

# Mississippi Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

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Tort Reform Law: §11-1-60. \$500,000 cap on non-economic damages.  
Effective 2004

Population in 2015: 2,992,333

Number of Licensed Physicians<sup>1</sup> in 2015: 9,951

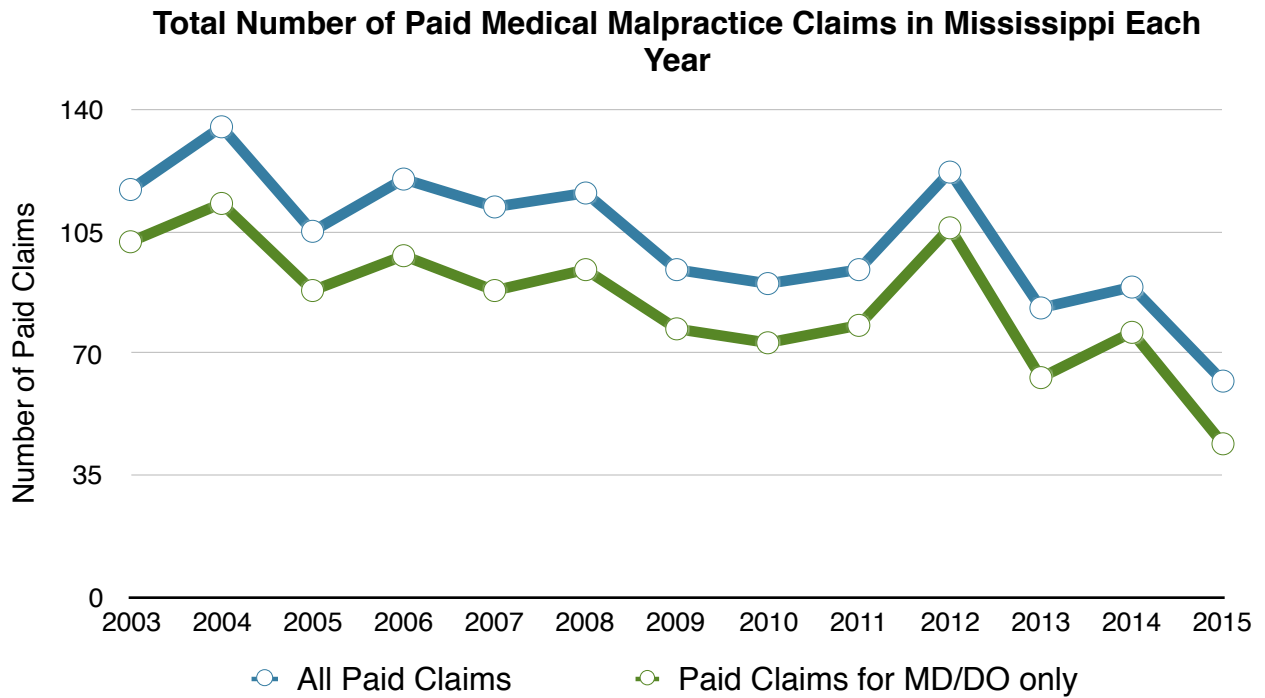
	2013	2014	2015	Average for 2013-2015
Per Capita <sup>3</sup> Amount Paid Against all Practitioners	\$5.46	\$6.37	\$5.65	\$5.83
State Rank	46	41	42	46
Per Capita <sup>3</sup> Amount Paid Against Physicians (MD/DO) Only	\$4.74	\$5.74	\$4.56	\$5.01
State Rank	43	40	42	45
Paid Claims/100 Physicians		0.76	0.44	
State Rank		12	34	

Table showing the amount paid per capita<sup>3</sup> in Mississippi for medical malpractice claims against all practitioners each year as well as against physicians only. It also shows the number of claims won against physicians per 100 licensed physicians in Mississippi in 2014 and 2015.

