

# 2018 Oregon Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking Summary

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**Table 1. Oregon's ranking in the top 10 classifications**

Occupation	Ranking
Clerical office employees	47
Salespersons - outside	49
College: professional employees and clerical	40
Physician and clerical	39
Restaurant	43
Hospital: professional employees	41
Store: retail	47
Automobile service/repair center and drivers	34
Trucking: all employees and drivers	37
Retirement living centers: health care employees	40

Oregon employers in the voluntary market pay, on average, the 46th highest workers' compensation premium rates in the nation. Oregon's rates are 32 percent below those of the median state in the study.

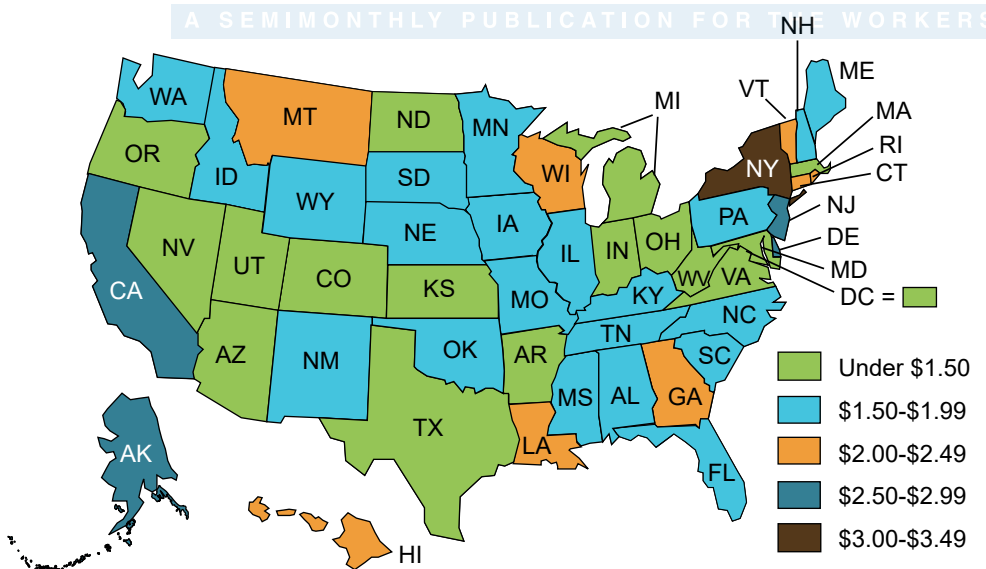
Premium rate indices are calculated based on data from 51 jurisdictions, for rates in effect as of January 1, 2018. The 2018 median value is \$1.70, which is a drop of 7.6 percent from the \$1.84 median of the 2016 study. This is the largest drop in the study median since 2012. Oregon's premium rate index is \$1.15

per \$100 of payroll, or 68 percent of the national median. National premium rate indices range from a low of \$0.82 in North Dakota, to a high of \$3.08 in New York. There were 17 states that had an index rate that was within plus or minus 10 percent of this benchmark value. In the upper part of the rate distribution, 14 states had index rates higher than 110 percent of the median, while 20 states were below 90 percent of the median.

The study is based on methods that put states' workers' compensation rates on a comparable basis, using a constant set of risk classifications for each state. This study used classification codes from the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). Of approximately 430

active classes in Oregon, 50 were selected based on relative importance as measured by share of losses in Oregon. To control for differences in industry distributions, each state's rates were weighted by 2012-2014 Oregon payroll to obtain an average manual rate for that state. Listed in Table 1 are Oregon's rankings in the top 10 of the 50 classifications used.

