

BWC eNews

Study: BWC rates 11th lowest in U.S.

Ohio continues to climb the rankings of a biennial study that compares national workers' compensation rates.

The Buckeye state's rates ranked 11th lowest among all states. Ohio's standing in the Oregon Study, which ranks states from most expensive to least expensive, has continually improved since its rates were ranked third highest in the nation in 2008.

"A steady decline in rates is one more indicator that BWC is doing its part to promote economic growth in Ohio," said BWC Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison.

The study, produced by the Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services, compares each state's base rates across a selection of 50 widely used classification codes that are assigned by occupation to indicate their degree of risk.

The study shows Ohio collects an average of \$1.45 in workers' compensation premiums per every \$100 of payroll, compared to a national median rate of \$1.84. The study does not factor in various money-saving programs and rate reductions the BWC board has passed since 2014, however. When those are factored in, the rate drops to \$1.22 per every \$100 of payroll.

The Oregon Study is available [here](#).

I won't stand for fraud.



#fraudweek

Raising awareness, combating fraud every day

BWC's Special Investigations Department (SID) was established in 1993 and has come a long way since then. Our investigators have researched and closed thousands of cases and recovered billions of dollars stolen from Ohio employers and workers.

Even after these successes, fraud still persists and our investigators continue their mission to detect and deter workers' compensation fraud.

One way we work to deter fraud is by building awareness. That's why we are once again participating in [International Fraud Awareness Week](#). The campaign, which runs until Saturday, spotlights the issue of fraud to help minimize its impact around the world.

Most weeks, you'll find us sharing our fraud news on Fraud Friday, but we look forward to a full week of tips for identifying and preventing fraud, sharing new cases, and highlighting our investigators and what they do here every day to stop fraud in Ohio. So keep an eye on our [blog](#) and on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for fresh content and insights from our team.

Learn more about our pursuit of workers' comp fraud in the [SID annual report](#). And don't forget to keep those tips coming. To report workers' comp fraud in Ohio, [click here](#) or call our fraud hotline at 1-800-644-6292.

BWC eBriefs

We have upgraded our systems to serve you better!

The entire team at BWC has been preparing for a large upgrade of the agency's core claims and policy management systems to modernize operations and improve customer service. The upgrade took place over the Veterans Day weekend and we're pleased to report a successful transition. We look forward to moving forward with a new system that will help us serve you better!

BWC in the news

BWC Administrator/CEO Sarah Morrison thanked Randall Bearings for investing in a culture of safety during a visit to the company's headquarters in Lima last month. Read more in [WLIO TV's coverage](#) of the event showcasing a new robotic arm the company is using to protect its employees from workplace injury.



From the BWC Blog

Safety rocked and rolled at a recent meeting of the Cleveland Southwest Safety Council. Read more in [this blog](#) by BWC Safety Council Manager Michelle Francisco.

November Safety Update

The November Safety Update is full of information and links to valuable workplace health and safety resources. Check it out [here](#).



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