

# Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics

## Calendar Year 2018



The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 21,008 accepted disabling claims in 2018. Employment increased by 37,200 workers and claims increased by 22 from 2017, resulting in a 2018 claims rate of 1.1 claims per 100 workers.

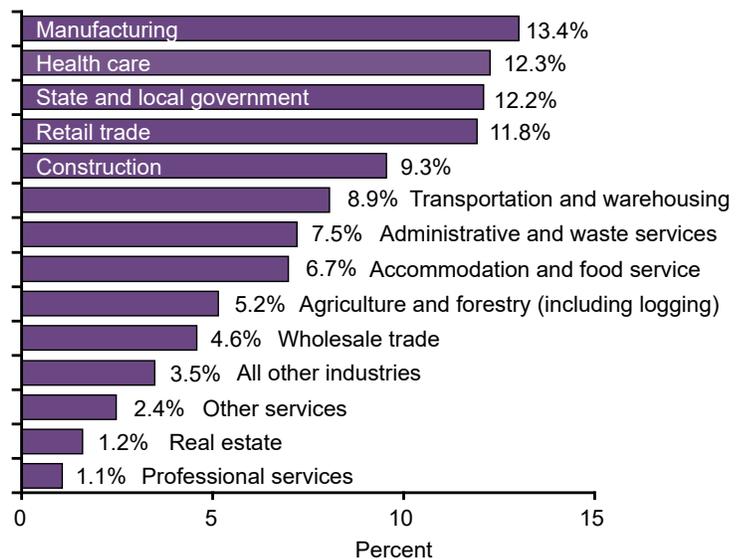
### ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2009-2018

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
2009	1,637,400	18,949	1.2	31
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	1,748,400	19,716	1.1	31
2015	1,800,300	19,567	1.1	27
2016	1,860,400	20,455	1.1	29
2017	1,899,400	20,986	1.1	35
2018	1,936,600	21,008	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 2018, there were 71 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest was a 14-year-old farm worker whose feet were run over leading to contusions on both feet. The oldest was an 85-year-old retail worker who suffered a lumbar strain after placing a heavy item in a box.

### OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2018 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	11,278	53.7%
Fractures	2,273	10.8%
Bruises, contusions	1,678	8.0%
Multiple injuries	1,124	5.4%
Cuts, lacerations	955	4.6%
Injury and illness combination	717	3.4%
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorders	541	2.6%
Hernias	322	1.5%
Burns	293	1.4%
Punctures	231	1.1%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2018, accounting for 3,424 claims (16.3 percent).

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	5,466	26.0%
Struck by or against	3,320	15.8%
Fall on same level	2,831	13.5%
Bodily reaction	2,005	9.5%
Fall to lower level	1,225	5.8%
Transportation accident	971	4.6%
Slip, trip without fall	846	4.0%
Caught in or crushed by	800	3.8%
Assault or violent acts	682	3.3%
Repetitive motion	598	2.9%

