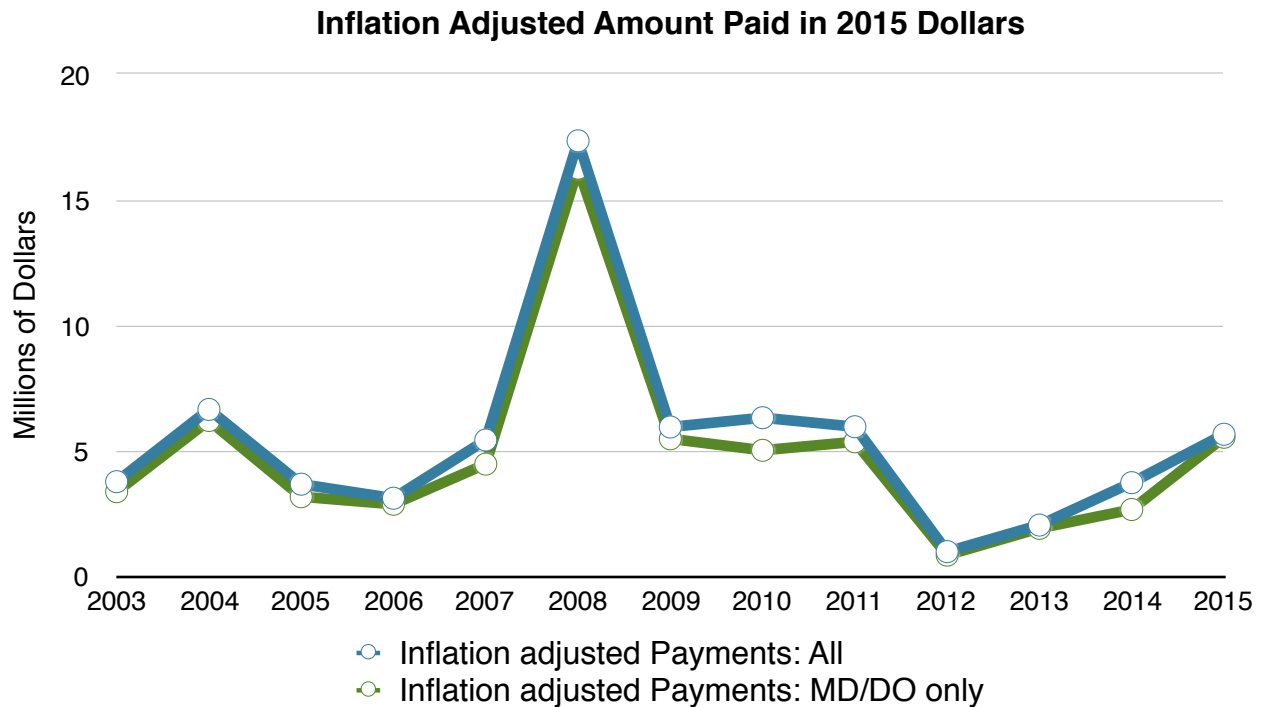


Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Brief Summary: Vermont has no tort reform law aimed at controlling medical malpractice costs yet has among the lowest malpractice costs per capita in the U.S. nearly every year. The only real exception was in 2008 when a total of \$8.25 million was awarded in two separate cases. Those two cases amounted to over half the malpractice damages awarded that year and 15% of all of the damages awarded for medical malpractice since 2005.

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