

Hawaii Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §663-8.7. Non-economic damage cap of \$375,000 with exceptions for specific situations.

Effective 1986

	2012-2016 Average	State Rank
Annual Per Capita ¹ Malpractice costs: All Providers ²	\$8.85	28
Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only	\$6.64	33
Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents	21.61	43
Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians	0.46	44

Table showing the average amount paid per capita¹ each year in Hawaii 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 Hawaii those years.

Brief summary: Both the cost of medical malpractice and the number of paid claims in Hawaii each year are quite low. Since their tort reform bill was passed in 1986 and my data only goes back to 1991, it's unclear how much effect this law has had.

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

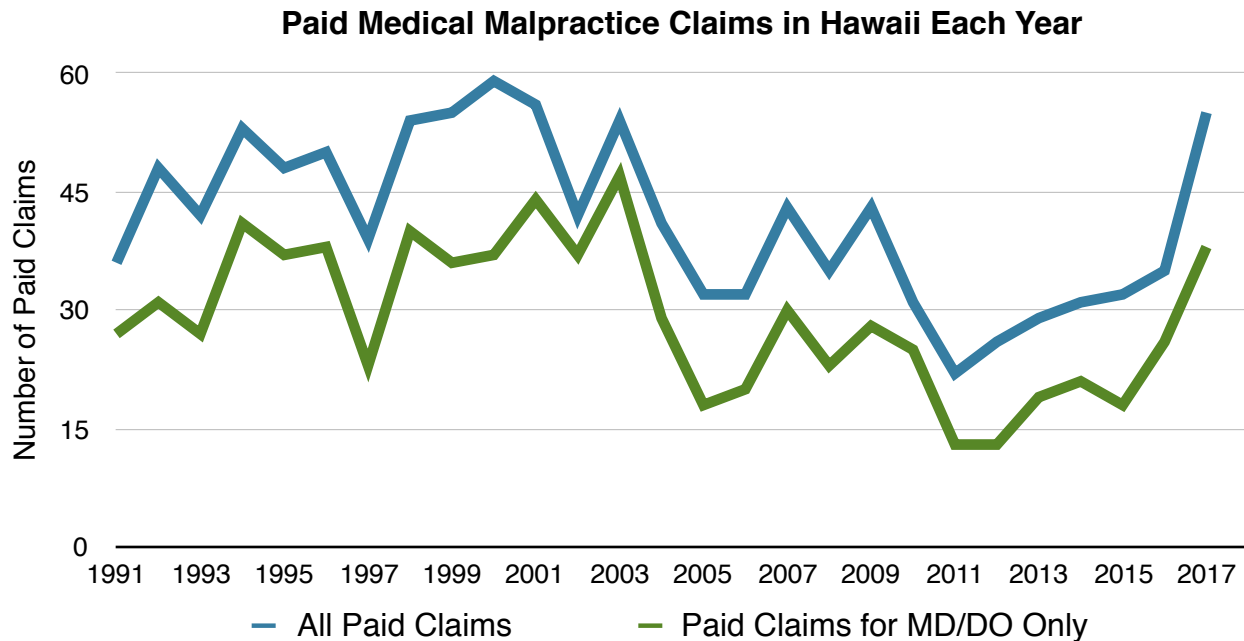


Figure 1: Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for Hawaii from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.

