

Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics

Calendar Year 2016



The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 20,461 accepted disabling claims in 2016. Employment increased by 59,000 workers, resulting in a 2016 claims rate of 1.0 claims per 100 workers.

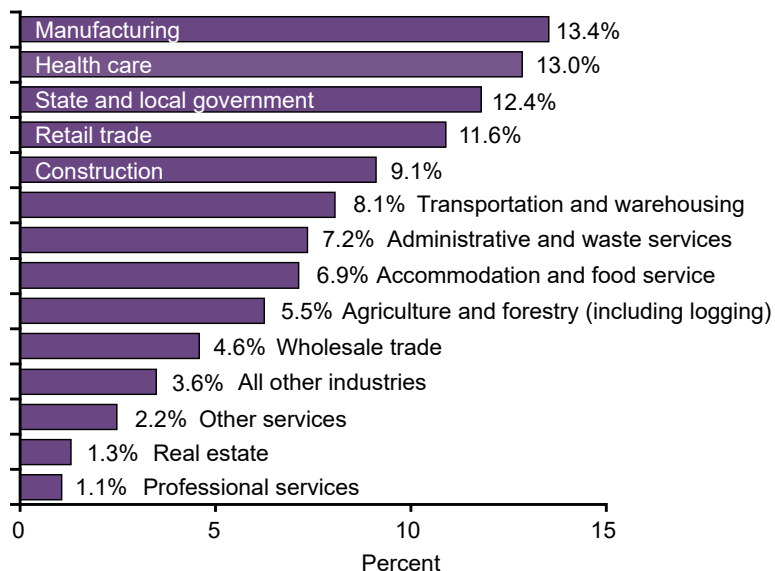
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2007-2016

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
2007	1,762,700	23,431	1.3	35
2008	1,746,200	21,660	1.2	46
2009	1,637,400	18,949	1.2	31
2010	1,623,300	18,011	1.1	17
2011	1,641,300	18,693	1.1	28
2012	1,664,000	18,643	1.1	30
2013	1,697,600	18,633	1.1	30
2014	1,748,400	19,724	1.1	31
2015	1,800,300	19,568	1.1	27
2016	1,859,300	20,461	1.0	29

Note: Employment figures based on data from Oregon Employment Department. Claims rates represent the number of claims per 100 workers. Disabling claims include fatal cases.

In 2016, there were 75 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest was a 14-year-old farm worker who fractured his wrist after falling from a horse. The oldest were two 89-year-olds, a car rental worker who suffered a head injury from a fall, and a clergy person who fell and injured his shoulder.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2016 workers' compensation claims



Due to rounding, percents may not sum to 100.

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MOST COMMON CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS*

NATURE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Sprains, strains, tears	11,073	54.1%
Fractures	2,044	10.0%
Bruises, contusions	1,436	7.0%
Multiple injuries	1,242	6.1%
Cuts, lacerations	887	4.3%
Injury and illness combination	828	4.1%
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorders	516	2.5%
Hernias	380	1.9%
Burns	241	1.2%
Punctures	196	1.0%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2016, accounting for 3,602 claims (17.6 percent).

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	5,630	27.5%
Struck by or against	3,063	15.0%
Fall on same level	2,837	13.9%
Bodily reaction	2,090	10.2%
Fall to lower level	1,223	6.0%
Transportation accident	992	4.9%
Slip, trip without fall	885	4.3%
Caught in or crushed by	785	3.8%
Repetitive motion	719	3.5%
Assault or violent acts	659	3.2%

