

# Delaware Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: None

	2012-2016 Average	State Rank
Annual Per Capita <sup>1</sup> Malpractice costs: All Providers <sup>2</sup>	\$9.77	22
Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only	\$9.01	19
Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents	27.6	32
Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians	0.82	31

Table showing the average amount paid per capita<sup>1</sup> each year in Delaware from 2012-2016 for medical malpractice claims against all practitioners as well as against physicians (MD and DO's) only. It also shows the number of paid claims per million residents and per 100 practicing physicians in Delaware those years.

Brief summary: Even without any specific tort reform, Delaware's medical malpractice costs have been dropping more rapidly than the national average since 2003. Still, their per capita malpractice costs remain slightly above the national average, though their total number of paid claims are a bit lower.

## Notes

- 1) Total amount paid in medical malpractice claims in the state each year/ the state's Population.
- 2) All practitioners includes physicians, podiatrists, dentists, nurses, hygienists, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, lab techs, physical therapists, etc...

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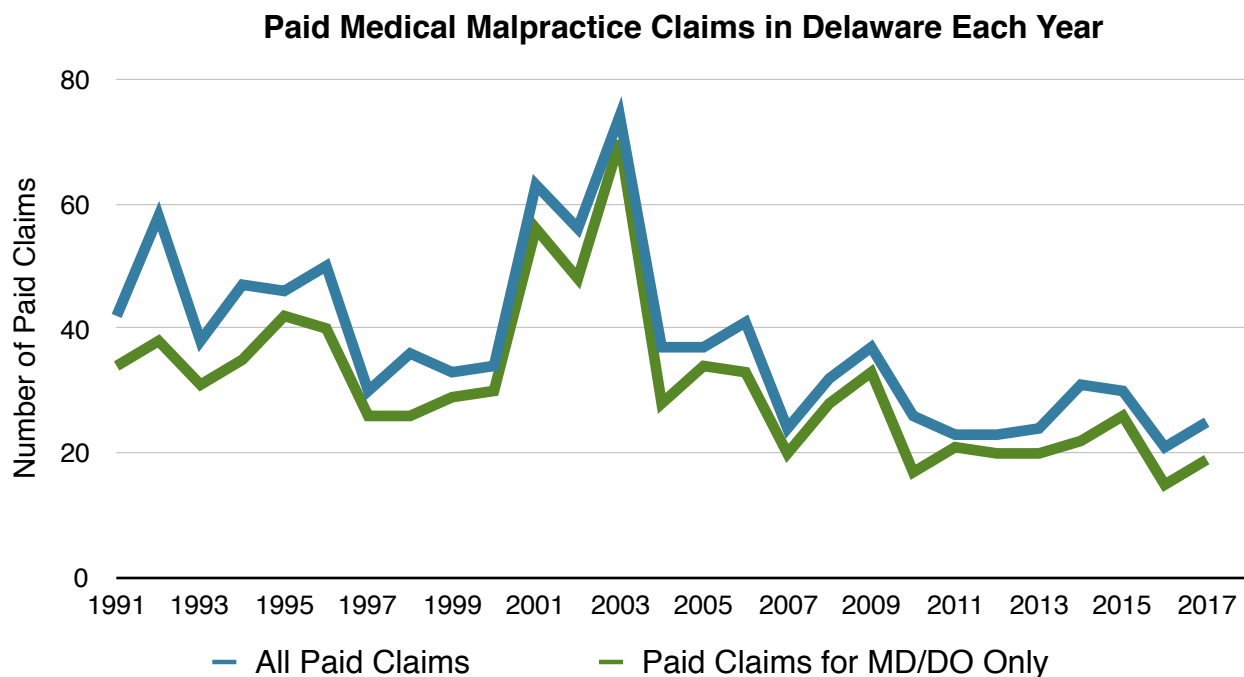
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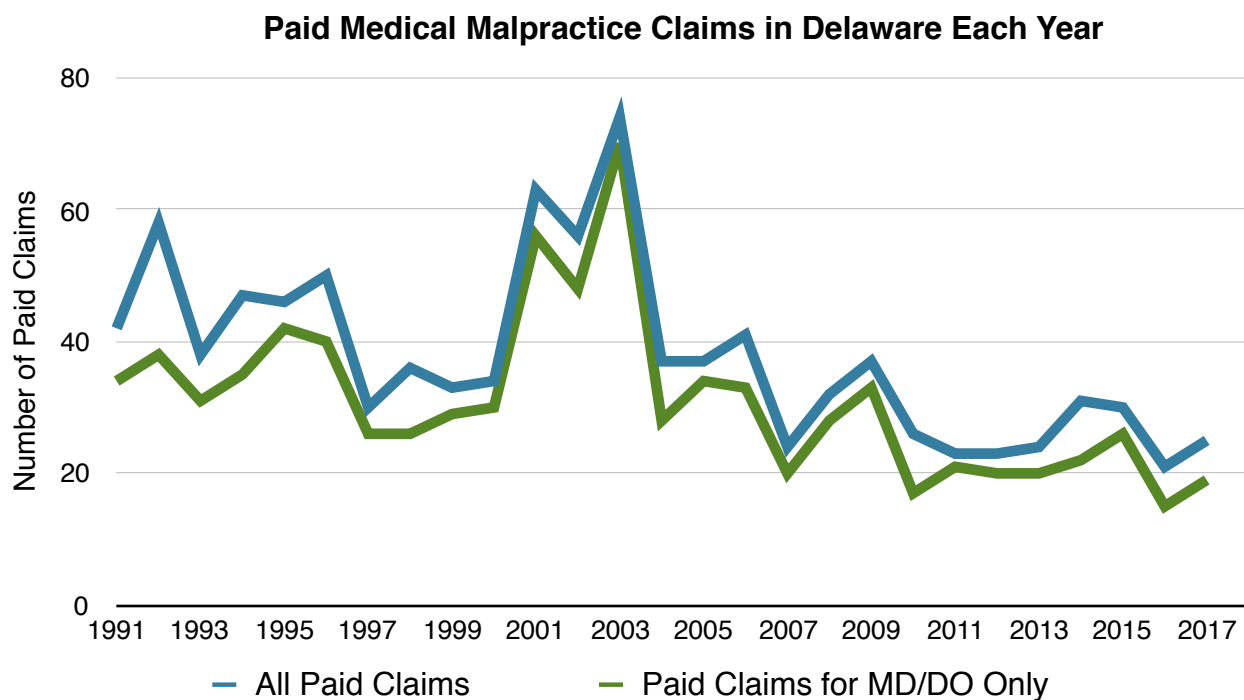
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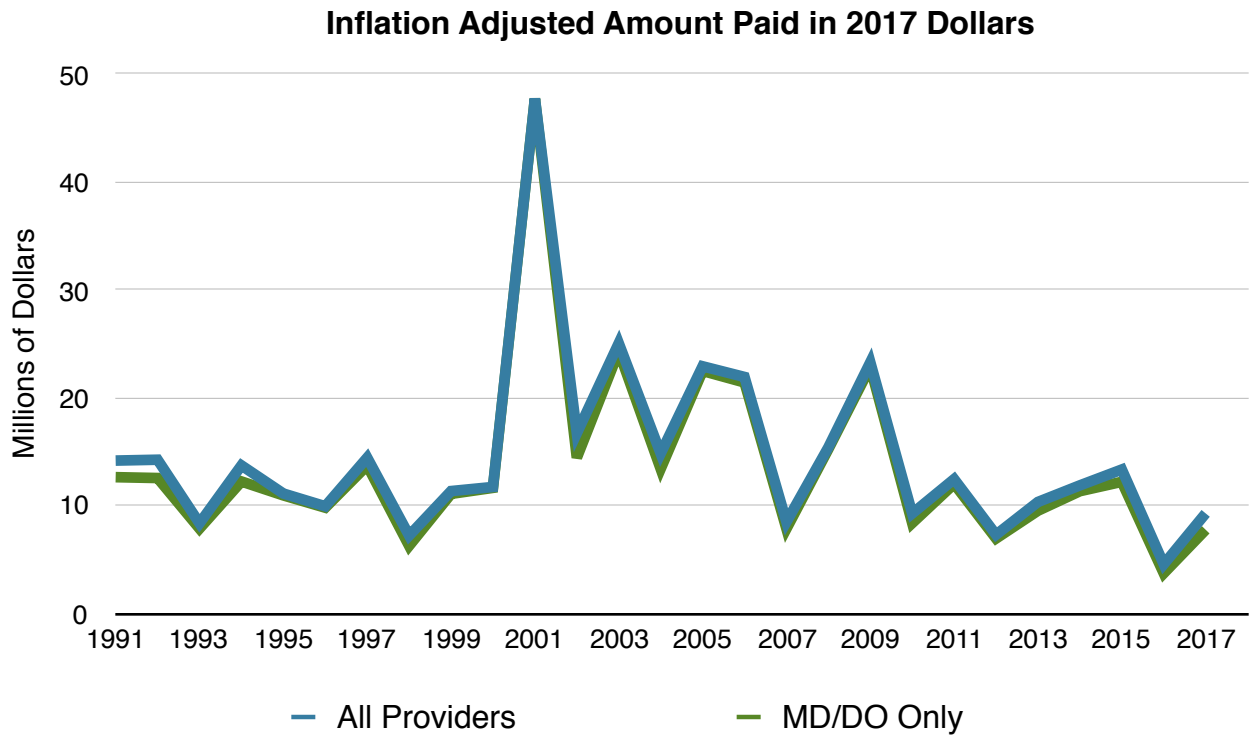
**Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Delaware from 1991-2017**



**Figure 1:** Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for Delaware from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.



**Figure 2:** Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in Delaware.



**Figure 3:** Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.