

Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics Calendar Year 2021



The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 24,393 accepted disabling claims in 2021. Employment increased by 50,200 workers and claims increased by 2521 from 2020, resulting in a 2021 claims rate of 1.3 claims per 100 workers.

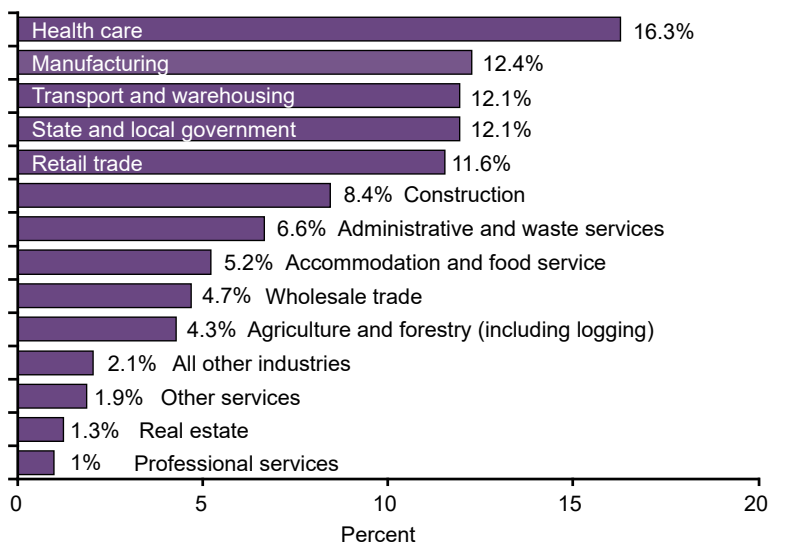
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2012-2021

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
2012	1,661,600	18,644	1.1	30
2013	1,694,400	18,627	1.1	30
2014	1,745,000	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	22,406	1.1	41
2020	1,857,800	21,872	1.2	34
2021	1,908,000	24,393	1.3	44

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 2021, there were 79 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest were three 14-year-old workers: a food worker who experienced a ground-level fall, a shop worker who was struck by a falling storm grate, and a grounds-care worker who was riding on an ATV that struck a signpost. The oldest was a 93-year-old cashier who experienced a ground-level fall.

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 16.3% (3976) of claims in 2021, compared to 17.8% (3885) of claims in 2020. In 2021, 1183 (29.8%) of the 3976 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	12,631	51.8%
Fractures	2,265	9.3%
Bruises, contusions	1,970	8.1%
Multiple injuries	975	4.0%
Cuts, lacerations	959	3.9%
Injury and illness combination	686	2.8%
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorders	424	1.7%
Hernias	270	1.1%
Burns	261	1.1%
Intracranial injuries	255	1.1%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2021, accounting for 3,675 claims (15.1 percent).

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	5,816	23.8%
Struck by or against	3,521	14.4%
Fall on same level	3,035	12.4%
Exposure to other harmful substances	2,316	9.5%
Bodily reaction	2,208	9.1%
Fall to lower level	1,174	4.8%
Repetitive motion	993	4.1%
Transportation accident	915	3.8%
Slip, trip without fall	885	3.6%
Caught in or crushed by	790	3.2%

There were 4,209 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2021. Approximately 72 percent resulted in either sprains, strains, or tears (2130) or fractures (910).

