

FISCAL YEAR 2018 TORT CLAIM INDEMNITY PAYOUT ANALYSIS

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Statewide Indemnity Payouts for Fiscal Years 2011-2018

This data includes WSDOT Marine Division Payouts which are reimbursed to the self-insurance fund and excludes UW and Excess Insurance refunds.

The table below contains payout dollars for the top four agencies with the highest indemnity payouts. It also includes indemnity payout dollars for all other agencies combined.

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
DNR	68,952	923,679	39,939	62,741	307,534	-129,831	50,087,041	59,549
DOC	8,616,624	8,192,717	25,195,682	15,999,304	5,665,919	9,978,979	14,234,869	6,734,919
DOT	33,515,455	25,942,804	4,237,470	9,439,229	14,352,216	64,311,819	6,129,090	15,254,486
DSHS	27,791,834	19,895,522	28,792,362	17,735,832	27,394,840	21,894,312	37,262,249	42,910,700
All Others	5,962,499	4,996,274	7,280,605	5,251,507	11,782,580	6,736,988	26,071,968	7,511,741
Totals	75,955,364	59,950,996	65,546,058	48,488,613	59,503,089	102,792,267	133,785,217	72,471,395

Summary: Total statewide indemnity payouts for fiscal years 2011 through 2015 remained relatively flat. There was a spike in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 with a claim settlement related to a landslide accounting for 38% of the 2017 fiscal year indemnity payout. Fiscal year 2018 saw a 47% decrease in indemnity payout amounts.

Fiscal Year 2018 Indemnity Payout Distribution

The table below contains fiscal year 2018 payout dollars for the top four agencies with the highest indemnity payouts. It also includes payout dollars for all other agencies combined.

This data includes WSDOT Marine Division Payouts which are reimbursed to the self-insurance fund and excludes UW and excess insurance refunds.

	FY 2018
DNR	59,549
DOC	6,734,919
DOT	15,254,486
DSHS	42,910,700
All Others	7,511,741
Total	72,471,394

DSHS contributed to 59% of the total fiscal year 2018 total indemnity payout amount. Respectively, DOT contributed 21%, DOC 9%, DNR <1% and all other agencies combined 11%.

All Other State Agency Indemnity Payouts for Fiscal Years 2011-2018

FY	2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
5,962	2,499	4,996,274	7,280,605	5,251,507	11,782,580	6,736,988	26,071,968	7,511,741

Summary: Total indemnity payouts for all other state agencies combined for fiscal years 2011 through 2016 remained relatively flat. There was a spike in fiscal year 2017. Of the fiscal year 2017 26 million dollar payout, a WSP class action settlement accounts for 13 million dollars, a Board of Pilotage Commissioners settlement accounts for 6.1 million dollars and a discovery sanction against the AGO accounts for 1.2 million dollars. Fiscal year 2018 saw a 71% decrease in payout amounts and aligns with fiscal years 2011-2016.

92% of event payouts are less than 100,000 dollars each and make up 6% of total dollars paid out for indemnities. The remaining 8% of event payouts make up 94% of total dollars paid out for indemnities.

FY2018	Total # of Events	Total Payouts
Events < \$100K	641	\$4,380,030
Events >= \$100K	57	\$68,091,363

Summary: Only a few events resulting in claims paid are greater than 100,000 dollars and most of the events resulting in claims paid are for less than 100,000 dollars.