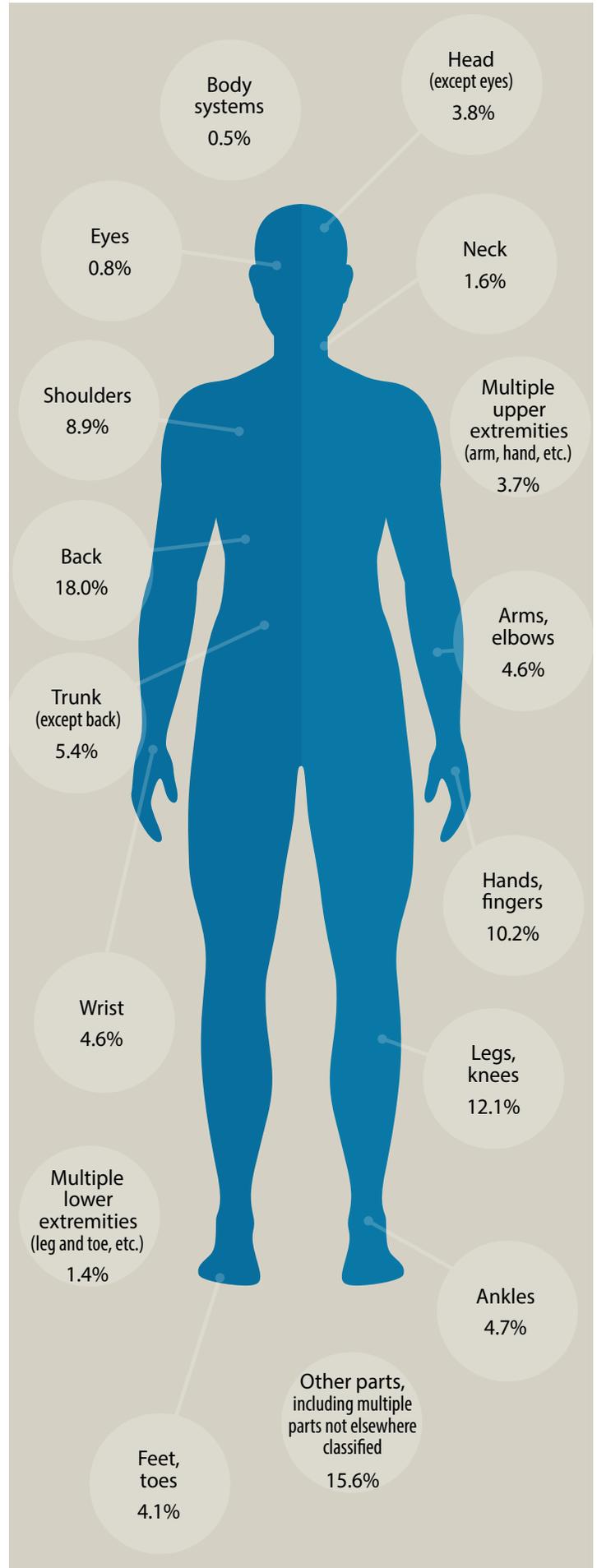
There were 4,053 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2018. Approximately 73 percent resulted in either sprains, strains, or tears (2,056) or fractures (913).

SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily condition, motion	3,549	16.9%
Floors, walkways, ground	2,456	11.7%
Containers	2,405	11.5%
Vehicles	2,055	9.8%
Other person	1,684	8.0%
Machinery	1,184	5.6%
Hand tools	922	4.4%
Furniture and fixtures	874	4.2%
Building materials	828	3.9%
Ladders	512	2.4%

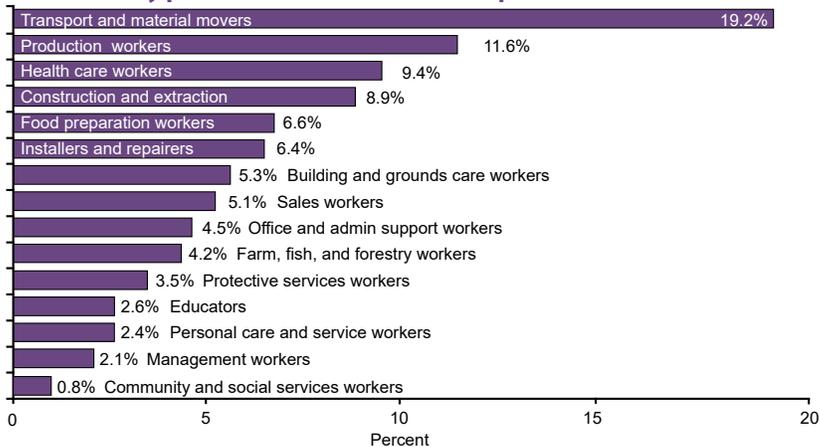
Bodily condition and/or motion incidents are cases where workers themselves are the primary source of injury or illness, such as a worker twisting his/her back when reaching for something. These events most commonly result in sprains or strains (approximately 67 percent).

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

## PART OF BODY AFFECTED:



**MOST FREQUENT OCCUPATIONS OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS**  
by percent of 2018 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, 2018**

- Private industry accounted for 18,446 of the accepted disabling claims (87.8 percent).
- The most commonly injured worker occupation was transportation and material movers. Combined, these categories comprised approximately 30 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2018.
- Occupational diseases comprised 5.1 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 6,805 claims, 32.4 percent of the total accepted disabling claims in 2018, compared to 2,222 (10.6 percent) for those in their second year.
- Of the total 21,008 accepted disabling claims, 110 were for workers younger than age 18, and 843 were for workers age 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2018 was 42.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 13,256 (63.1 percent) of the total compared to 7,752 (36.9 percent) for females.
- The median weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$670.00 compared to \$778.40 for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees.
- Of the total 21,008 claims, 2.0 percent (428) occurred out of state.



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