

Black Lung Program Costs, Under Part C, through FY 2008
(\$ thousands)

Type of Obligation	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Total Obligations	\$1,005,246	\$1,013,593	\$1,016,994	\$1,034,097	\$1,046,303	\$1,053,246	\$1,061,628	\$1,060,006	\$1,068,296	\$1,071,323
Total Benefits ¹	\$439,442	\$422,656	\$396,928	\$384,235	\$370,389	\$346,864	\$329,863	\$307,067	\$291,310	\$273,132
Income Benefits ²	\$363,871	\$350,266	\$336,813	\$320,039	\$307,371	\$292,555	\$279,895	\$266,205	\$252,020	\$235,347
Med. Benefits ³	\$75,571	\$72,390	\$60,115	\$64,196	\$63,018	\$54,309	\$49,968	\$40,862	\$39,290	\$37,885
Admin. Costs ⁴	\$50,788	\$49,820	\$52,252	\$54,273	\$55,332	\$55,803	\$56,872	\$57,975	\$59,772	\$58,722
Int. Charges ⁵	\$515,016	\$541,117	\$567,814	\$595,589	\$620,582	\$650,579	\$674,893	\$694,964	\$717,214	\$739,469
Repayable Advances ⁶	\$402,000	\$490,000	\$505,000	\$465,000	\$525,000	\$497,000	\$446,000	\$445,000	\$426,000	\$426,000
Cumulative Debt ⁷	\$6,258,557	\$6,748,557	\$7,253,557	\$7,718,557	\$8,243,557	\$8,740,557	\$9,186,557	\$9,592,837	\$10,057,557	\$10,483,557

¹ Excludes collections from responsible mine operators for interim benefits paid by the Trust Fund, refunds for OWCP administrative costs paid, and other miscellaneous reimbursements

² Monthly and retroactive benefit payments.

³ Includes diagnostic and treatment costs, and reimbursements to the Health & Retirement Funds of the UMWA.

⁴ Administrative expenses include reimbursements to the Social Security Administration and support for DCMWC, Office of the Solicitor, Office of Administrative Law Judges, and Benefits Review Board.

⁵ Since 1979, the Trust Fund has borrowed funds from the Treasury. Interest charges show the cost to the TF for those advances.

⁶ Reflects advances from the Treasury Department during the fiscal year.

⁷ Shows the cumulative debt of the Trust Fund to the Treasury.

Note: Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

Source: US Department of Labor/DCMWC