

New Jersey Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §2A:15-5.14. Punitive: The greater of \$350,000 or 5x compensatory damages.
Effective 1995

	2012-2016 Average	State Rank
Annual Per Capita ¹ Malpractice costs: All Providers ²	\$28.59	2
Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only	\$22.98	3
Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents	72.26	2
Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians	1.66	7

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

Brief summary: New Jersey does have a tort reform law that caps damages, but it's rather complex and confusing. Anyway, it doesn't appear to have any real effect since annual per capita medical malpractice costs in New Jersey are easily among the highest in the U.S. and have been for many years.

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 New Jersey from 1991-2017

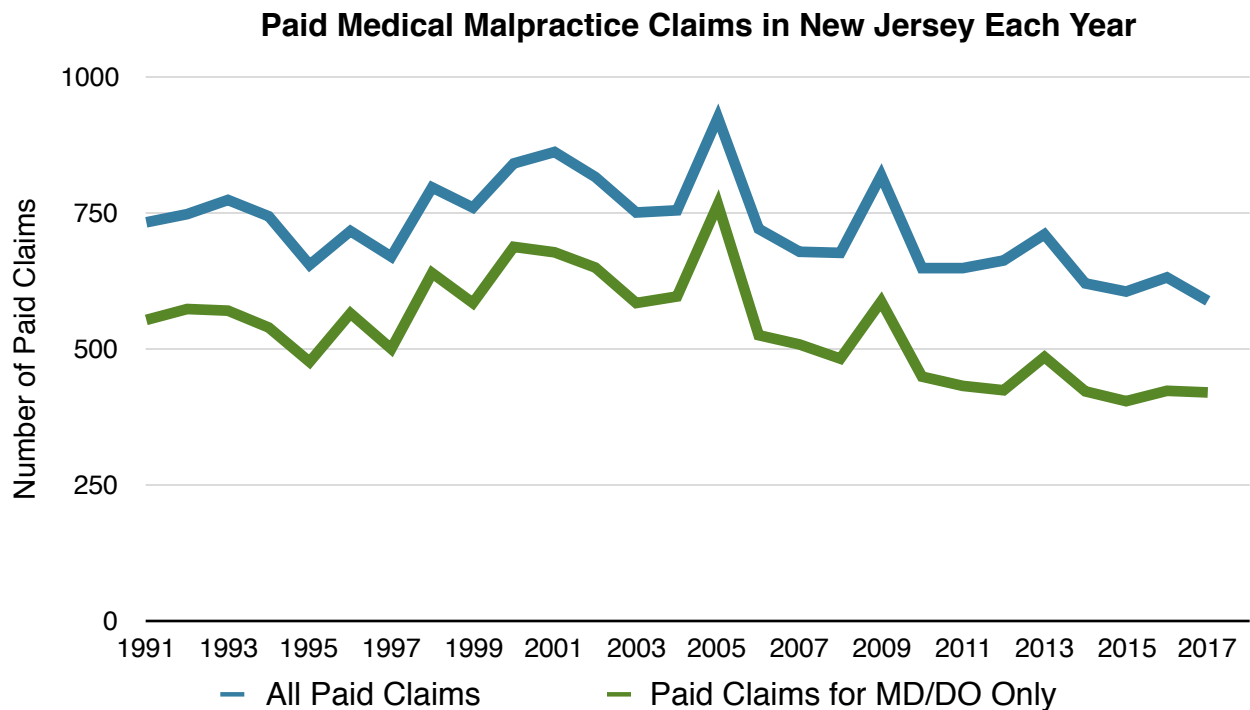


Figure 1: Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for New Jersey from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.

