
Automobile Insurance Benchmark Schedule
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The Board's Benchmark Schedule includes assumptions to be used by automobile insurers in the rate filing process. Insurers are not required to use any of the Board's guideline assumptions, but supporting justification for the use of alternate assumptions must be provided.

Profit Provision

All insurers must derive their rate indications based on a target profit provision stated as a percentage of premium, with the same provision for all coverages. The guideline profit range as a percentage of premium that the Board will generally accept as reasonable in rate filings is 5% - 6%.

Health Levy

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador assesses an annually adjusted amount to industry to cover the cost of health services provided to victims of automobile accidents. The annual levy is set as a dollar amount per insured vehicle and is reset annually.

The current Health Levy provision to be included in rate filings is \$28.06 per vehicle.

CLEAR

The Board's benchmark CLEAR base rate adjustment factors for the 2024 CLEAR rate group table are provided below:

Coverage	Rate Group Drift	Loss Trend*	2024 CLEAR Base Rate Adjustment
Collision	1.44%	2.5%	0.9%
Comprehensive/Specified Perils	7.18%	3.5%	-3.5%
All Perils	3.16%	3.0%	-0.3%
Accident Benefits	-0.7%	0.0%	0.7%

*Selected loss trend are Board approved guidelines based on data through Dec. 31, 2022.

Insurers proposing to adopt the 2024 CLEAR table may do so by submitting a rate filing to the Board in accordance with the CLEAR Filing Guidelines, or as part of a Mandatory, Mandatory Simplified or Supplemental rate filing. Please see Information Bulletin A.I. 2024-02 for additional information.

Loss Trend Rates

The current guideline loss trend rates for use by insurers in developing filings, based on industry data through December 31, 2023, are outlined as follows:

Private Passenger Automobiles		Commercial Vehicles	
Bodily Injury	+0.7%/-5.2% ¹	Bodily Injury	-4.8% ²
Property Damage (incl. DCPD)	+1.7% ³	Property Damage (incl. DCPD)	-0.8% ⁴
Accident Benefits	+0.8%	Accident Benefits	0.0%
Uninsured Auto	0.0%	Uninsured Auto	0.0%
Collision	+3.6% ⁵	Collision	+1.9%
Comprehensive	+3.9%	Comprehensive	-0.3% ⁶
Specified Perils	+3.9%	Specified Perils	-0.3% ⁸
All Perils	+3.2%	All Perils	+3.4%
Underinsured Motorist	+4.8%/-1.4% ⁷	Underinsured Motorist	+1.6%

The loss trend selections and associated analyses prepared by the Board's actuarial consultants, Oliver Wyman Limited, can be found on the Board's website at www.pub.nl.ca.

Questions

Any questions or concerns relating to the Board's automobile insurance filing requirements can be directed to Mr. Ryan Oake, Manager of Insurance, by email at roake@pub.nl.ca.

¹ -5.2% trend rate begins January 1, 2020

² Includes a one-time increase of 51.6% at January 2013

³ Includes one-time increase of 8.6% at 2021-2 (coincident with the rise in inflation)

⁴ Includes a one-time increase of 33.5% at 2021-2

⁵ Includes one-time decrease of 13% at 2020-1 (coincident with the reforms)

^{6,8} Includes a one-time increase of 53.2% at 2021-2

⁷ -1.4% trend rate begins January 1, 2020