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Managed Care Organizations (MCO) Coverage – October 2005

Estimates of the number and percent of Oregon employers and employees covered by managed care are detailed in the table below.

Although the number of employers covered by a managed care contract in October 2005 decreased slightly from October 2004, the percent of employers with managed care coverage increased. The number and percent of Oregon employees with managed care coverage increased over-the-year.

Estimates of the number of employees enrolled in managed care for 2005 will be available in a few weeks.

**Oregon employers and employees
covered by MCO contracts, 1993-2005**

Date	Employers		Employees ¹	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
January 1993	26,211	38.3%	393,900	30.7%
November 1993	28,320	40.0%	462,500	35.1%
December 1994	33,083	44.8%	484,000	35.1%
October 1996	40,128	51.8%	648,500	43.6%
October 1997	47,200	59.3%	901,900	58.3%
October 1998	52,608	64.7%	969,200	61.5%
October 1999	52,048	63.7%	993,600	62.0%
October 2000	57,532	68.3%	1,121,000	68.9%
October 2001	58,884	69.3%	1,116,000	69.1%
October 2002 ²	62,457	71.3%	1,164,000	72.9%
October 2003 ³	52,914	59.0%	913,000	57.6%
October 2004	53,013	59.3%	968,000	59.2%
October 2005	52,611	61.2%	1,070,000	63.5%

¹The number of employees covered by MCO contracts is estimated. Figures were updated for October 2001-2004 based on revised workers' compensation subject employment data. The workers' compensation subject employment estimate was derived from data provided by the Oregon Employment Department QCEW, BLS Current Employment Survey, and Agricultural data; the Oregon Department of Human Services; the City of Portland (Fire and Police Disability & Retirement Fund); and the Pacific Maritime Association.

²October 2002 includes estimated data from Liberty Northwest. Liberty was unable to provide data for October 2002, but confirmed that October 2001 data would serve as an adequate estimate for October 2002.

³Liberty Northwest canceled most of its MCO contracts between March and June 2003 and disenrolled most injured workers covered by these contracts.