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ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Circular Letter Number 22-1813

RE: MWCIA Releases Multibureau Evaluation of COVID-19—Phase II: Expanded Data on Claim Characteristics and Trends

MWCIA, in collaboration with nine other workers compensation (WC) rating bureaus, has jointly released [phase II of COVID-19 and Workers Compensation](#) (WC).

This updated study includes two years of claims data—Accident Years (AY) 2020 and 2021 through year-end 2021—from the following WC bureaus: California, Delaware, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and NCCI. One result of this effort is the creation of a COVID-19 claims database, which includes a comprehensive view of COVID-19 claim characteristics and trends. The analysis does *not* include experience from self-insured employers or denial and expense-only claims.

Key findings:

- This analysis relied on data from 45 jurisdictions, representing \$1.1 billion in COVID-19-related losses from about 117,000 claims. The average claim cost during the two-year period was approximately \$9,600.
- On average, COVID-19 claims decreased from 11% of WC lost-time claims reported in AY 2020 to 4% in AY 2021 across the jurisdictions included in the study.
- Approximately 75% of reported COVID-19 lost-time claims were from the healthcare sector, while that sector only accounts for about 9% of non-COVID-19 lost-time claims.
- Indemnity-only claims, while uncommon for non-COVID-19 claims, continued to represent the largest share of COVID-19 claims. On average, these claims for lost wages are less costly, accounting for a relatively small share of overall losses.

This updated report confirms significant findings from our 2020 report and includes additional insights on industry sector and accident-quarter metrics. Claim and loss activity varied across jurisdictions, impacting individual states and sectors differently and at varying times. Uncertainties remain about the long-term impact of COVID-19.

[Read the full report](#) to learn more.

Save the Date: Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. ET

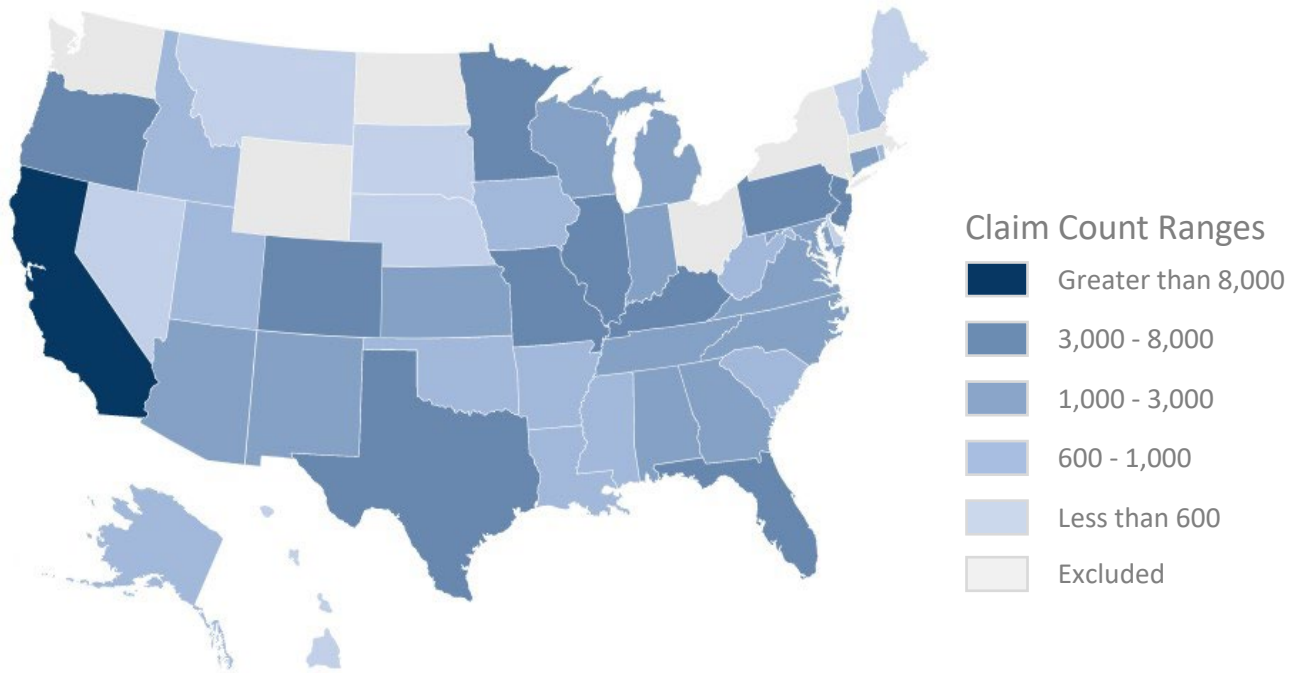
Several independent bureaus and NCCI will host an insightful webinar on information derived from this collaborative study. [Register now.](#)

If you have questions, please contact our Actuarial staff by calling 952.897.1737, Option 3 or by emailing actuarial@mwcia.org.

COVID-19 and Workers Compensation

Phase II of the Multibureau Collaboration

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The COVID-19 claim share decreased from 11% to 4% of WC lost-time claims.

Indemnity-only claims remain a **significant share** of reported COVID-19 claims.

Approximately 75% of COVID-19 claims were from the **healthcare sector**.

The average **cost** of a **COVID-19 claim** during the study period was approximately **\$9,600**.

