## Personal injury protection coverage <br> Comparison of losses by vehicle class and size/weight group, 2011-13 models

Personal injury protection coverage insures against expenses for injuries sustained in crashes to insured drivers and other people in their vehicles, regardless of who is at fault in the collision. This coverage is sold in states with no-fault insurance systems, where drivers are required to purchase insurance for their own protection. The information in this fact sheet is based on personal injury protection coverage results for 2011-13 model cars, pickup trucks and SUVs insured under private passenger automobile policies.

Two main factors determine personal injury protection losses. One is how often claims are filed (claim frequency). The other is how big the claim payments are (average loss payment per claim), which depends on the extent of the injuries. These two factors combine to indicate the average loss payment per insured vehicle year (overall loss). The overall loss is the average cost of insuring a vehicle for one year, excluding administrative costs.

Information is presented by vehicle class and, within classes, by vehicle size/weight. Car groups are based on vehicle size (length times width) and weight. Pickup groups are based on weight and carrying capacity. SUVs are separated into two groups by price, and then each group is presented by vehicle weight. Results are presented in relative terms, with 100 representing the average for all passenger vehicles. Four-door microcars did not have enough exposure to produce credible results.

Relative claim frequencies


With a few exceptions, notably among sports cars, PIP claim frequencies generally decreased as vehicle size increased. Very large pickups had the lowest relative claim frequencies (47). Four-door minicars had the highest (158). Among four-door cars, luxury cars, pickups and SUVs, the relationship between vehicle size and claim frequency was stronger than in other vehicle groups.

Relative claim severities


With the exception of very large four-door cars, claim severities were flat or increased with size. This may reflect the greater likelihood of multiple passengers and injured occupants in larger vehicles. Small sports cars had the lowest relative severity (70). Very large SUVs had the highest (112).

Relative overall losses


Overall losses generally decreased as vehicle size increased, especially among fourdoor cars, luxury cars, pickups, and SUVs. Small sports cars had the lowest relative overall losses (40). Four-door minicars had the highest (150).

Relative personal injury protection losses by class and size, 2011-13 models

|  |  | Relative claim frequency | Relative claim severity | Relative overall loss |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2-door cars | micro | 122 | 81 | 98 |
|  | mini | 93 | 100 | 92 |
|  | small | 123 | 96 | 118 |
|  | midsize | 122 | 98 | 119 |
|  | large | 103 | 100 | 102 |
| 4-door cars | mini | 158 | 95 | 150 |
|  | small | 132 | 97 | 129 |
|  | midsize | 127 | 102 | 129 |
|  | large | 112 | 104 | 117 |
|  | very large | 88 | 85 | 75 |
| Station wagons/minivans | mini | 110 | 86 | 95 |
|  | small | 110 | 96 | 105 |
|  | midsize | 74 | 86 | 63 |
|  | very large | 91 | 108 | 98 |
| Sports cars | mini | 63 | 85 | 53 |
|  | small | 57 | 70 | 40 |
|  | midsize | 73 | 93 | 68 |
|  | large | 98 | 101 | 99 |
| Luxury cars | midsize | 92 | 94 | 86 |
|  | large | 75 | 102 | 77 |
|  | very large | 72 | 101 | 73 |
| Pickups | small | 71 | 110 | 78 |
|  | large | 64 | 103 | 65 |
|  | very large | 47 | 108 | 50 |
| SUVs | small | 100 | 101 | 101 |
|  | midsize | 87 | 101 | 87 |
|  | large | 72 | 96 | 69 |
|  | very large | 61 | 112 | 68 |
| Luxury SUVs | small | 77 | 81 | 63 |
|  | midsize | 72 | 103 | 74 |
|  | large | 58 | 103 | 60 |
|  | very large | 65 | 100 | 65 |

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