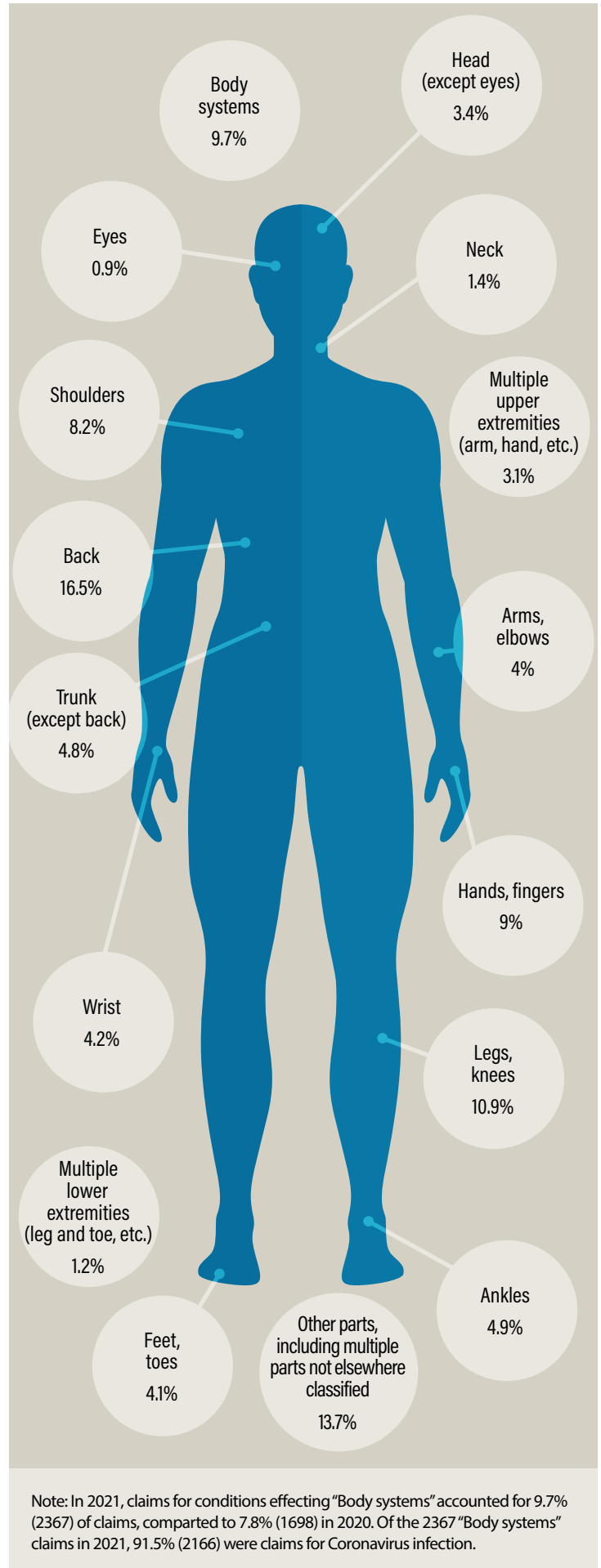
In 2021, 9.5% (2316) claims had an event of "Exposure to other harmful substances", compared to 7.8% (1702) in 2020. In 2021, 2168 (93.6%) of the 2316 were due to Coronavirus exposure.

SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily motion, position	4,249	17.4%
Containers	2,733	11.2%
Floors, walkways, ground	2,362	9.7%
Vehicles	2,060	8.5%
Other person	1,955	8.0%
Machinery	1,117	4.6%
Handtools	867	3.6%
Furniture, fixtures	824	3.4%
Building materials	790	3.2%
Ladders	493	2.0%

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 74 percent).

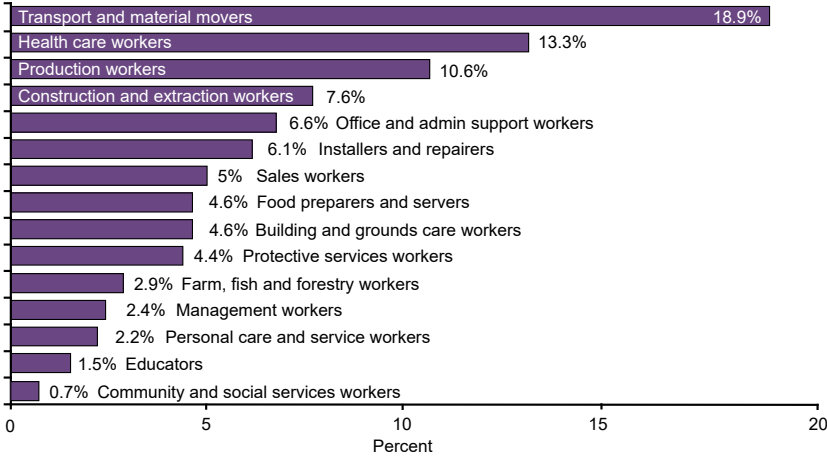
*Only the top 10 most frequent characteristics are listed for nature, event, and source.

PART OF BODY AFFECTED:



Note: In 2021, claims for conditions effecting "Body systems" accounted for 9.7% (2367) of claims, compared to 7.8% (1698) in 2020. Of the 2367 "Body systems" claims in 2021, 91.5% (2166) were claims for Coronavirus infection.

MOST FREQUENT OCCUPATIONS OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS
by percent of 2021 workers' compensation claims



Note: 13.3% (3253) of 2021 claims were for healthcare workers, compared to 13.7% (3005) in 2020. In 2021, 29.7% (966) of the claims for healthcare workers were for Coronavirus infection, compared to 31.4% (945) in 2020.

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INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2020

- Private industry accounted for 21,444 of the accepted disabling claims (87.9 percent).
- The most commonly injured worker occupation was transportation and material movers, comprising approximately 19 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2021.
- Occupational diseases comprised 12.5 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 7,717 claims, or 31.6 percent of 2021 accepted disabling claims where the worker's tenure is known, compared to 2,573 (10.6 percent) for those in their second year.
- Of the total 24,393 accepted disabling claims, 163 were for workers younger than age 18, and 937 were for workers age 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2021 was 41.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 14,872 (61 percent) of the total compared to 9,520 (39 percent) for females.
- The median weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$768.07 compared to \$938.4 for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees.
- Of the total 24,393 claims, 1.4 percent (351) occurred out of state.



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