

Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics Calendar Year 2019



The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 22,407 accepted disabling claims in 2019. Employment increased by 29,500 workers and claims increased by 1,400 from 2018, resulting in a 2019 claims rate of 1.1 claims per 100 workers.

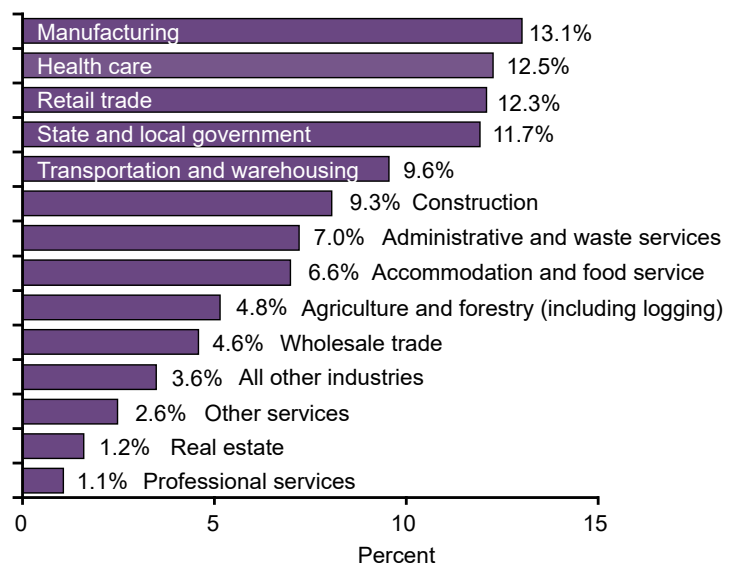
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2010-2019

| Year | Employment | Claims | Rates | Fatals |
|------|------------|--------|-------|--------|
| 2010 | 1,623,300 | 18,010 | 1.1 | 17 |
| 2011 | 1,641,300 | 18,690 | 1.1 | 28 |
| 2012 | 1,664,000 | 18,644 | 1.1 | 30 |
| 2013 | 1,697,600 | 18,627 | 1.1 | 30 |
| 2014 | 1,743,800 | 19,716 | 1.1 | 31 |
| 2015 | 1,796,400 | 19,567 | 1.1 | 27 |
| 2016 | 1,855,600 | 20,454 | 1.1 | 29 |
| 2017 | 1,899,400 | 20,986 | 1.1 | 35 |
| 2018 | 1,943,000 | 21,007 | 1.1 | 35 |
| 2019 | 1,972,500 | 22,407 | 1.1 | 41 |

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 2019, there were 79 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest were two 14-year-olds, a children's camp worker who was injured while running, and a farmworker whose foot was run over by a forklift. The oldest was an 93-year-old aquatic fitness instructor who tripped on a curb while stepping onto a sidewalk.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2019 workers' compensation claims



Note: Excludes six claims where industry was not reported. Due to rounding percentages may not sum to 100.

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MOST COMMON CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS*

| NATURE of injury or disease | Claims | Percent |
|--|--------|---------|
| Sprains, strains, tears | 12,228 | 54.6% |
| Fractures | 2,377 | 10.6% |
| Bruises, contusions | 1,815 | 8.1% |
| Multiple injuries | 1,134 | 5.1% |
| Cuts, lacerations | 966 | 4.3% |
| Injury and illness combination | 874 | 3.9% |
| Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorders | 467 | 2.1% |
| Burns | 320 | 1.4% |
| Hernias | 320 | 1.4% |
| Intracranial injuries | 243 | 1.1% |

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2019, accounting for 3,630 claims (16.2 percent).

| EVENT resulting in injury | Claims | Percent |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| Overexertion | 5,968 | 26.6% |
| Struck by or against | 3,456 | 15.4% |
| Fall on same level | 3,093 | 13.8% |
| Bodily reaction | 2,182 | 9.7% |
| Fall to lower level | 1,224 | 5.5% |
| Slip, trip without fall | 1,027 | 4.6% |
| Transportation accident | 1,009 | 4.5% |
| Caught in or crushed by | 877 | 3.9% |
| Repetitive motion | 793 | 3.5% |
| Assault or violent acts | 710 | 3.2% |

