

# Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics Calendar Year 2022



The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 24,947 accepted disabling claims in 2022. Employment increased by 71,100 workers and claims increased by 562 from 2021, resulting in a 2022 claims rate of 1.3 claims per 100 workers.

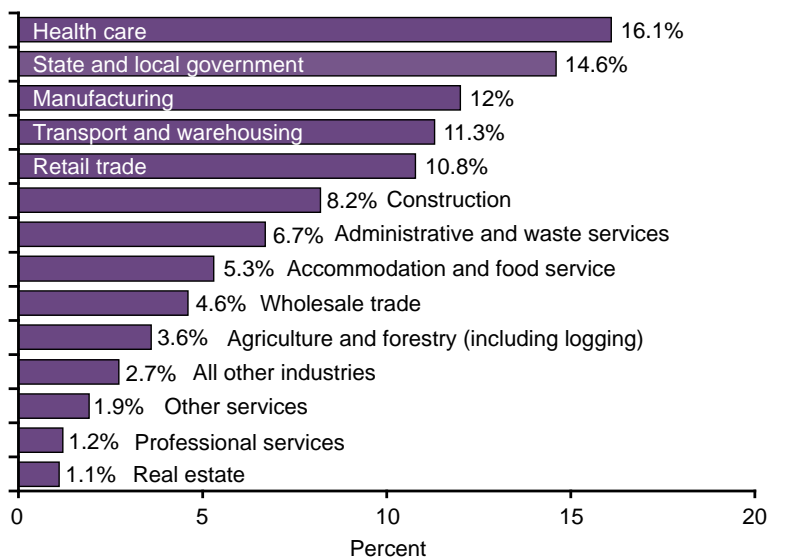
## ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2013-2022

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
2013	1,694,400	18,615	1.1	30
2014	1,745,000	19,677	1.1	31
2015	1,796,400	19,550	1.1	27
2016	1,855,600	20,447	1.1	29
2017	1,899,400	20,978	1.1	35
2018	1,943,100	20,997	1.1	35
2019	1,986,100	22,399	1.1	41
2020	1,862,800	21,858	1.2	34
2021	1,909,400	24,385	1.3	44
2022	1,980,500	24,947	1.3	30

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 2022, there were 77 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest was a 12-year-old farm worker who tripped and fell. The oldest was a 89-year-old cashier who experienced a fall at ground level.

## OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2022 workers' compensation claims



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

Note: Claims in the health care industry accounted for 16.1 percent (4,003) of claims in 2022, compared to 16.3 percent (3,976) of claims in 2021. In 2022, 1,416 (35.4 percent) of the 4,003 health care industry claims were for coronavirus infection.

Dedicated to CONSUMER and WORKER PROTECTION

## MOST COMMON CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS\*

NATURE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Sprains, strains, tears	12,511	50.1%
Fractures	2,372	9.5%
Bruises, contusions	2,141	8.6%
Multiple injuries	1,047	4.2%
Cuts, lacerations	944	3.8%
Injury and illness combination	711	2.9%
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorders	337	1.4%
Hernias	267	1.1%
Intracranial injuries	257	1.0%
Burns	256	1.0%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2022, accounting for 3,529 claims (14.2 percent).

The above table does not include 6.2 percent (1,543) of claims where the nature was infection with the COVID-19 virus.

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	5,402	21.7%
Struck by or against	3,621	14.5%
Fall on same level	3,036	12.2%
Exposure to other harmful substances	2,762	11.1%
Bodily reaction	2,223	8.9%
Fall to lower level	1,269	5.5%
Transportation accident	961	5.1%
Slip, trip without fall	908	3.9%
Repetitive motion	871	3.6%
Caught in or crushed by	821	3.5%

There were 4,305 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2022. Approximately 73 percent resulted in either sprains, strains, or tears (2,141) or fractures (997).

In 2022, 11.1 percent (2,762) claims had an event of "Exposure to other harmful substances", compared to 9.5 percent (2,316) in 2021. In 2022, 2,592 (93.8 percent) of the 2,762 were due to coronavirus exposure.