Tort Indemnity Payouts for Fiscal Years 2011-2018 by Event

Large payouts result from a small number of events

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FY2011	WSP	Amount	Percent	DSHS	Amount	Percent	DOC	Amount	Percent	DOT	Amount	Percent	All Others	Amount	Percent
Events > \$100K	2	518,813	55%	19	27,204,647	98%	6	7,970,000	92%	13	32,453,500	97%	12	3,805,734	75%
Events < \$100K	46	424,345	45%	60	587,187	2%	280	646,624	8%	252	1,061,955	3%	47	1,282,559	25%
Total FY2011	48	943,159		79	27,791,834		286	8,616,624		265	33,515,455		59	5,088,292	
FY2012	WSP	Amount	Percent	DSHS	Amount	Percent	DOC	Amount	Percent	DOT	Amount	Percent	All Others	Amount	Percent
Events > \$100K	2	795,000	74%	14	19,409,488	98%	8	7,480,000	91%	13	24,706,303	95%	8	3,149,349	65%
Events < \$100K	48	277,951	26%	14 54	486,033	2%	° 242	7,480,000	91%	220	1,236,501	93% 5%	° 53	1,697,652	35%
Total FY2012	50	1,072,951	20/0	68	19,895,522	270	250	8,192,717	570	233	25,942,804	370	61	4,847,001	5570
FY2013	WSP	Amount	Percent	DSHS	Amount	Percent	DOC	Amount	Percent	DOT	Amount	Percent	All Others	Amount	Percent
Events > \$100K	3	3,227,000	85%	18	28,230,000	98%	11	24,685,736	98%	9	3,361,612	79%	8	2,147,620	61%
Events < \$100K	45	565,894	15%	63	562,362	2%	229	509,946	2%	205	875,859	21%	51	1,381,265	39%
Total FY2013	48	3,792,894		81	28,792,362		240	25,195,682		214	4,237,470		59	3,528,885	
FY2014	WSP	Amount	Percent	DSHS	Amount	Percent	DOC	Amount	Percent	DOT	Amount	Percent	All Others	Amount	Percent
Events > \$100K	1	370,001	57%	14	17,285,641	97%	10	15,523,181	97%	6	8,425,000	89%	13	3,488,818	75%
Events < \$100K	36	279,557	43%	56	450,191	3%	186	476,123	3%	194	1,014,229	11%	40	1,175,873	25%
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Statewide Tort Claim Filing for Fiscal Years 2011-2018

The table below contains the number of tort claims filed for fiscal year 2011-2018 for the top four agencies with the highest number of tort claims filed. It also includes the number of tort claims filed for all other agencies combined.

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
DOC	1,743	1,725	1,664	1,536	1,459	1,533	1,104	1,138
DOT	957	924	753	822	958	1,008	1,010	1,004
DSHS	212	198	156	196	163	204	230	270
WSP	98	98	83	82	85	91	83	95
All Others	495	479	389	431	518	516	468	540
Totals	3,505	3,424	3,045	3,067	3,183	3,352	2,895	3,047

This data excludes UW, counties, cities, public school districts and non-state entities.

Summary: There has been a steady decline of tort claims filed over the last eight fiscal years. Claim filings are declining due primarily to a decrease in inmate non-personal property claims.

Fiscal Year 2018 Tort Claim Filing by Investigative Office Assigned

There are four investigative offices. The table below shows the percentage of claims investigated by each office in fiscal year 2018. Sixty two percent of all tort claims filed in fiscal year 2018 were administratively handled (denied or settled) by the DES Office of Risk Management.

	FY 2018
AGO Program	<1%
AGO Torts	16%
DES/ORM	62%
DOT	22%

Fiscal Years 2011-2018 Tort Claim Filing by Investigative Office Assigned

The table below shows which of the four investigative offices investigated what number of tort claims for fiscal years 2011 through 2018.

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
AGO Program	36	68	21	11	16	8	9	8
AGO Torts	495	378	394	486	357	466	398	486
DES/ORM	1,964	2,124	2,136	2,030	1,891	1,942	1,645	1,884
DOT	1,010	854	707	775	919	936	843	669
Totals	3,505	3,424	3,045	3,067	3,183	3,352	2,895	3,047

Distribution of DOC Claims filed for Fiscal Years 2011-2018

The table below contains the number of tort claims filed for fiscal years 2011-2018 by the categories of non-inmate, inmate personal property and inmate non-personal property.

