

US Spinal Cord Injuries
 Statistics
 2004 Costs

Source: Spinal Cord Injury Information Center <http://www.spinalcord.uab.edu>

Injury Level	% of all injuries	Acute # of injuries per category	Estimated initial costs per level/injury	Total Est. acute costs per level/injury	Chronic # of injuries per category	Subsequent Annual Costs/Level Per injury	Total Subsequent Annual Costs/Level Per injury
c1-c4	22.10%	2,431	\$682,957	\$1,660,268,467	61,880	\$122,334	\$7,570,027,920
c5-c8	34.30%	3,773	441,025	1,663,987,325	96,040	51,110	4,908,604,400
para	25.10%	2,761	249,549	689,004,789	70,280	25,394	1,784,690,320
all other	17.50%	1,925	201,273	387,450,525	49,000	14,106	691,194,000
recovered	1.00%	110	0	0	0		0
Total		11,000		\$4,400,711,106	280,000		\$14,954,516,640

If tetraplegia (quadraplegia) were eliminated (modest improvement):

Assumption:

Injury Level:	para--now 75% of injuries	210,000	\$5,332,740,000
	all other--25% of injuries	70,000	\$987,420,000
	Total		\$6,320,160,000
	Direct Cost Savings:		\$8,634,356,640