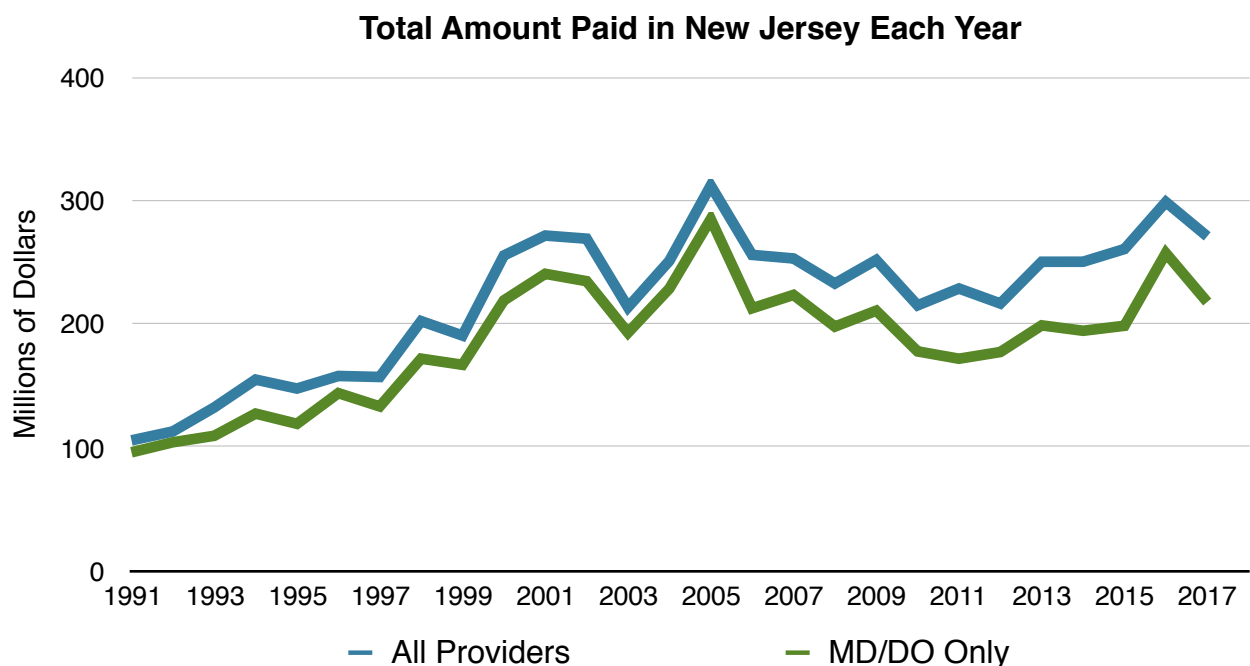


Figure 2: Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in New Jersey.

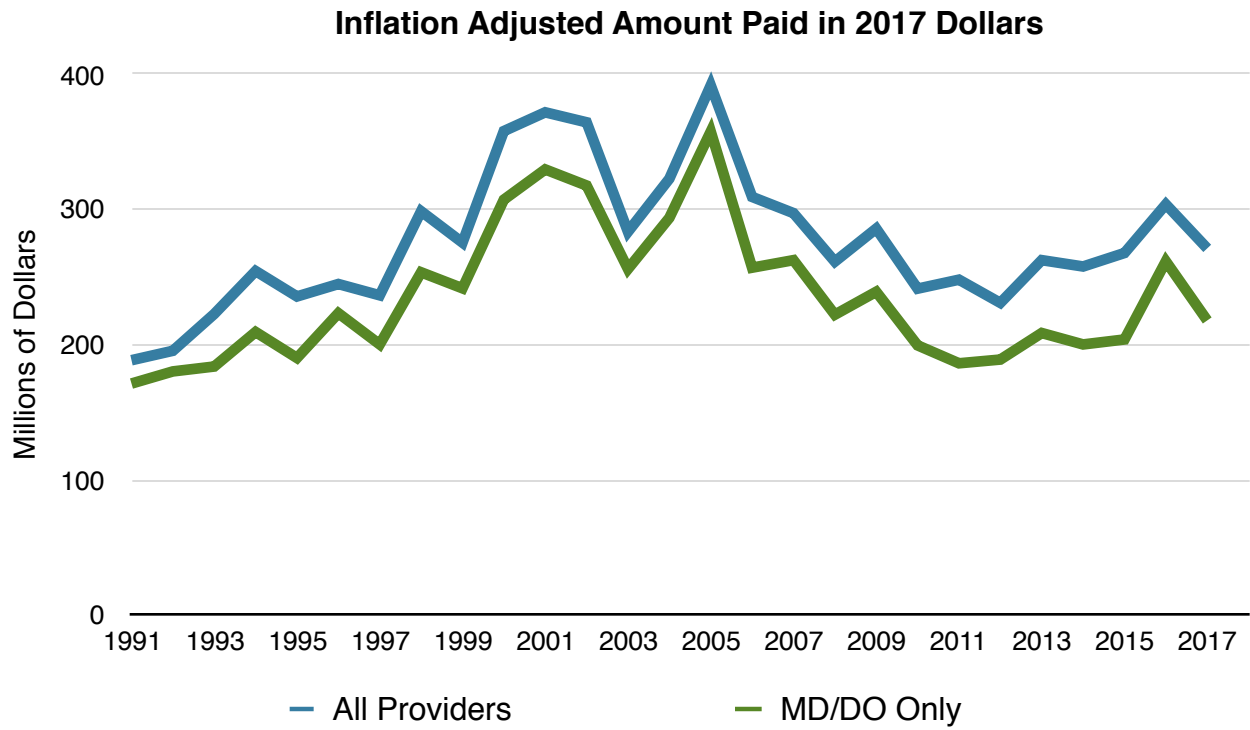


Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.