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Non Inmate	91	93	65	60	63	71	102	95
Inmate Personal								
Property	1,193	1,117	1,061	1,000	909	824	708	716
Inmate Non-Personal								
Property	459	515	538	476	487	638	294	327
Totals	1,743	1,725	1,664	1,536	1,459	1,533	1,104	1,138

Summary: DOC has seen a steady decline of tort claims filed over the last eight fiscal years. Claim filings are declining due primarily to a substantial decrease in inmate non-personal property claims.

Distribution of DOT Claims filed for Fiscal Years 2011-2018

The table below contains the number of tort claims filed for fiscal years 2011-2018 by the categories of non-road construction maintenance claims and road construction maintenance claims.

This data excludes UW, counties, cities, public school districts and non-state entities.

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Non-road Construction								
Maintenance Claims	162	138	99	139	131	179	162	195
Road Construction								
Maintenance Claims	654	666	547	592	720	739	749	690
Totals	816	804	646	731	851	918	911	885

Summary: DOC tort claims filed have remained relatively flat over fiscal years 2011-2014. Road constructions claims have increased since 2015, which account for the majority of DOT's claims. Road construction and maintenance personal property claims inflate the number of DOT claims.

Employment Tort Claims Filed for Fiscal Years 2011-2018

The table below contains the number of employment tort claims filed for fiscal years 2011-2018 for the top five agencies with the highest number of tort claims filed. It also includes the number of employment tort claims filed for all other agencies combined.

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
DOC	20	7	13	13	5	11	12	12
DOT	9	7	1	8	4	11	4	4
DSHS	33	19	13	19	10	19	26	29
WSP	8	4	2	4	4	3	2	1
WSU	5	4	5	3	3	2	1	8
All Others	30	81	26	25	34	37	41	57
Totals	105	122	60	72	60	83	86	111

Summary: Employment tort claims spiked in fiscal year 2012 and then substantially decreased between fiscal years 2013-2017. Fiscal year 2018 saw approximately a 30% increase in the number of employment tort claims filed.

Employment Tort Claims Paid for Fiscal Years 2011-2018

The table below contains the number of employment tort claims paid for fiscal years 2011-2018 for the top five agencies with the highest number of employment tort claims paid. It also includes the number of employment tort claims paid for all other agencies combined.

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
DOC	7	3	4	2	2	6	7	7
DOT	0	3	3	3	4	3	2	2
DSHS	13	7	20	3	8	17	20	13
L&I	1	3	0	2	2	3	1	1
WSP	0	0	1	1	1	3	3	0
All Others	24	18	14	9	24	20	30	21
Totals	45	34	42	20	41	52	63	44

Summary: Employment tort claims paid spiked in fiscal years 2016-2017. Fiscal year 2018 saw approximately a 30% decrease in the number of employment tort claims paid.

Employment Indemnity Payouts by Agency for Fiscal Years 2011-2018

The table below contains payout dollars for the top five agencies with the highest employment indemnity payouts. It also includes employment indemnity payout dollars for all other agencies combined.

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
DOC	387,500	215,000	284,577	310,188	190,785	1,150,001	785,377	547,955
DOT	0	631,483	282,706	50,691	1,886,588	330,000	645,765	37,000
DSHS	569,286	638,543	894,814	267,348	1,100,756	2,373,587	3,037,257	1,241,300
L&I	145,000	69,500	0	580,765	15,000	1,332,500	81,411	25,000
WSP	0	0	60,000	370,001	272,877	425,000	13,110,000	0
All Others	3,175,376	1,698,117	1,020,193	1,311,745	3,434,845	2,240,221	8,366,567	2,421,253
Totals	4,277,162	3,252,643	2,542,290	2,890,738	6,900,850	7,851,309	26,026,376	4,272,509

Summary: Dollars paid on employment claims have significantly increased since fiscal year 2014. Of the fiscal year 2017 26 million dollar payout, a WSP class action settlement accounted for 13 million and a Board of Pilotage Commissioners settlement accounted for 6.1 million.

