

Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics

Calendar Year 2020



The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 21,874 accepted disabling claims in 2020. Employment decreased by 128,300 workers and claims decreased by 532 from 2019, resulting in a 2020 claims rate of 1.2 claims per 100 workers.

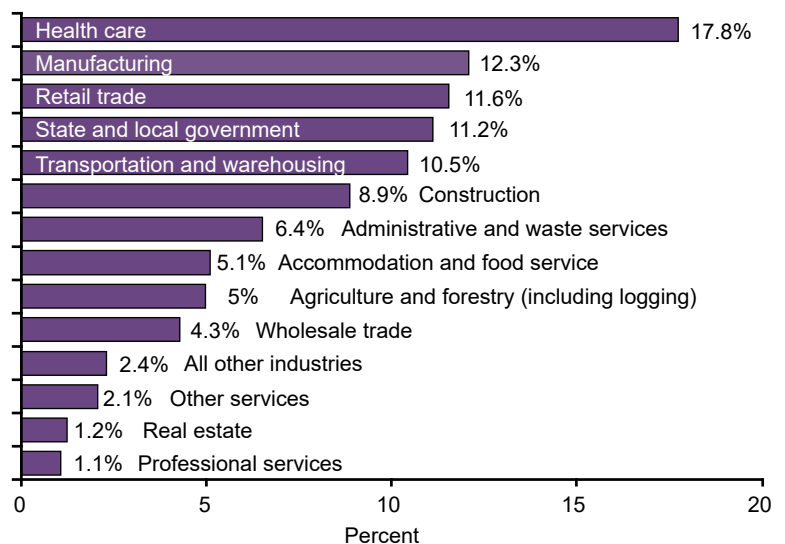
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2011-2020

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
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	1,986,100	22,406	1.1	41
2020	1,857,800	21,874	1.2	33

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 2020, there were 79 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest were two 14-year-old workers: a vehicle cleaner who slipped on ice, and a farmworker who drove an all-terrain vehicle off a cliff. The oldest was an 93-year-old cashier who fell over after unintentionally striking a customer with a motorized cart.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2020 workers' compensation claims



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

Note: Claims in the Health care industry accounted for 17.8% (3885) of claims in 2020, compared to 13.9% (2805) of claims in 2019. In 2020, 1169 (30%) of the 3885 health care industry claims were for Coronavirus infection.

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MOST COMMON CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS*

NATURE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Sprains, strains, tears	11,353	51.9%
Fractures	2,070	9.5%
Bruises, contusions	1,750	8.0%
Multiple injuries	1,023	4.7%
Cuts, lacerations	863	4.0%
Injury and illness combination	669	3.1%
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorders	433	2.0%
Hernias	259	1.2%
Burns	226	1.0%
Punctures	210	1.0%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2020, accounting for 3,347 claims (15.3 percent).

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	5,255	24.0%
Struck by or against	3,110	14.2%
Fall on same level	2,722	12.4%
Bodily reaction	1,971	9.0%
Exposure to other harmful substances	1,702	7.8%
Fall to lower level	1,059	5.1%
Slip, trip without fall	898	4.8%
Repetitive motion	835	4.1%
Caught or crushed in	823	3.8%
Transportation accident	819	3.8%

There were 3,718 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2020. Approximately 74 percent resulted in either sprains, strains, or tears (1915) or fractures (822).