**Figure 1. 2018 Workers' compensation premium index rates**



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**Table 2. Workers' compensation premium rate ranking**

2018 Ranking	2016 Ranking	State	Index Rate	Percent of study median	Effective Date	Percent of 2016 study median
1	3	New York	3.08	181%	October 1, 2017	154%
2	1	California	2.87	169%	January 1, 2018	176%
3	2	New Jersey	2.84	167%	January 1, 2018	158%
4	5	Alaska	2.51	148%	January 1, 2018	149%
5	6	Delaware	2.50	147%	December 1, 2017	126%
6	27	Georgia	2.27	134%	March 1, 2017	98%
7	5	Connecticut	2.20	129%	January 1, 2018	149%
8	9	Rhode Island	2.19	129%	August 1, 2017	119%
9	14	Vermont	2.09	123%	April 1, 2017	110%
10	10	Louisiana	2.05	121%	January 1, 2018	115%
11	12	Wisconsin	2.02	119%	October 1, 2017	112%
13	17	Hawaii	2.01	118%	January 1, 2018	107%
13	11	Montana	2.01	118%	July 1, 2017	114%
14	18	South Carolina	1.95	115%	September 1, 2016	105%
16	15	Washington	1.87	110%	January 1, 2018	107%
16	23	Wyoming	1.87	110%	January 1, 2018	101%
17	26	Pennsylvania	1.85	109%	April 1, 2017	100%
19	22	North Carolina	1.84	108%	April 1, 2017	103%
19	14	Maine	1.84	108%	April 1, 2017	110%
21	28	Idaho	1.81	106%	January 1, 2018	97%
21	33	Florida	1.81	106%	January 1, 2018	90%
22	8	Illinois	1.80	106%	January 1, 2018	121%
23	32	South Dakota	1.73	102%	July 1, 2017	91%
24	8	Oklahoma	1.71	101%	January 1, 2018	121%
26	17	New Hampshire	1.70	100%	January 1, 2018	106%
26	32	Nebraska	1.70	100%	February 1, 2017	91%
27	20	Missouri	1.68	99%	January 1, 2018	104%
28	22	Minnesota	1.67	98%	January 1, 2018	104%
29	25	Alabama	1.65	97%	March 1, 2017	100%
30	24	Iowa	1.64	96%	January 1, 2018	101%
31	29	Mississippi	1.54	91%	March 1, 2017	92%
32	30	Tennessee	1.52	89%	March 1, 2017	91%
33	36	Kentucky	1.51	89%	October 1, 2017	82%
34	20	New Mexico	1.50	88%	January 1, 2018	104%
35	35	Colorado	1.43	84%	January 1, 2018	84%
36	40	Ohio	1.40	82%	July 1, 2017	79%
37	34	Michigan	1.38	81%	January 1, 2017	85%
38	44	Massachusetts	1.37	81%	July 1, 2016	70%
39	38	Maryland	1.33	78%	January 1, 2018	82%
40	38	Arizona	1.30	76%	January 1, 2018	82%
41	47	Virginia	1.28	75%	April 1, 2017	67%
42	42	District of Columbia	1.25	74%	November 1, 2017	74%
43	40	Texas	1.21	71%	July 1, 2017	79%
44	43	Nevada	1.18	69%	March 1, 2017	71%
46	41	Kansas	1.15	68%	January 1, 2018	77%
<b>46</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>OREGON</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>January 1, 2018</b>	<b>69%</b>
47	46	Utah	1.06	62%	December 1, 2017	69%
48	48	West Virginia	1.01	59%	November 1, 2017	66%
49	49	Arkansas	0.90	53%	July 1, 2017	57%
50	50	Indiana	0.87	51%	January 1, 2018	57%
51	51	North Dakota	0.82	48%	July 1, 2017	48%

Notes: Starting with the 2008 study, when two or more states' Index Rate values are the same, they are assigned the same ranking. The index rates reflect adjustments for the characteristics of each individual state's residual market. Rates vary by classification and insurer in each state. Actual cost to an employer can be adjusted by the employer's experience rating, premium discount, retrospective rating, and dividends. [Previous reports and summaries.](#)

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