

South Carolina Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §15-32-220. Punitive damages capped at \$350,000 or 3x compensatory damages. Non-economic: \$350,000 per facility against each provider adjusted annually for inflation. Total claim with multiple providers capped at \$1,050,000. Effective 2005

	2012-2016 Average	State Rank
Annual Per Capita ¹ Malpractice costs: All Providers ²	\$8.01	32
Annual Per Capita Malpractice costs: MD/DO only	\$6.51	34
Annual Claims per 1 Million Residents	33.68	20
Annual Claims per 100 Practicing Physicians	1.09	17

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

Brief summary: South Carolina Passed a tort reform bill in 2005 that, among other things, caps non-economic damages in medical malpractice awards. It's unclear if this law has had any significant effect on medical malpractice costs in that state, though.

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 South Carolina from 1991-2017

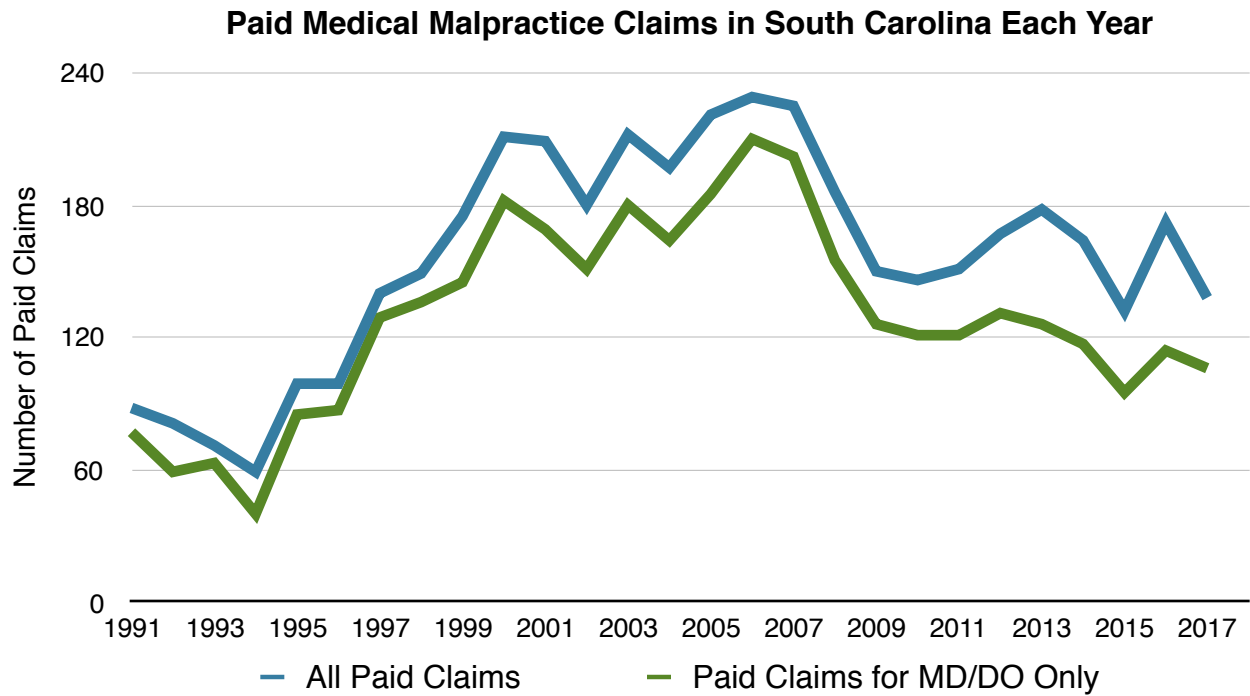


Figure 1: Total number of paid medical malpractice claims for South Carolina from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners combined as well as for MD/DOs only.