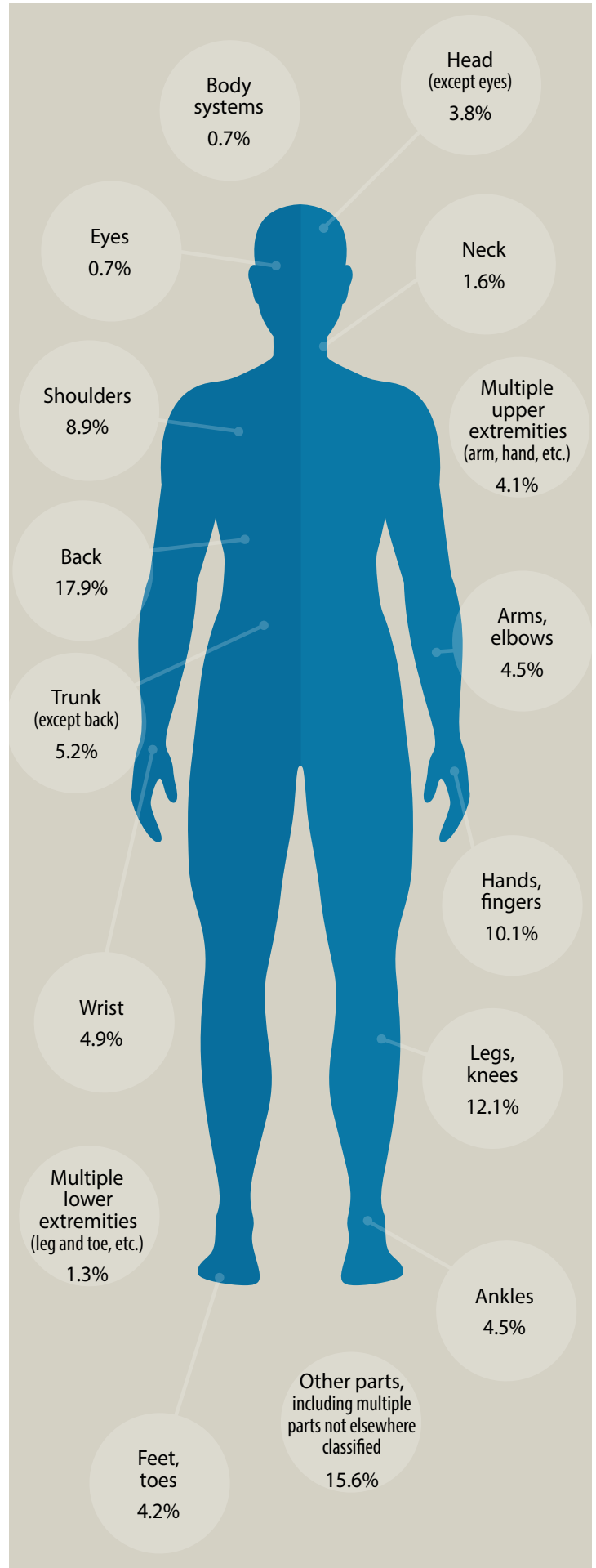
There were 4,317 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2019. Approximately 72 percent resulted in either sprains, strains, or tears (2,144) or fractures (957).

| SOURCE of injury or disease | Claims | Percent |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Bodily condition, motion | 4,109 | 18.3% |
| Containers | 2,729 | 12.2% |
| Floors, walkways, ground | 2,646 | 11.8% |
| Vehicles | 2,099 | 9.4% |
| Other person | 1,928 | 8.6% |
| Machinery | 1,229 | 5.5% |
| Hand tools | 966 | 4.3% |
| Furniture and fixtures | 916 | 4.1% |
| Building materials | 768 | 3.4% |
| Ladders | 490 | 2.2% |

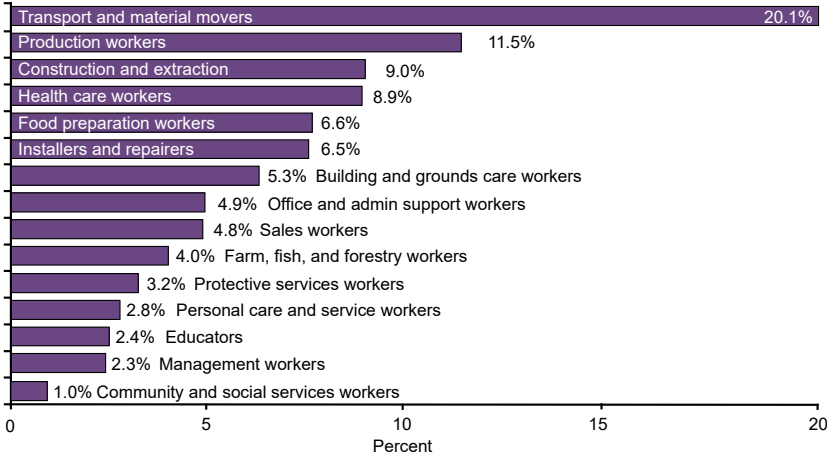
Bodily condition or motion incidents are cases in which workers themselves are the primary source of injury or illness, such as a worker twisting his or her back when reaching for something. These events most commonly result in sprains or strains (approximately 69 percent).

*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 2019 workers' compensation claims



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

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INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2019

- Private industry accounted for 19,782 of the accepted disabling claims (88.3 percent).
- The most common injured worker occupation was transportation and material movers, comprising approximately 20 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2019.
- Occupational diseases comprised 4.6 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 7,341 claims, or 41.1 percent of 2019 accepted disabling claims where the worker's tenure is known, compared to 2,306 (12.9 percent) for those in their second year.
- Of the total 22,407 accepted disabling claims, 131 were for workers younger than age 18, and 758 were for workers age 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2019 was 42.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 13,991 (62.4 percent) of the total, compared to 8,416 (37.6 percent) for females.
- The median weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$681.88, compared to \$813.6 for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees.
- Of the total 22,407 claims, 1.8 percent (398) occurred out of state.



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