

Notes to editor:

About the Injuries Board

The Injuries Board is the independent statutory body which makes personal injury compensation awards arising from motor, workplace and public liability accidents. The Board is self-funded predominantly through fees charged to those who are responsible for injuries (or their insurers) arising from such accidents.

Claims can be made direct to the Injuries Board via:

- Phone: Lo-Call helpline on 1890 829 121 between 8am and 8pm from Monday to Friday
- Online at www.injuriesboard.ie, 24 hours per day, every day
- By Post to: InjuriesBoard.ie, P.O. Box 8, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.
- Information on the claim process is available via our new smartphone app

Awards continue to be delivered faster and more cost effectively than the previous litigation based system. The Injuries Board model has to date delivered direct and indirect savings of approximately €1billion to the economy.

By law, personal injury claims (with some minor exclusions) must come to the Injuries Board for assessment regardless of whether the claimant has legal representation or not. Direct claimants can have their claim assessed for a refundable fee of €45. In assessing claims the Board makes no distinction between a direct applicant and a claimant with representation who can typically pay an intermediary the equivalent of up to 10% or more of the value of their award. An Order to Pay, issued by the Injuries Board is legally binding and has the same effect as an award of Court. During 2013, the self-funding Injuries Board made its highest ever compensation award of €1.39m at a delivery cost of €6,000, or 0.5%. There is no cap on the level of damages awards that the Board can make.

Table 1: County by county ranking of public liability awards by volume in 2013

County	No. of Awards per County	Average Award per County	Total compensation per County
Dublin	657	€22,110	€14,526,270
Cork	191	€24,619	€4,702,229
Limerick	108	€25,727	€2,778,516
Tipperary	73	€29,327	€2,140,871

Kildare	57	€27,529	€1,569,153
Meath	53	€25,639	€1,358,867
Waterford	38	€25,549	€970,862
Leitrim	6	€26,104	€156,624
Roscommom	15	€22,707	€340,605
Galway	75	€31,077	€2,330,775
Clare	44	€22,528	€991,232
Louth	40	€30,265	€1,210,600
Offaly	17	€26,926	€457,742
Cavan	27	€25,255	€681,885
Kerry	53	€28,613	€1,516,489
Carlow	19	€21,487	€408,253
Westmeath	26	€28,204	€733,304
Wexford	36	€29,077	€1,046,772
Sligo	21	€29,748	€624,708
Wicklow	39	€21,925	€855,075
Monaghan	13	€21,565	€280,345
Kilkenny	15	€48,677	€730,155
Mayo	31	€28,657	€888,367
Donegal	40	€29,121	€1,164,840
Longford	13	€23,933	€311,129
Laois	23	€27,073	€622,679