

## State Worker's Compensation Overview

## **Montana**

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| Issue  | Regulation   | Comments  |
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| Employee's Notice to Employer                  | Within 30 days   | The 30-day requirement does not apply to occupational diseases.   |
| Employee's Claim Filing<br>Requirements        | Within 12 months   | The 12-month period may be extended to 24 months under certain circumstances.   |
| Employer's Report of Accident                  | Within six days  | Employers that fail to report may be subject to fines of between \$200 and \$500.   |
| Waiting Period                                 | The first four days or 32 hours (whichever is less)  | Benefits may be paid retroactively if the employee is totally disabled and unable to work in any capacity for at least 21 days.   |
| Temporary Total Disability (TTD)<br>Benefits   | July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023  Max: <b>\$974.00</b> per week  July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022  Max: \$917.00 per week  | An employee's benefit rate is 66 and two-thirds percent of the employee's average weekly wage (AWW), subject to limits in effect on the date of injury. New rate limits become effective as of July 1 each year.  |
| Death Benefits                                 | July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023  Max: \$974.00 per week  Min: \$487.00 per week  July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022  Max: \$917.00 per week  Min: \$458.50 per week | Death benefits are payable to an employee's surviving dependents at a rate of 66 and two-thirds percent of the deceased employee's AWW, subject to limits in effect on the date of injury. The minimum rate applies only if it exceeds the deceased employee's actual AWW. A surviving spouse may receive benefits for 500 weeks or until remarriage. Employers must also pay funeral expenses of up to \$10,000 for a deceased employee. |
| Permanent Partial Disability (PPD)<br>Benefits | July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023  Max: \$487.00 per week  July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022  Max: \$458.50 per week   | An employee's weekly PPD rate depends on the injury and impairment rating, subject to the maximum in effect on the date of injury.  |
| Coverage of Minors                             | Yes  | Minors are covered regardless of whether they are lawfully employed.  |
| Coverage of Occupational Disease               | All Diseases   | Compensation is equal to compensation for injuries.   |

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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