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AWCC ADVISORY 2000-1 *Update*

Weekly Workers' Compensation Rates for 2026 in Arkansas

For accidents covered by Arkansas workers' compensation laws, the maximums in 2026 will be $953.00 for Total Disability (**TD**) and $715.00 for Permanent Partial Disability (**PPD**).

For injury or death on and after January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026 the maximum for workers' compensation weekly indemnity benefits is based on 85% of the state Average Weekly Wage (AWW) of $1,120.68. **Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501 (b)(4)**.

The AWW is determined by the Division of Workforce Services of the Department of Commerce. That sum is used by the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Commission to calculate compensation rates for injured workers. **Ark. Code Ann. §§ 11-10-502(e), 11-9-102(17)(A)**.

TD: Workers in 2026 get 66 2/3% of their individual AWW, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, up to a maximum of $953.00 (85% of $1,120.68 = $952.58, which rounds to $953.00). **Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(b)**.

PPD: If TD is $205.35 or greater, the PPD maximum is 75% of TD, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, up to $715.00 (75% x $953.00 = $714.75, which rounds to $715.00). If TD is less than $205.35, PPD is 66 2/3% of the worker's AWW, up to a $154.00 maximum. **Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(d)(1)**.

The minimum weekly PPD and TD rate is $20.00. **Ark. Code Ann. §§ 11-9-501(b) and (d)**.

The PPD rate for amputation or permanent total loss of use of a member is the same as the employee's TD rate. **Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(d)(2)(B)**.

This notice updates Advisory 2000-1, first issued August 16, 2000, and reissued annually.

Advisory 2000-1

History of Workers' Compensation: Maximums, Minimums, and D&PTD Thresholds

BEGINNING WITH	BASED ON STATEWIDE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE* OF	MAXIMUM PPD RATE IS	MAXIMUM TOTAL DISABILITY RATE IS	MINIMUM RATE IS	D&PTD Threshold (see **Advisory 2007-1**)
01-01-2026	**$1,120.68**	**$715.00**	**$953.00**	**$20.00**	**N.A.******
01-01-2025	$1,061.97	$677.00	$903.00	$20.00	N.A.****
01-01-2024	$1,031.09	$657.00	$876.00	$20.00	N.A.****
01-01-2023	$981.98	$626.00	$835.00	$20.00	N.A.****
01-01-2022	$929.97	$593.00	$790.00	$20.00	N.A.****
01-01-2021	$865.73	$552.00	$736.00	$20.00	N.A.****
01-01-2020	$836.46	$533.00	$711.00	$20.00	N.A.****
01-01-2019	$817.96	$521.00	$695.00	$20.00	$225,875
01-01-2018	$791.34	$505.00	$673.00	$20.00	$218,725
01-01-2017	$777.84	$496.00	$661.00	$20.00	$214,825
01-01-2016	$760.48	$485.00	$646.00	$20.00	$209,950
01-01-2015	$740.53	$472.00	$629.00	$20.00	$204,425
01-01-2014	$725.53	$463.00	$617.00	$20.00	$200,525
01-01-2013	$707.91	$452.00	$602.00	$20.00	$195,650
01-01-2012	$686.71	$438.00	$584.00	$20.00	$189,800
01-01-2011	$676.49	$431.00	$575.00	$20.00	$186,875
01-01-2010	$661.66	$422.00	$562.00	$20.00	$182,650
01-01-2009	$647.40	$413.00	$550.00	$20.00	$178,750
01-01-2008	$614.25	$392.00	$522.00	$20.00	$169,650
01-01-2007	$593.01	$378.00	$504.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-2006	$573.65	$366.00	$488.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-2005	$548.38	$350.00	$466.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-2004	$533.28	$340.00	$453.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-2003	$518.22	$330.00	$440.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-2002	$500.38	$319.00	$425.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-2001	$482.50	$308.00	$410.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-2000	$464.07	$296.00	$394.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1999	$441.73	$281.00	$375.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1998	$422.93	$269.00	$359.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1997	$409.58	$261.00	$348.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1996	$396.04	$253.00	$337.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1995	$385.12	$203.00	$270.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1994	$381.14	$200.00**	$267.00**	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1993	$360.43	$189.23	$252.30	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1992	$345.62	$181.45	$241.93	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1991	$330.53	$173.53	$231.37	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1990	$323.02	$169.59	$226.11	$20.00	$ 75,000
01-01-1989	$313.62	$156.81	$209.08	$20.00	$ 75,000
07-01-1987	N.A.	$154.00	$189.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
07-01-1986	N.A.	$154.00	$175.00	$20.00	$ 75,000
03-01-1982	N.A.	$154.00	$154.00	$15.00	$ 75,000
03-01-1981	N.A.	$140.00	$140.00	$15.00	$ 75,000
03-01-1980	N.A.	$126.00	$126.00	$15.00	$ 50,000
03-01-1979	N.A.	$112.00	$112.00	$15.00	$ 50,000
03-01-1978	N.A.	$ 87.50	$ 87.50	$15.00	$ 50,000
03-01-1977	N.A.	$ 84.00	$ 84.00	$15.00	$ 50,000
03-01-1976	N.A.	$ 77.00	$ 77.00	$15.00	$ 50,000
07-01-1974	N.A.	$ 66.50	$ 66.50	$15.00	$ 50,000
04-01-1973	N.A.	$ 63.00	$ 63.00	$15.00	$ 50,000***

12-05-1968	N.A.	$ 49.00	$ 49.00	$10.00	N.A.
1956	N.A.	$ 35.00	$ 35.00	$ 7.00	N.A.
1949	N.A.	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$ 7.00	N.A.

*The AWW is determined June 1 each year by the Division of Workforce Services of the Department of Commerce [Ark. Code Ann. § 11-10-502(e)].
**Beginning in 1994, weekly compensation rates were rounded to the nearest whole dollar [Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-501(b)(5)].
***D&PTD Threshold became effective 3-2-1973.
****Act 5 of the Third Extraordinary Session of 2016 provides that no claims shall be made to the Death and Permanent Total Disability Trust Fund after June 30, 2019.