

2020-2024 Claim Summary

Auto, Property and Liability Claims (Fund 71)

Claim Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Auto Damage	121	122	140	141	166
Auto Liability	8	3	6	12	14
Cyber Liability	1	0	0	0	1
General Liability	14	12	20	27	15
Law Enforcement Liability	10	12	16	17	7
Public Officials Liability	2	1	9	2	5
Property Damage	24	15	26	31	42
Total	180	165	217	230	250

*** This total is the cost of claims paid out each year for current and previous year's claims.*

Cost of Auto, Property & Liability Claims Paid by Year					
Claim Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Auto Damage	\$155,476.29	\$506,610.84	\$314,125.65	\$403,497.73	\$811,297.07
Auto Liability	\$268,875.19	\$421,635.25	\$61,653.00	\$320,626.86	\$315,662.56
Cyber Liability	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
General Liability	\$0.00	\$5,944.93	\$1,384.25	\$12,622.84	\$91,335.90
Law Enforcement Liability	\$99,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$10,000
Public Officials Liability	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Damage	\$78,670.20	\$282,388.09	\$136,694.36	\$285,552.65	\$112,883.02
TOTAL	\$602,021.68	\$1,291,579.11	\$518,857.26	\$1,053,300.08	\$1,341,178.55

AUTO DAMAGE

- **2020:**
 - The cost of damage to County vehicles was fairly consistent with previous years
- **2021:**
 - 2017 Claim, Alvarado Bodily Injury Settlement \$175,000
 - Several vehicles were totaled, several vehicles were involved in active shooter events and Tactical Vehicle Intervention (TVI), while responding to calls.
- **2022:**
 - Several vehicles were totaled this year which cost the County over \$150,000 to replace.
 - The number of auto damage claims increased this year, so the County paid more for repairs.
 - The number of unknown incidents increased this year, so it was difficult to determine the cause behind all auto damage.
- **2023:**
 - Several vehicles were totaled this year which cost the County over \$217,699 to replace.
 - The number of auto damage claims was consistent with the number of claims the previous year, but the cost of repairs increased from 2020, as damage to vehicles was more significant.
- **2024:**
 - The number of auto damage claims increased this year, but the majority of the increase in costs was related to a relatively small group of incidents.
 - There were 17 vehicles with significant damage, and the cost of repairing them was \$202,186.27
 - 2023 Claim, Hey/Stein Settlement \$ 375,000
 - Auto accident that resulted in death.
 - Trends also showed an uptick in backing accidents, driver, employee and operator errors, and increased vehicle damage, while responding to law enforcement calls.

LIABILITY

- **Auto liability –**
 - **2020:**
 - 2019 Claim, Richter and Ness Bodily Injury Settlement \$ 225,000
 - Auto accident that occurred during the bomb cyclone

- **2021:**
 - 2018 Claim, Stillwell Bodily Injury Settlement \$ 387,000
 - 2020 Claim, Estate of Mustafa Hussain, Bodily Injury Settlement \$ 30,000
 - Damage to City of Littleton property from a County employee totaling a vehicle. Repair cost \$ 22, 500.00
- **2022:**
 - 2021 Claim, Johnson & Bulloch, Bodily Injury Settlement \$51,000
- **2023:**
 - The County Attorney's Office settled several auto liability claims for current and prior years.
 - 2021 Claim, Danielle Short, Bodily Injury Settlement \$220,000
 - 2022 Claim, Other Party Auto Damage, \$ 20,596.00
 - Other Party Auto Damage, \$ 45,792.63
- **2024:**
 - Auto liability claims have increased over the last two years, and accidents have been more severe in nature with injuries to the other party/parties. The County Attorney's Office settled several auto liability claims for current and previous years.
 - 2023 Claim, Osazuwa, Bodily Injury Settlement \$ 192,500
 - 2023 Claim, Martinez, Bodily Injury Settlement, \$ 92,000
 - Other Party Auto Damage, \$ 23,371.47
 - Other Party Auto Damage, \$ 17,754.30
- **Cyber liability –**
 - There was no cost for Cyber Liability claims during 2020-2024.
- **General liability –**
 - **2020 - 2021:**
 - The number of general liability claims were low these years, which is likely due to less exposure since many people were home due to Covid.
 - **2022:**
 - The minimal cost incurred for general liability claims this year was due to County operations such as mowing and tree trimming.
 - **2023:**
 - 2022 Claim, Alvarado Property Damage Settlement \$ 6,715.98
 - **2024:**
 - 2023 Claim, Ballon Slip & Fall Settlement \$ 90,000