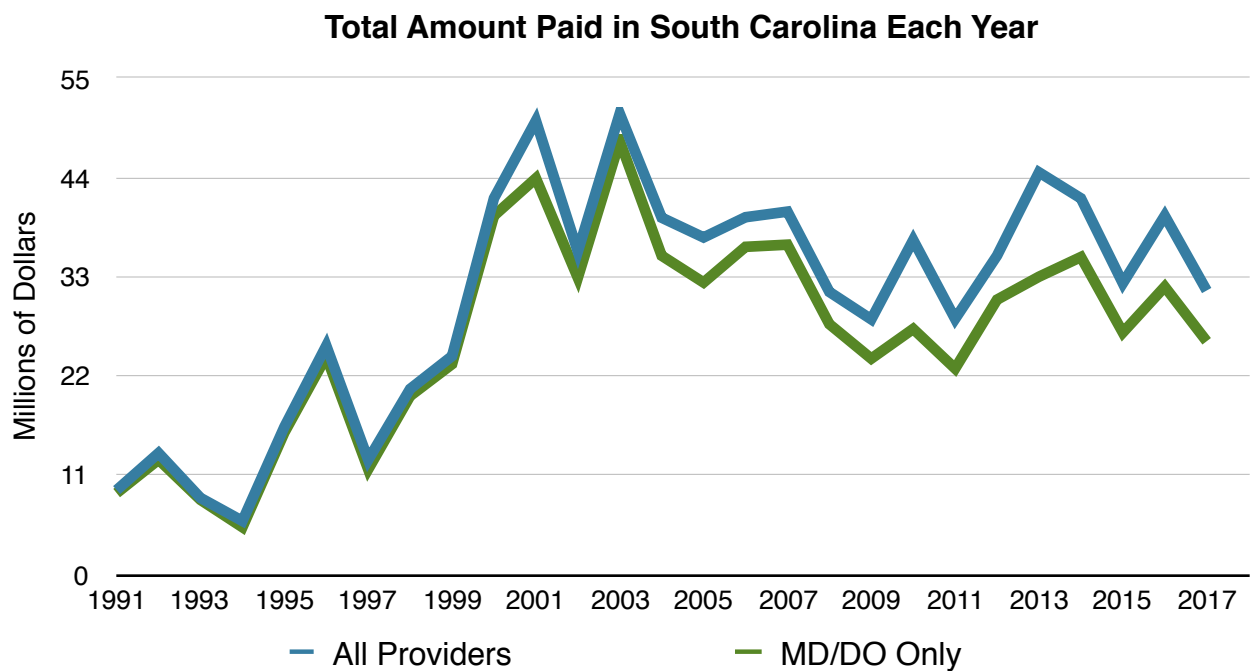


Figure 2: Total amount paid for all medical malpractice claims from 1991-2017 for all health care practitioners and MD/DOs only in South Carolina.

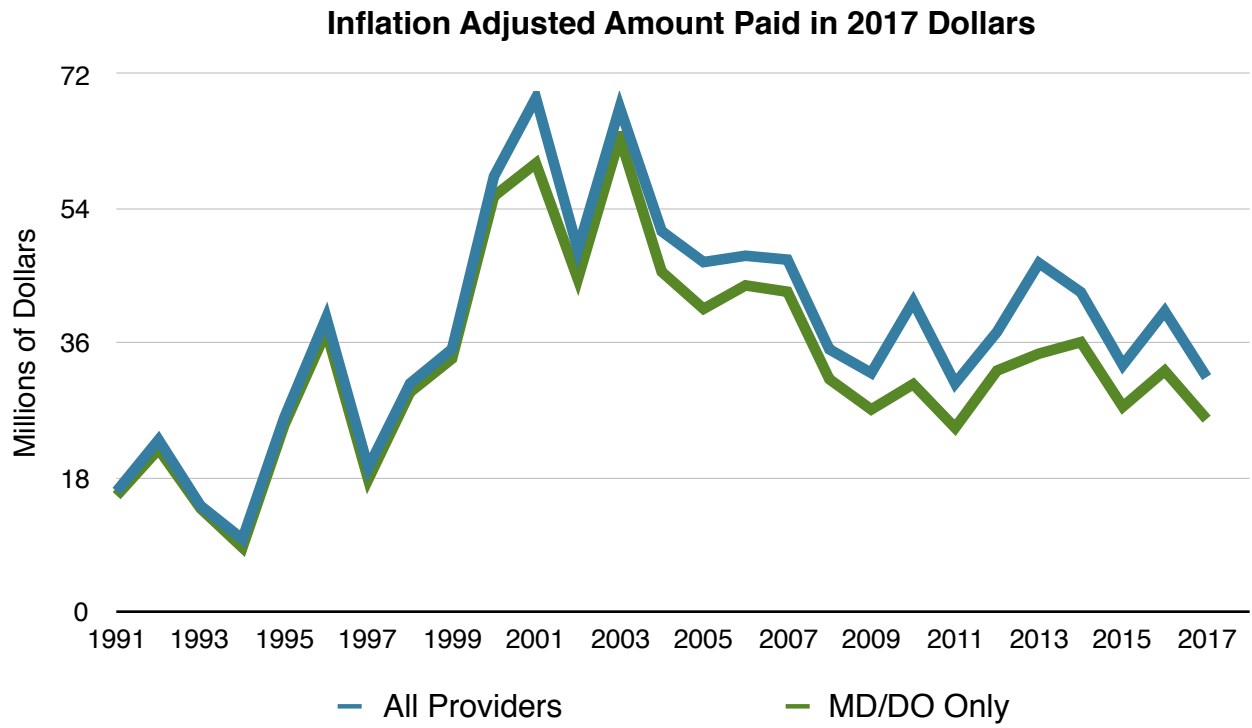


Figure 3: Figure 2 data when adjusted for inflation.