

What is WorkCover WA?

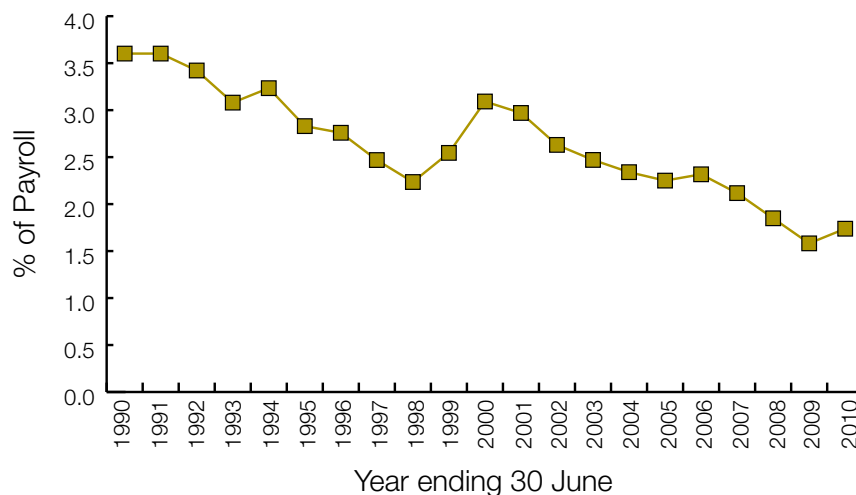
WorkCover WA is the statutory authority responsible for regulating and administering the workers' compensation scheme on behalf of the Government and community of Western Australia.

Scheme overview

The Western Australian workers' compensation scheme comprises the following elements:

- [insurance](#)
- [compensation](#)
- [injury management](#)
- [dispute resolution](#)
- [regulation](#).

Average recommended premium rates 1989/90 to 2009/10



Overview of the year

The 2008/09 year was marked by:

1. The global financial crisis and the resulting need for the agency to focus on managing risk to scheme viability.
2. An announcement of an increase in recommended premium rates for workers' compensation insurance to take effect on 30 June 2009, due to the effects of the crisis.
3. Development of a new strategic plan for the agency, with a focus on responsiveness and flexibility.
4. The start of a review of the *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981*, to rationalise its structure, remove anomalies and address specific policy issues.
5. Improvements to the dispute resolution process.
6. Strengthening of relationships with all [stakeholders](#).

Total number of workers' compensation claims lodged (2007/08)	42,223
Total number of lost-time claims (2007/08) (lost-time means absence from work for at least one day/shift)	18,368 (43.5%)
Average cost of a lost-time claim	\$23,651
Number of new applications to resolve a dispute ¹	1,566
Total number of disputes resolved	1,686

¹ Statistics relating to disputes are the total of statutory proceedings which are Part XI and Part XII matters together with common law proceedings involving notices of referral of questions of degree of disability under the 1993 scheme (injury date prior to 14 November 2005).