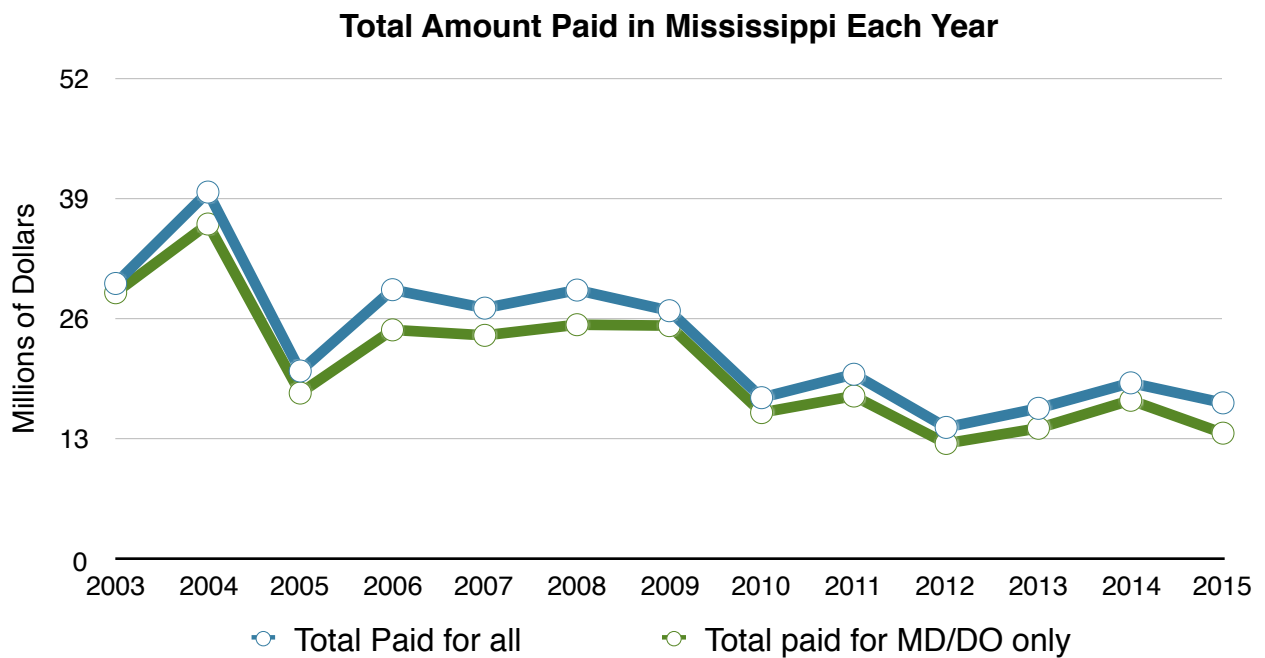
## Notes

- 1) MDs and DOs only. Many physicians are licensed in more than one state which is why the total number of physicians in all of the states exceeds the total number of physicians in the US.
- 2) All Practitioners includes MDs, DOs, podiatrists, dentists, nurses, hygienists, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, lab techs, physical therapists, etc...
- 3) Total amount paid in medical malpractice claims in the state that year/ the state's Population

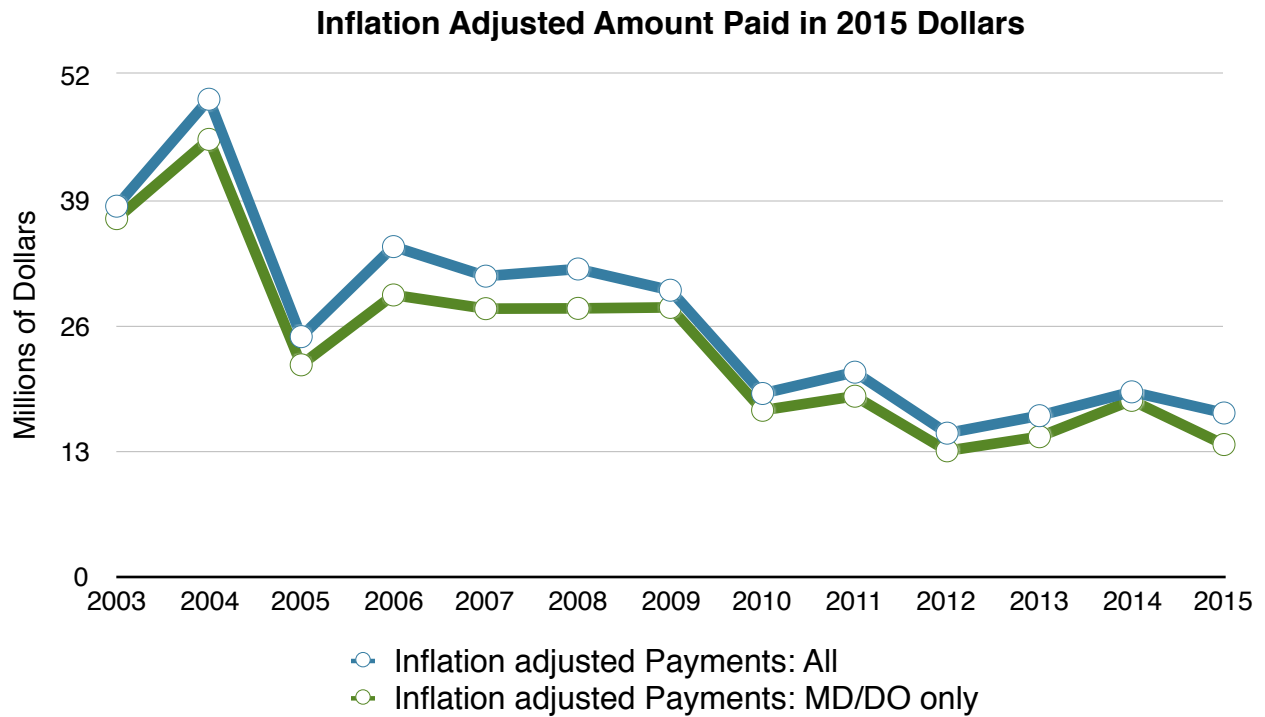
**Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Mississippi from 2003-2015**



**Figure 1:** Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Mississippi from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners Combined as Well as for MD/DOs Only.



**Figure 2:** Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2015 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Mississippi.



**Figure 3:** Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Brief summary: Mississippi has had very low medical malpractice costs for more than a decade.

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