

What others are saying about reduced workers' compensation premium rates for Ohio public employers:

"The Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) and Ohio Association of School Business Officials (OASBO), joint sponsors of the largest group pool of public school districts, are pleased to see that cooperation among BWC, sponsors and public employers is resulting in lower base rates. This is especially important at a time when funding is a critical concern for all local governments.

"By emphasizing injury prevention and quickly returning workers to their jobs, coupled with districts reducing their costs, our collective efforts are truly benefiting employers and employees alike."

- Richard Lewis, OSBA Executive Director, and David Varda, OASBO Executive Director

"We're pleased to see our partnership with BWC has helped lower rates for public employers through our collective focus on workplace safety and getting injured workers back to work quickly."

- Larry Long, Executive Director, County Commissioners Association

"We welcome BWC's efforts to lower base rates and provide consecutive rate decreases for local government organizations. Such cost-containment efforts are a relief when most municipalities are experiencing budget decreases."

- Susan Cave, Executive Director, Ohio Municipal League

"A rate reduction in our workers' compensation premium would go a long way toward helping us continue to provide services to the taxpayers of Tuscarawas County."

- Jim Seldenright, County Commissioner, Tuscarawas County

"At all levels, BWC has worked tirelessly with us to overcome major financial obstacles in extremely difficult financial times. Our county was declared to be in fiscal emergency at a time when our claims costs were spiraling out of control. With the advice and help of BWC, we have been able to decrease claims and costs in a very dramatic way. These efforts have been most instrumental in helping us to approach our goal of exit from fiscal emergency, and a timely rate decrease will help us further achieve that goal."

- Steve Wells, Risk/Safety Director and Economic Development Administrator, Scioto County

"The Ashland County Commissioners are very pleased to see the base rates for public employers drop. In these economic times, a reduction in BWC rates is truly welcome and will certainly benefit counties by allowing us to reinvest these savings in workplace safety to further reduce injuries to our employees, return-to-work programs to help employees who are indeed injured get back to work quickly, and help maintain critical county-delivered services."

- Barb Queer, County Commissioner, Ashland County

"In a time when City's are looking at all ways to reduce expenses including shared services, collaboration and fine tuning our own expenditures this reduction in our Workers Compensation rates by the BWC is greatly appreciated and will help us to maintain services our citizens rely on."

- David Gillock, Mayor, City of North Ridgeville

"I support efforts of the BWC to continue to reduce rates. Through effectively partnering with BWC claims, vocational rehabilitation, and safety staff we have made progress in reducing our costs and improving safety. Further rate reduction will assist the City in continuing to invest in safety and education, ultimately providing both our employees and our residents with the services they value."

- Bill Cervenik, Mayor, City of Euclid

"The City of Maumee appreciates the rate reductions from BWC. Decreases in revenue sources have been a tremendous financial blow to most Ohio public employers. BWC has, however, provided some financial relief on a 'big ticket' item, positively affecting our bottom line."

- Linda Wilker, Finance Director, City of Maumee

"During the past ten years that I have been the Safety/Loss Control Coordinator for Washington County, our county has had a very positive partnership with BWC. A premium-rate decrease would allow our county to invest in making the needed corrections and purchase safety equipment to make our county even safer."

- Susan Burkhart, Safety and Loss Control Coordinator, Washington County

"For public entities whose fiscal constraints abound, rate decreases would allow us to enhance safety practices and maintain/improve core service delivery to our constituencies."

- Eduardo Romero, Risk Manager, City of Cleveland

"We appreciate the resources that are available through the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the positive relationships that exist with various employees of the BWC. As a business partner, we appreciate any reduction in rates that can be provided to us."

- Michelle Noble, Human Resources Director, Clark County

"I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the good news of a potential rate reduction in 2013. Our management team is always impressed by the BWC's efforts to raise our awareness on new programs and developing cost saving initiatives. With 8,200 employees, this rate reduction will lower our premium-charge backs to our county agencies and assist with improving their Safety First Programs. Overall, this will be a win-win situation for the county's bottom line."

- Donna Barthany, Workers' Comp Coordinator, Cuyahoga County