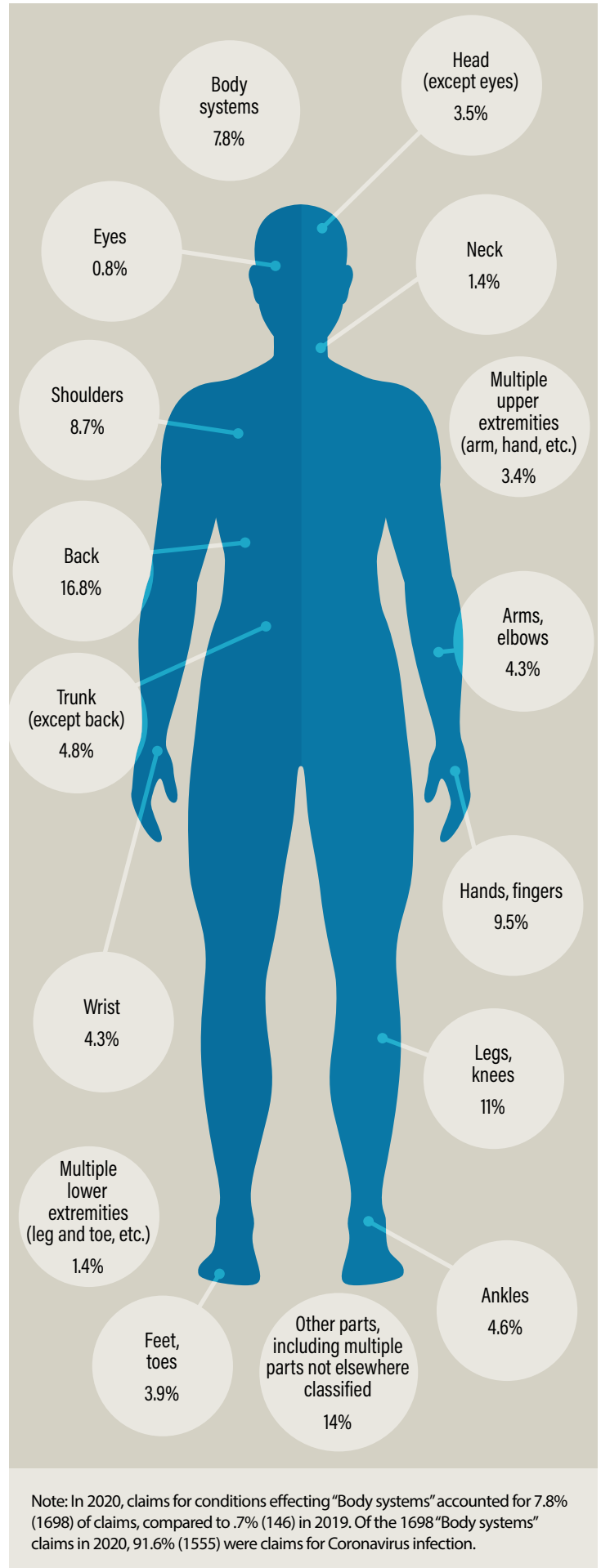
In 2020, 7.8% (1702) claims had an event of "Exposure to other harmful substances, compared to .75% (168) in 2019. In 2020, 1555 (91.3%) of the 1702 were due to Coronavirus exposure.

SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily condition, motion	3,733	17.7%
Containers	2,460	11.3%
Floors, walkways, ground	2,307	10.6%
Vehicles	1,843	8.4%
Other person	1,814	8.3%
Machinery	1,106	5.1%
Hand tools	851	3.9%
Furniture and fixtures	805	3.7%
Building materials	675	3.1%
Ladders	473	2.2%

Bodily condition and/or motion incidents are cases where workers themselves are the primary source of injury or illness, such as a worker twisting his/her back when reaching for something. These events most commonly result in sprains or strains (approximately 72 percent).

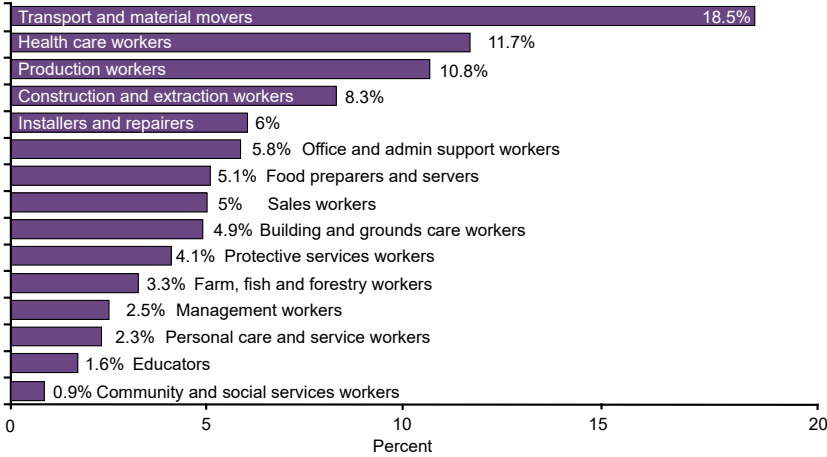
*Only the top 10 most frequent characteristics are listed for nature, event, and source.

PART OF BODY AFFECTED:



Note: In 2020, claims for conditions effecting "Body systems" accounted for 7.8% (1698) of claims, compared to .7% (146) in 2019. Of the 1698 "Body systems" claims in 2020, 91.6% (1555) were claims for Coronavirus infection.

MOST FREQUENT OCCUPATIONS OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS
by percent of 2020 workers' compensation claims



Note: 13.7% (3005) of 2020 claims were for healthcare workers, compared to 8.9% (1984) in 2019. In 2020, 31.4% (945) of the claims for healthcare workers were for Coronavirus infection.

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INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2020

- Private industry accounted for 19,426 of the accepted disabling claims (88.8 percent).
- The most commonly injured worker occupation was transportation and material movers, comprising approximately 18 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2020.
- Occupational diseases comprised 11.2 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 7,072 claims, or 32.3 percent of 2020 accepted disabling claims where the worker's tenure is known, compared to 2,350 (10.7 percent) for those in their second year.
- Of the total 21,874 accepted disabling claims, 112 were for workers younger than age 18, and 891 were for workers age 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2020 was 41.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 13,255 (60.6 percent) of the total compared to 8,619 (39.4 percent) for females.
- The median weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$726.00 compared to \$863.6 for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees.
- Of the total 21,874 claims, 2 percent (428) occurred out of state.



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