Total AGO Defense Costs for Fiscal Year 2011-2018

FY 20)11	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
17,554,1	111	16,959,996	17,708,777	19,830,237	20,454,642	23,211,301	19,355,595	21,973,571

Summary: AGO defense costs have steadily risen over the last eight years. Total defense costs for fiscal years 2011-2018 total 156,908,816 dollars.

Fiscal Year 2018 July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 Highest Tort Indemnity Payouts

Washington State Department of Early Learning Claims and Litigation

Claim:	35770013
Claimants:	J.A.
	C.A.
Date of Incident:	01/01/10
Date Claim Filed:	10/02/13
Indemnity Paid:	\$1,902,500

Plaintiff minors alleged they were sexually assaulted while attending the All Hours Childcare. Plaintiffs alleged that the Department of Early Learning, who licensed the daycare, knew there was a history of sexual assault of other children at the daycare but did nothing about it. Plaintiffs claimed physical and emotional injuries, negligent licensing, negligent investigation, negligent training, and financial damages.

Washington State Department of Corrections Claims and Litigation

Claim:	31084683
Claimants:	Hill, Lindsay Noel, Craig Noel, Jane Hill, Malikai Lewis, Christopher
Date of Incident:	08/10/15
Date Claim Filed:	01/10/17
Indemnity Paid:	\$5,000,000

Claimants alleged that Robert Jackson murdered Lindsay Hill on November 11, 2015, when Mr. Jackson was supposed to still be incarcerated on that date. Claimants alleged that Mr. Jackson had been wrongfully released from prison four months early by the Department of Corrections (DOC) due to a computer glitch of which DOC was aware.

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services Claims and Litigation

Claim:	30071572
Claimants:	D.H.
	T.H.
	R.T.W.
	R.L.W.
	E.W.
Date of Incident:	01/01/90
Date Claim Filed:	04/07/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$5,800,000

Plaintiffs allege they were physically, sexually and mentally abused throughout their placements by DSHS within the foster care system. Plaintiffs each allege they were subjected to preventable abuses at various placements and that DSHS failed to protect the children in foster care.

Claim:	30071991
Claimant:	J.G.
Date of Incident:	07/13/11
Date Claim Filed:	01/3/18
Indemnity Paid:	\$5,500,000

Plaintiff alleged DSHS knew or should have known of the unsafe conditions he was forced to live in with his biological mother and step-father. Plaintiff alleged DSHS failed to properly investigate referrals of neglect, physical abuse, and maltreatment, and negligently allowed him to remain in his mother's care. Plaintiff further alleged he was subjected to years of extreme abuse, neglect, and malnutrition. Plaintiff claims physical, emotional, and psychological injuries, pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, mental anguish, negligent investigation, and failure to remove.

Claim:	30071664
Claimants:	K.K. M.K. C.M. A.S.
Date of Incident:	05/12/05
Date Claim Filed:	09/22/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$5,375,000

The claimants alleged DSHS should have been aware of the neglect and abuse they were subjected to by their biological father. The claimants alleged DSHS was negligent in placing the children with or in close proximity to their paternal grandparents as they were unfit to be caregivers for them. The claimants alleged DSHS was negligent in placing the children back into the custody of their parents. The claimants alleged DSHS was negligent in their investigation of referrals regarding the children and their biological family. The claimants claimed physical, emotional, and psychological injuries.

Claim:	30071653
Claimant:	C.G.
Date of Incident:	12/12/07
Date Claim Filed:	09/08/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$4,050,000

Plaintiff alleged that DSHS knew or should have known of the unsafe condition plaintiff was forced to live in by her biological mother and step-father. Plaintiff alleged that DSHS failed to investigate referrals of neglect, physical abuse, and maltreatment. Plaintiff further alleged she was subjected to years of abuse, neglect, and malnutrition. Plaintiff claimed physical, emotional, and permanent psychological injuries, pain and suffering, loss of consortium, and mental anguish.

