

An example of a poorly constructed table. Note internal lines, no unit measures in the columns headings, and “pseudo-precision” of data in last column.

Table 2. Disposition of Claims According to the Rating of the Plaintiff’s Injury and Degree of Disability

Rating	Closed Cases	Settled for Plaintiff	Mean Settlement
Type of Injury			
No adverse event	24	10-42%	\$28,760.50
Adverse event	13	6-46%	\$98,193.34
Negligent adverse event	9	5-56%	\$66,194.01
Disability			
None	24	10-42%	\$28,760.53
Temporary	14	4-29%	\$38,857.90
Permanent	8	7-88%	\$201,250.00

Example an improved table with units identified in the column headings, and scaling of data in the last column.

Table 2. Disposition of Claims According to the Rating of the Plaintiff’s Injury and Degree of Disability

Rating	No. Closed Cases	Settled for Plaintiff No. (%)	Mean Settlement \$ (X 10,000)
Type of Injury			
No adverse event	24	10 (42)	28.7
Adverse event	13	6 (46)	98.1
Negligent adverse event	9	5 (56)	66.9
Disability			
None	24	10 (42)	28.7
Temporary	14	4 (29)	38.8
Permanent	8	7 (88)	201.2