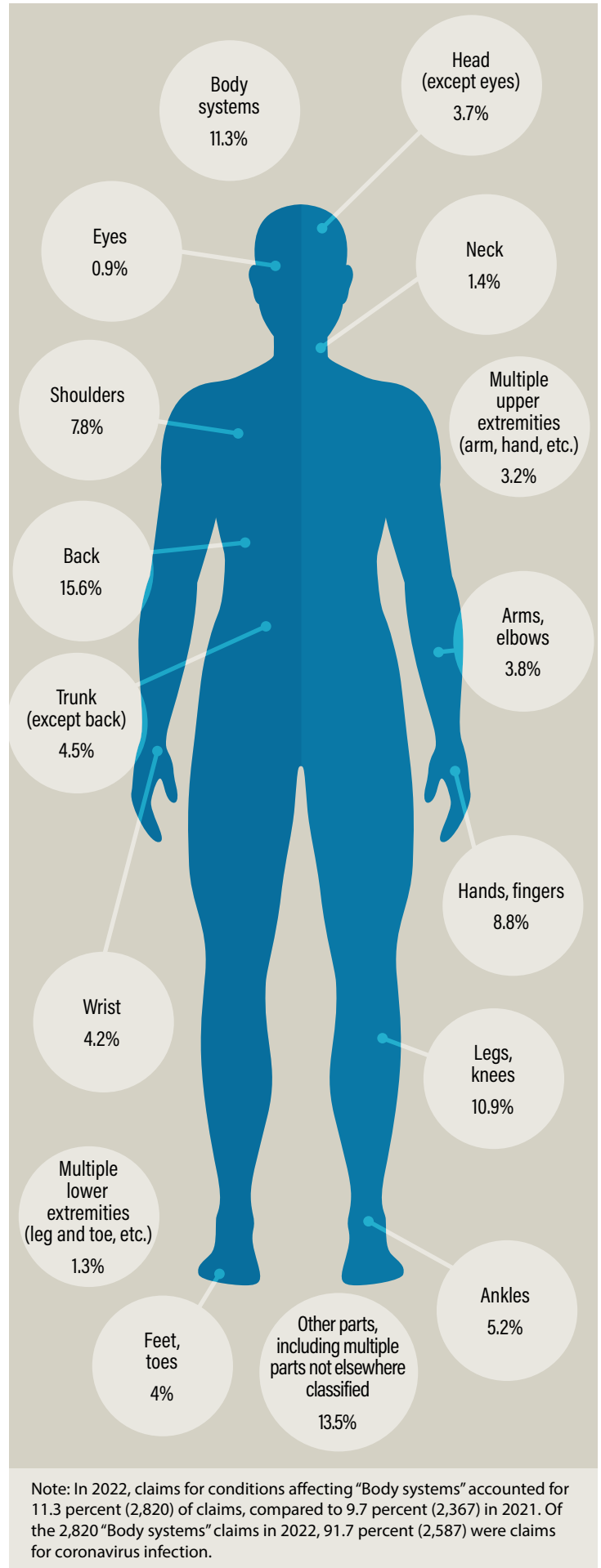
SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily motion, position	4,336	17.4%
Containers	2,537	10.2%
Floors, walkways, ground	2,431	9.7%
Other person	2,033	8.2%
Vehicles	2,014	8.1%
Machinery	1,069	4.3%
Handtools	870	3.5%
Furniture, fixtures	846	3.4%
Building materials	750	3.0%
Ladders	500	2.0%

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 73 percent).

The above table does not include 10.4 percent (2,591) of claims where the source was the COVID-19 virus.

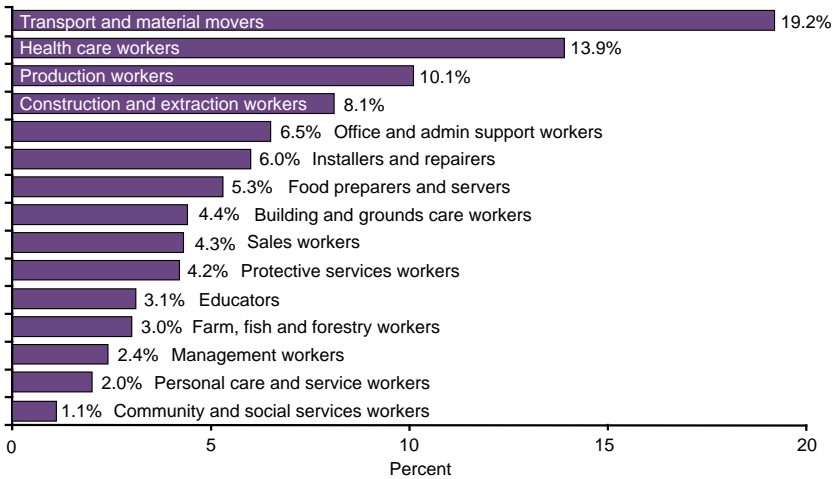
\*Only the top 10 most frequent characteristics are listed for nature, event, and source.

## PART OF BODY AFFECTED:



Note: In 2022, claims for conditions affecting "Body systems" accounted for 11.3 percent (2,820) of claims, compared to 9.7 percent (2,367) in 2021. Of the 2,820 "Body systems" claims in 2022, 91.7 percent (2,587) were claims for coronavirus infection.

## MOST FREQUENT OCCUPATIONS OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS by percent of 2022 workers' compensation claims



Note: 13.9 percent (3,471) of 2022 claims were for health care workers, compared to 13.3 percent (3,253) in 2021. In 2022, 39.6 percent (1,374) of the claims for health care workers were for coronavirus infections, compared to 29.7 percent (966) in 2021.

## OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION (OREGON OSHA)

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) offers a wide range of services to Oregon's employers and workers to improve workplace safety and health:

- Consultations
- Education/conferences
- Technical resources, publications, and video/DVD library
- Educational grants
- Hazard abatement assistance

For more information, contact:

### Oregon OSHA

350 Winter St. NE, Room 300,

P.O. Box 14480

Salem, OR 97309-0405

503-378-3272 or 800-922-2689

[osha.oregon.gov](http://osha.oregon.gov)

## INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2022

- Private industry accounted for 21,318 of the accepted disabling claims (85.5 percent).
- The most commonly injured worker occupation was transportation and material movers, comprising approximately 19.2 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2022.
- Occupational diseases comprised 13.6 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 8,845 claims, or 35.5 percent of 2022 accepted disabling claims where the worker's tenure is known, compared to 2,225 (8.9 percent) for those in their second year.
- Of the total 24,947 accepted disabling claims, 128 were for workers younger than age 18, and 1,028 were for workers aged 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2022 was 41.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 14,843 (59.5 percent) of the total compared to 10,104 (40.5 percent) for females.
- The median weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$845.08, compared to \$950.00 for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees.
- Of the total 24,947 claims, 1.6 percent (395) occurred out of state.



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), this publication is available in alternative formats.

Please call 503 378 8254.

Information Technology and Research Section  
Central Services Division  
350 Winter St. NE, Room 300  
P.O. Box 14480  
Salem, OR 97309-0405  
503-378-8254



Visit the DCBS website [dcbs.oregon.gov](http://dcbs.oregon.gov) and select the "Statistical Reports" link at the bottom of the page for more claims data and statistical reports, or call 503-378-8254.