Claim:	30071670
Claimant:	E.M.
Date of Incident:	07/05/07
Date Claim Filed:	09/30/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$3,100,000

Plaintiff J.M., parent of minor E.M., alleged that DSHS knew or should have known that E.M.'s biological father was a registered sex offender. Plaintiff further alleged that DSHS allowed him regular access to E.M. even though there were multiple concerns for her overall safety while in his care. Plaintiffs alleged that E.M. was subjected to sexual abuse when she was returned to father's full-time custody following the dismissal of E.M.'s dependency case. Plaintiff claimed physical injuries, emotional and psychological injuries, negligent supervision and placement, financial damages, and attorney fees.

Claim:	30071261
Claimants:	Meline, Robert W Meline, Kim Meline, Kristina Meline, Sara Meline, Katie Meline, Jonathan
Date of Incident:	08/19/11
Date Claim Filed:	08/21/14
Indemnity Paid:	\$2,941,086.61

Plaintiff is the widow of Robert Meline and mother of Jonathan Meline. Jonathan suffers from paranoid schizophrenia. Plaintiff alleged that Jonathan also has Capgras Syndrome which led him to believe that his parents were "imposters" who had murdered his "real parents." Plaintiffs alleged that Western State Hospital (WSH) failed to properly monitor, treat, and medicate Jonathan who they knew to be dangerous. Plaintiff further alleged that Jonathan was released from WSH without sufficient observation and follow-up and without conducting an assessment of the risk he posed to the general public, and that DSHS failed to advise plaintiffs that Jonathan posed a specific threat to their safety. Jonathan killed his father Robert in the family home. Plaintiff claimed wrongful death and gross negligence.

Claim:	30071553
Claimant:	P.K.
Date of Incident:	03/20/03
Date Claim Filed:	03/16/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$1,700,000

Plaintiff alleged she was the victim of childhood sexual abuse by her father despite at least two separate reports to DSHS that she had been sexually abused by him. Plaintiff alleged that DSHS failed to investigate and plaintiff was placed in a harmful placement. Plaintiff claimed suffering from sexual abuse, emotional distress, physical injury, and loss of enjoyment of life.

Claim:	30071297
Claimant:	R.N.
Date of Incident:	10/01/89
Date Claim Filed:	11/03/14
Indemnity Paid:	\$1,500,000

Plaintiff was placed by DSHS at the Kiwanis Vocational Home for Youth (KVH). Plaintiff alleged that during his placement at KVH, employees sexually and physically abused him. Plaintiff alleged that DSHS knew KVH had a history of misrepresenting qualifications of employees, hiring unqualified employees, failing to report incidents of physical and sexual abuse on resident youths by employees, and fraud. Plaintiff alleged that DSHS knew of the program deficiencies and abuse but failed to address or correct the issues. Plaintiff claimed severe and permanent emotional distress, physical injuries, mental anguish, neglect, mistreatment, negligent supervision, loss of future earnings, and financial damages.

Claim:	30071519
Claimants:	K.C. C.F. G.F.
Date of Incident:	01/23/02
Date Claim Filed:	01/25/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$1,500,000

Plaintiffs alleged that DSHS failed to remove K.C. from his foster care placement despite reporting by K.C.'s school, daycare, counselors, and doctors that he was being abused. Plaintiffs alleged that K.C. was subjected to continuous physical, mental, and sexual abuse. Plaintiffs claimed rape, battery, extreme and irreparable psychological, emotional, and physical injuries, and pain and suffering.

Claim:	30071329
Claimant:	T.P.
Date of Incident:	01/01/81
Date Claim Filed:	01/06/15
Indemnity Paid:	\$1,317,000

Plaintiff alleged that DSHS negligently placed him in the OK Boys Ranch when it knew or should have known that such placement exposed him to neglect, mistreatment, and denial of basic human services. Plaintiff alleged that DSHS failed to take action and as a result, plaintiff was physically, mentally, and sexually mistreated, and now suffers from severe and permanent mental, emotional, and physical injuries.