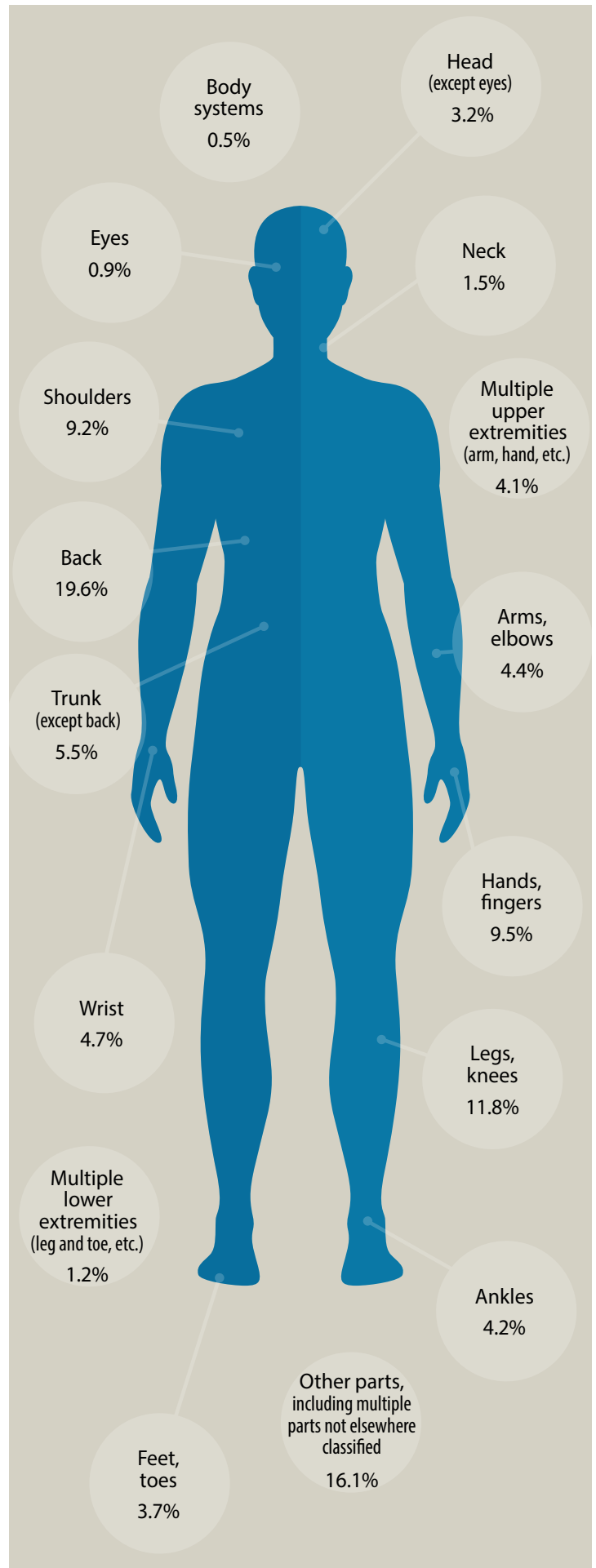
There were 4,060 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2016. Approximately 72 percent resulted in either sprains, strains, or tears (2,039) or fractures (874).

SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily condition, motion	3,795	18.6%
Floors, walkways, ground	2,575	12.6%
Containers	2,226	10.9%
Vehicles	1,962	9.6%
Other person	1,714	8.4%
Machinery	1,083	5.3%
Hand tools	914	4.5%
Furniture and fixtures	845	4.1%
Building materials	787	3.9%
Ladders	462	2.3%

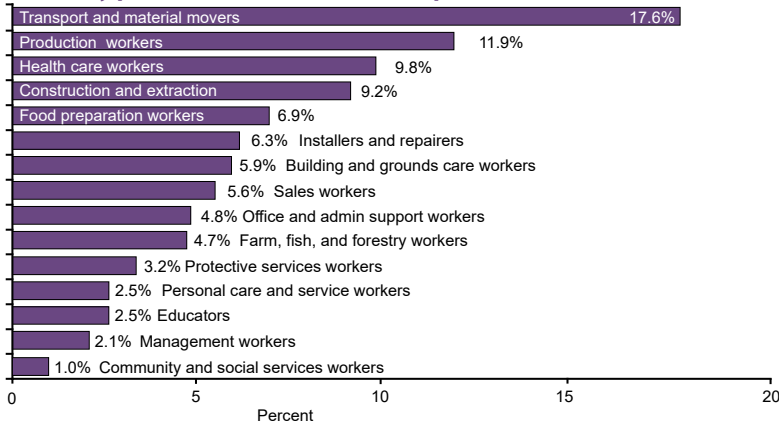
Bodily condition and motion incidents are cases in which workers themselves are the primary source of injury or illness, such as a worker twisting his or her back when reaching for something. These events most commonly result in sprains or strains (approximately 65 percent).

*Only the top 10 most frequent characteristics are listed for Nature, Event, and Source.

PART OF BODY AFFECTED:



MOST FREQUENT OCCUPATIONS OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS
by percent of 2016 workers' compensation claims



Note: Excludes seven claims in which industry was not reported. Because of rounding, percents may not sum to 100.

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INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2016

- Occupational diseases comprised 5.2 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 6,378 claims, 31.2 percent of the total accepted disabling claims in 2016, compared to 2,101 (10.3 percent) for those in their second year.
- Of the total 20,461 accepted disabling claims, 99 were for workers younger than age 18, and 717 were for workers age 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2016 was 42.
- Of the total 20,461 claims, 1.9 percent (384) occurred out of state.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 13,006 (63.6 percent) of the total, compared to 7,455 for females.
- The average weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$727.05. The average weekly wage for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$963.01.
- Private industry accounted for 17,922 of the accepted disabling claims (87.6 percent).
- Transportation and material movers are the most commonly injured worker occupation, comprising nearly 18 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2016.



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