

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (3 Qtr)	
Per share dividend (all 4 quarters and special div)	1.03	8.17	1.33	6.51	1.70	8.90	2.14	1.79	Income Statement
Per share special dividend		7.00		5.00		7.00			Management Discussion and Analysis
Total \$ amount for <i>special</i> dividend		3,049		2,201		3,100			Management Discussion and Analysis
Total \$ amount of dividend (for year)	446	3,560	584	2,865	746	3,904	689	752	Cash Flow statement
Cash (End of Year)		4,644	5,738	4,801	3,379	4,546	6,055	7,013	Balance Sheet
Shares outstanding (EOY Basic)	433,620	435,741	438,693	439,455	438,585	438,437	438,515	439,859	Income Statement
Quarter Special Paid		2nd		2nd		3rd			Item 5 - Market for Registrant

Here's the information from the SEC documents:

- * The number of basic shares outstanding has hardly changed from 2012 to end of quarter three 2019. This provides an informational point on the total cash needs to pay a special dividend. This comes from their income statement.
- * The total dollar amounts paid for the special dividends in 2013, 2015 and 2017 were \$3,049, \$2,201 and \$3,100. The dividend per share was \$7.00, \$5.00 and \$7.00 for 2013, 2015 and 2017. This comes from either the statement of equity or the cash flow statement – cash from financing.
- * The cash at the end of the each period easily covered the dividend and *this doesn't include short term investments*. This means there is actually more readily available cash to pay a special dividend. This comes from their balance sheet
- * If a special dividend had been provided at the end of 2019's third quarter, the total amount would have been approximately \$3,079 (439,859 times \$7/shr). To pay an estimated 10 billion dividend, would amount to \$22.73/share (10B/439,859K shares).
- * Costco's cash level at the end of the 3rd quarter of 2019 was \$7,013 which could easily cover a \$7 special dividend per share. Also, this doesn't include the \$1,154 from short term investments.