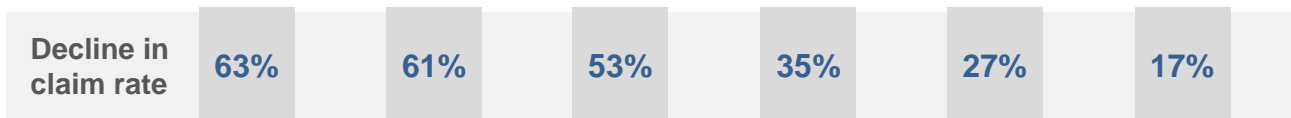
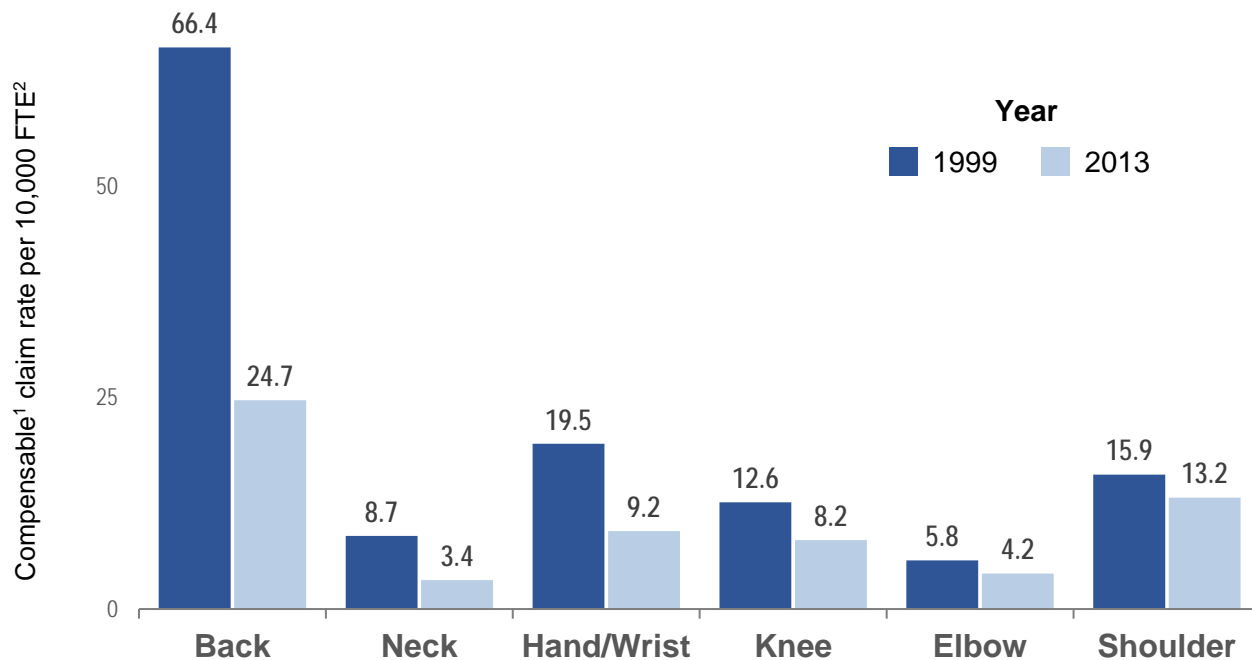


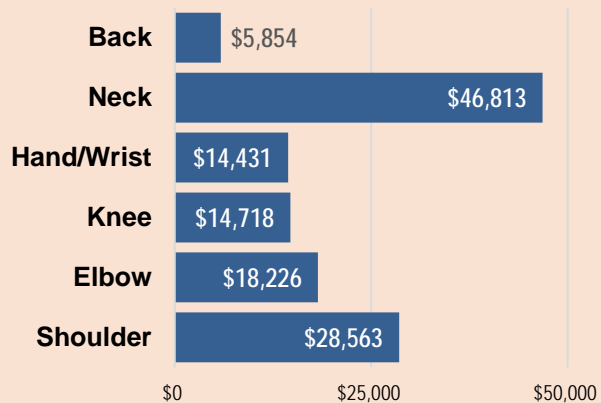
## Declines in Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders (WMSDs)

Washington State Workers' Compensation System 1999–2013



- Compensable claim rates for WMSDs decreased by 42% overall from 1999 to 2013.
- WMSD claims declined for all body areas over the study period, but at different rates.
- Back WMSDs were most frequent, but decreased the most. Back claims also had the lowest median cost per claim.
- Shoulder WMSDs decreased least, and had a high relative cost per claim.

### Median WMSD Claim Cost<sup>3</sup> by Body Area



1. Compensable claims include those involving wage replacement for lost work time (4 or more days) or restricted duty, permanent disability, fatality, or a worker kept on salary by the employer during disability.

2. Full Time Equivalent. 1 FTE = 2000 hours worked in year.

3. Total direct costs include medical and wage replacement costs.

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