Claim:	30071230
Claimants:	Z.W.N. M.W.
Date of Incident:	06/01/08
Date Claim Filed:	06/23/14
Indemnity Paid:	\$1,300,000

Plaintiff alleged that DSHS placed her in a foster home where she was sexually abused. Plaintiff further alleged that during the foster home licensing process, the foster father disclosed he had been the victim of sexual abuse and incest but DSHS failed to investigate. Plaintiff claimed physical injuries, permanent sexual and psychological injuries, negligent placement, wrongful placement, failure to remove, financial damages, and loss of enjoyment of life.

Claim:	30070465
Claimants:	K.H. J.H.
Date of Incident:	11/01/03
Date Claim Filed:	06/29/10
Indemnity Paid:	\$1,250,000

Plaintiffs alleged that their father and step-mother physically and sexually abused them for years. Plaintiffs' grandmother allegedly reported the abuse to CPS but say nothing was done. Plaintiffs claim abuse, severe emotional distress, and psychological damages.

Claim:	30071677
Claimant:	Helgeson, Johannes
Date of Incident:	01/26/14
Date Claim Filed:	10/07/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$1,100,000

Plaintiff decedent was a patient at Western State Hospital (WSH) and known by staff to be psychotic and suicidal. Plaintiff alleged that staff was warned that the shower was a danger to someone who might hang himself or herself and, when staff failed to take appropriate precautions, plaintiff hanged himself in the shower. Plaintiff alleged that WSH staff were indifferent to his well-being and failed to adequately supervise and monitor him. Plaintiff claimed physical, emotional, and psychological injuries, wrongful death, financial damages, negligent supervision and training, medical negligent treatment, punitive damages, and civil rights and constitutional violations.

Washington State Department of Transportation Claims and Litigation

Claim:	40573521
Claimants:	Pacific Highway Park LLC
Date of Incident:	01/01/01
Date Claim Filed:	12/08/11
Indemnity Paid:	\$3,466,153.74

Property owners sued WSDOT for inverse condemnation and tort theories of nuisance and trespass due to alleged

flooding of their property which they claim was caused by WSDOT.

Claim:	40577538
Claimants:	Portillo Cruz, Lilliam Portillo, Aron Portillo, Carlos Portillo, Khaleb
Date of Incident:	10/24/15
Date Claim Filed:	04/27/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$2,400,000

Lilliam Portillo was the driver of a vehicle making a left turn on a green light from northbound SR 509 to westbound SR 518. Ms. Portillo was allegedly not able to see traffic approaching from her left due to overgrown bushes. As she entered the intersection, the vehicle in which she and her son were traveling was struck by a vehicle that failed to stop for a red light. Ms. Portillo died at the scene of the collision.

Claim:	40577946
Claimant:	Johnson, Lloyd
Date of Incident:	01/01/78
Date Claim Filed:	09/09/16
Indemnity Paid:	\$2,400,000

Plaintiff, a WSF employee, alleged he was exposed to asbestos while working on various ferries. Plaintiff claimed pain and suffering, disfigurement, disability, financial damages, defective products, negligent design, and failure to warn.

Claim:	40577066
Claimants:	Song, Runjie Bramley, Graham & Barbara Becker, Marva L Strassman, Catherine Fellores, Arlette & Justin Iida, Yuki Reni, Ingeborg & Daniele Santos, Cristiane Sato, Mami & Tsutomu & Michiko Xia, Guirong Oyama, Risa
Date of Incident:	09/24/15
Date Claim Filed:	10/20/15
Indemnity Paid:	\$2,200,000

Plaintiffs were passengers or family members of passengers on a charter bus or a Ride the Duck vehicle that collided on the Aurora Avenue Bridge. The charter bus was traveling northbound on the Aurora Bridge when it was struck by a "Ride the Duck" amphibious truck traveling southbound. Plaintiffs claimed physical and emotional injuries, loss of consortium, financial damages, wage loss, and negligent training.