

Figure 1
Medical Malpractice Payouts, 2001 to 2002

	Number of Payouts	Total Amount of Payouts	Total Payouts Adjusted for Medical CPI (in 2001 dollars)	Mean Payout	Mean Payout Adjusted for Medical CPI (in 2001 dollars)	Payouts Over \$1 Million
2001	16,669	\$4,472,090,650	\$4,472,090,650	\$268,288	\$268,288	454
2002	15,304	\$4,162,611,100	\$3,971,578,189	\$271,995	\$259,512	402
Change, 2001-2002	-8.2%	-6.9%	-11.2%	1.4%	-3.3%	-11.5%

Sources: National Practitioner Data Bank, Sept. 1, 1990 – Dec. 31, 2002. Bureau of Labor Statistics – Medical Services CPI.

Figure 2
Number of Medical Malpractice Payouts to Patients and Amounts Paid 1990-2002

Number of Payouts Reports	Number of Doctors that Made Payouts	Percent/Total Doctors (736,264)*	Total Number of Payouts	Total Amount of Payouts	Percent of Total Number of Payouts
All	117,411	15.9%	181,073	\$38,340,044,350	100.0%
1	81,487	11.1%	81,487	\$38,340,044,350	44.9%
2 or more	35,924	4.8%	99,586	\$21,422,276,650	55.0%
3 or more	13,182	1.7%	54,275	\$11,601,619,950	30.0%
4 or more	5,838	0.8%	32,354	\$6,875,166,500	5.5%
5 or more	2,896	0.4%	20,657	\$4,329,621,350	0.1%

*Based on national population of doctors as calculated by the American Medical Association for 1997, the closest year for which such data is available to the mid-point of the time period studied.

Source: National Practitioner Data Bank, Sept. 1, 1990 – Dec. 31, 2002.

Figure 3
Number of Doctors with Two or More Medical Malpractice Payouts Who Have Been Disciplined (Reportable Licensure Actions) 1990-2002

Number of Payment Reports	Number of Doctors that Made Payouts	Number of Doctors with One or More Reportable Licensure Actions	Percent of Doctors with One or More Reportable Licensure Actions
2 or More	35,924	2,759	7.7%
3 or More	13,182	1,401	10.7%
4 or More	5,838	817	14.0%
5 or More	2,896	488	16.9%
10 or More	336	111	33.0%

Source: National Practitioner Data Bank, Sept. 1, 1990 – Dec. 31, 2002.