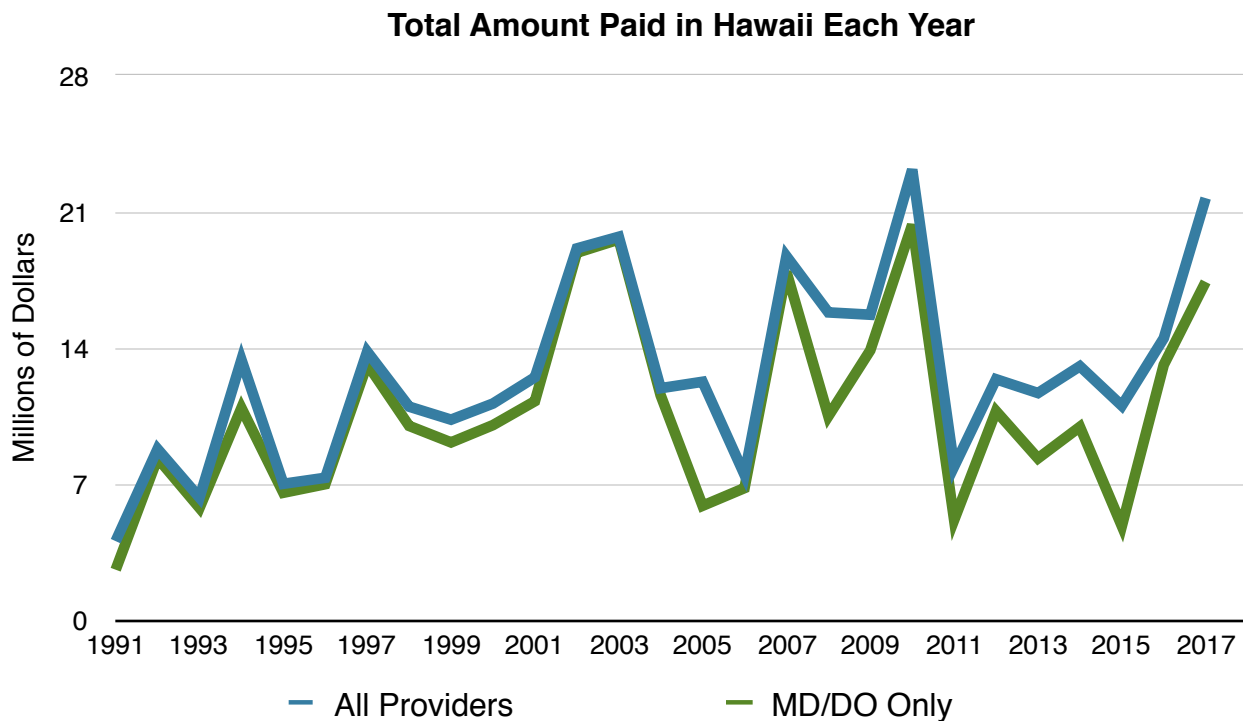


Figure 2: Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in Hawaii.

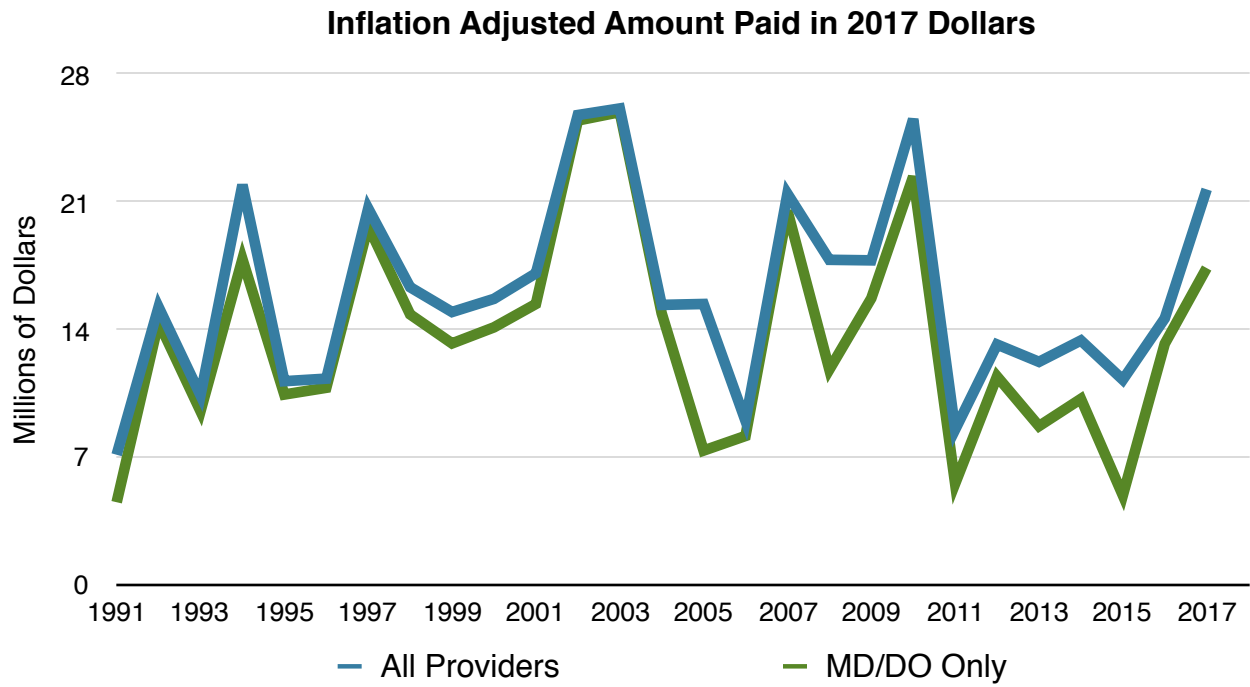


Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.