- **Public Officials' liability**
 - There was no cost for Public Officials Liability claims during 2020-2024.
- **Law Enforcement liability -**
 - **2020:**
 - 2018 Claim, Roundtree Settlement \$ 85,000
 - 2018 Claim, Fanning Settlement \$ 14,000
 - **2021:**
 - 2020 Claim, Fuentes-Rojas Settlement \$ 45,000
 - **2022:**
 - 2019 Claim, McKnight Settlement \$ 5,000
 - **2023:**
 - 2020 Claim, Harker Settlement \$ 1,000
 - 2022 Claim, Saguilan Settlement \$ 30,000
 - **2024:**
 - 2022 Claim, Graf Settlement \$ 10,000

PROPERTY DAMAGE

- **2020:**
 - There was an increase in weather related claims this year.
 - Vandalism at County facilities
 - Cost to repair windows at Altura Plaza, Arapahoe Plaza and CentrePoint.
 - Cost to repair flooding at Admin 1.
 - Cost to repair a gate at Detentions.
- **2021:**
 - Cost to repair flooding and wind damage
 - 2020 Claim, Sheriff's Admin, damage to roof due to spring storm.
 - 2021 Claim, Lima Plaza/Judicial Services flood.
 - Cost to repair vandalism at Open Spaces shelter.
- **2022:**
 - Cost to repair flooding
 - 6/2022 Claim, Flooding at Aurora Motor Vehicle due to pipe.
 - 12/2022 Claim, Lima Plaza/Judicial Services flood.
 - Cost to repair vandalized windows at several County buildings.

- **2023:**
 - Cost to repair hail, flood, and weather damage
 - 5/2023 Claim, severe weather and hail caused damage to County vehicles and buildings.
 - 6/2023 Claim and 7/2023 Claim, severe weather and flooding caused damage to the floor to at Arapahoe Plaza.
 - Cost to repair windows and County property from vandalism.
- **2024:**
 - Cost to repair vandalism and weather damage.
 - Windows and skylights were damaged in weather events or vandalized.
 - 4/2024, severe weather and hail caused damage to the Administration Building, Arapahoe Plaza and the Warehouse.
 - Theft of property continues to be a trend.

Workers Compensation (Fund 73)

Number of Workers Compensation Claims					
Department	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assessor	1	0	0	0	0
BoCC	0	0	0	0	0
Clerk and Recorder	3	2	2	5	7
Communications	0	0	1	0	0
Community Resources	1	2	4	1	4
Coroner	1	1	3	3	3
County Attorney	0	1	0	0	0
FFM	6	6	12	7	4
Finance	0	0	0	0	0
Human Resources	0	0	0	0	0
Human Services	4	3	6	8	5
IT	1	0	0	0	0
Open Spaces	1	1	0	1	0
Public Health	0	0	0	3	5
PWD	8	8	6	10	5
Sheriff	53	83	93	104	91
Treasurer	0	0	0	1	0
Total	79	107	127	143	124

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Cost of Workers' Comp Claims Paid by Year					
Claim Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Workers' Compensation	\$933,330.26	\$737,122.70	\$1,408,099.50	\$1,937,843.06	\$1,589,296.74

Workers' Compensation -

- **2020 - 2021:**
 - The cost of employee injuries reduced significantly in 2020 to 2021. This was due in part to employees being home during the pandemic so the risk of injury to employees was much lower.
- **2022:**
 - The number of workers' compensation claims increased this year, and the County saw a rise in cost. However, much of the cost increase was due to severity of injuries that occurred in 2022 and prior. Many employees required surgeries for their injuries, and/or missed time from work due to the nature of their injury so the County paid the employee temporary total disability benefits for income replacement.
- **2023:**
 - The number of workers' compensation claims increased again this year, and the County saw a rise in costs. However, much of the cost was due to the severity of injuries that occurred in previous years. The County also saw an uptick in mental stress claims, and severe injuries that caused impairments or permanent restrictions to the injured workers, so the County saw an increase in permanent partial disability benefit payments this year.
- **2024:**
 - The number of workers' compensation claims decreased this year, so the County saw a decrease in claim costs since injuries occurred less frequently.