

**CALCULATOR · WHILE YOU TREAT**

LOST WAGES CALCULATOR

WHAT YOUR MISSED WORK ADDS UP TO.

Enter how you are paid, the first day you missed, and the day you went back. The calculator counts the workdays, prices them at your rate, adds the overtime you would have worked, and counts the sick or vacation days you were forced to use. The result is the past loss only; future earnings are a separate claim.

LOST WAGES WORKSHEET

How you are paid

hourly, with hours a week, or an annual salary

Hourly rate or annual salary

Daily rate

hourly rate x hours a week, divided by 5; or the salary divided by 260

First day missed

Return date

the day you went back is not counted; if you are still off, use today

Workdays missed

Monday to Friday between the two dates; weekends are skipped, holidays are not

Base loss

daily rate x workdays missed

Overtime hours a week lost

regular overtime you would have worked

Overtime loss

hours a week x weeks missed x hourly rate x 1.5 (the salary divided by 2,080 is the hourly rate)

Sick or vacation days used

counted inside the days above: leave you were forced to use is still a loss

Wages lost to date

base loss plus overtime loss

This is the past loss only. Future lost earnings and loss of earning capacity are separate claims and need a professional, usually a vocational expert and an economist. Prove the figure with the lost wages checklist: pay stubs before and after, the HR letter, and the doctor's off-work notes.

LEAVE YOU USED IS STILL A LOSS

Sick days and vacation days spent on an injury are gone, and you would have had them otherwise. California treats earned vacation as wages under Labor Code 227.3, so the days stay in the loss even though your paycheck did not drop. Ask HR for a statement of which days were paid from leave.

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