

Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics

Calendar Year 2017



The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 20,989 accepted disabling claims in 2017. Employment increased by 40,600 workers and claims increased by 534 from 2016, resulting in a 2017 claims rate of 1.1 claims per 100 workers.

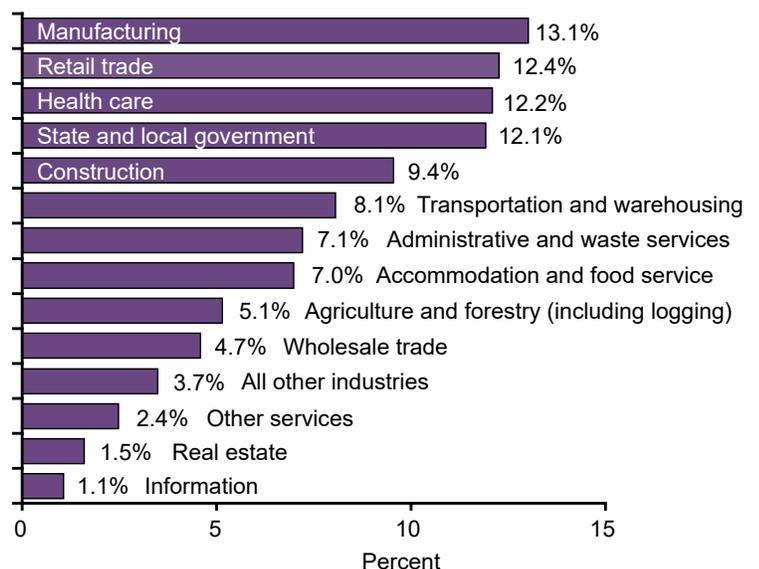
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2008-2017

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
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	1,860,400	20,455	1.1	29
2017	1,901,000	20,989	1.1	35

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 2017, there were 74 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest was a 15-year-old maintenance worker who tripped without falling and sprained an ankle. The oldest was an 89-year-old food preparation worker who suffered a laceration to the head after a trip and fall.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2017 workers' compensation claims



Note: Excludes one claim 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	11,188	53.3%
Fractures	2,458	11.7%
Bruises, contusions	1,564	7.5%
Multiple injuries	1,128	5.4%
Cuts, lacerations	882	4.2%
Injury and illness combination	825	3.9%
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorders	483	2.3%
Hernias	369	1.8%
Burns	292	1.4%
Intracranial injuries	212	1.0%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2017, accounting for 3,461 claims (16.5 percent).

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	5,208	24.8%
Fall on same level	3,410	16.3%
Struck by or against	3,050	14.5%
Bodily reaction	1,983	9.5%
Fall to lower level	1,280	6.1%
Transportation accident	981	4.7%
Slip, trip without fall	963	4.6%
Caught in or crushed by	793	3.8%
Assault or violent acts	658	3.1%
Repetitive motion	587	2.8%

