2025 Update

The Rising Cost of Claims: By the Numbers

United Educators (UE), like other insurance companies, has been affected by issues of social inflation and other societal factors that are drastically increasing the cost of claims. Educational institutions are facing rising jury awards across all liability lines.

Costs of UE Member Claims

The **volatility in high-cost claims** is driving up the cost of excess capacity.

In the case of **antitrust**, loss severity and frequency are drivers. Among the other top causes of loss for UE member claims: Sexual misconduct; discrimination and wrongful termination; slips, trips, and falls; accidents causing injury or damage; and vehicle claims for general liability.

Loss severity is driving up the cost for CGL and more acutely for GLX.



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From 2019 to 2024, CGL cost of claims **increased 190%** (excluding child reviver act claims)

Sexual Misconduct

Excluding employment-related harassment and high-profile claims related to mass serial abusers, UE saw sexual misconduct claims:



Grow **3x faster** than all other claims types over the last 15 years

Comprise **30%** of all claims over the past few years

Defense Costs

The charts below identify the portion of claims costs attributable to legal defense from 2019 to 2024.



Members partnering with UE on claims resolution and ensuring the appointment of defense counsel that is the right fit can help mitigate the rising cost of legal defense.



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