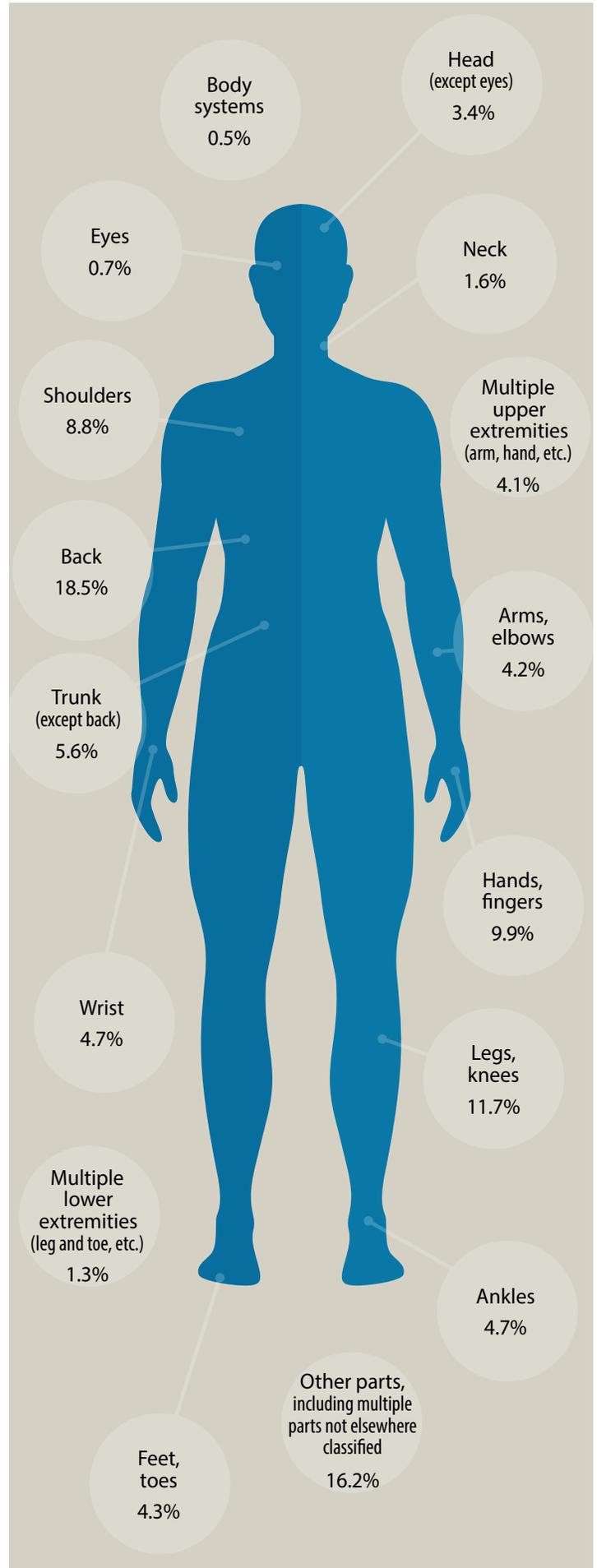
There were 4,676 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2017. Approximately 73 percent resulted in either sprains, strains, or tears (2,328) or fractures (1075).

SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily condition, motion	3,637	17.3%
Floors, walkways, ground	3,078	14.7%
Containers	2,337	11.1%
Vehicles	2,037	9.7%
Other person	1,667	7.9%
Machinery	1,062	5.1%
Hand tools	819	3.9%
Building materials	748	3.6%
Furniture and fixtures	738	3.5%
Ladders	538	2.6%

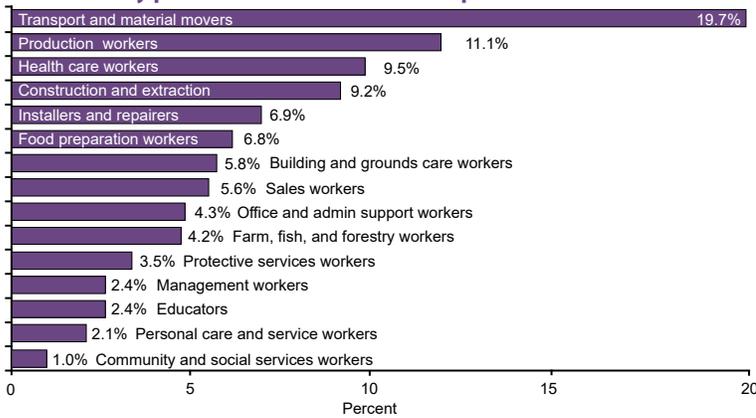
Bodily condition and/or motion incidents are cases where workers themselves are the primary source of injury or illness, such as a worker twisting his/her back when reaching for something. These events most commonly result in sprains or strains (approximately 66 percent).

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

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MOST FREQUENT OCCUPATIONS OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS
by percent of 2017 workers' compensation claims



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INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2017

- Private industry accounted for 18,441 of the accepted disabling claims (87.9 percent).
- Transportation and material movers are the most commonly injured worker occupation, comprising nearly 20 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2017.
- Occupational diseases comprised 4.7 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 6,556 claims, 31.2 percent of the total accepted disabling claims in 2017, compared to 2,159 (10.3 percent) for those in their second year.
- Of the total 20,989 accepted disabling claims, 93 were for workers younger than age 18, and 815 were for workers age 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2017 was 42.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 13,464 (64.2 percent) of the total compared to 7,525 (35.8 percent) for females.
- The median weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$641.43 compared to \$763.60 for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees.
- Of the total 20,989 claims, 2.1 percent (443) occurred out of state.



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