

INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2001

- ◆ The transportation and public utilities industry had the highest claims rate (3.4), followed by the construction industry (3.3). The finance, insurance, and real estate industry had the lowest rate (0.4).
- ◆ Occupational diseases comprised 13.6 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- ◆ Of the total 24,645 claims accepted as disabling, 170 were for workers younger than 18; 359 were for workers 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2001 was 39.
- ◆ Claims filed by women totaled 8,105 (32.9 percent).
- ◆ The average weekly wage at time of injury for 2001 claimants was \$523.37. The average weekly wage for Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$633.13.
- ◆ Workers in their first year with an employer filed 8,801 claims, 35.7 percent of the total accepted in 2001.
- ◆ Ninety percent of the accepted disabling claims came from private industry.
- ◆ Motor vehicles were the most common secondary source of injury in 2001, contributing in 821 claims.

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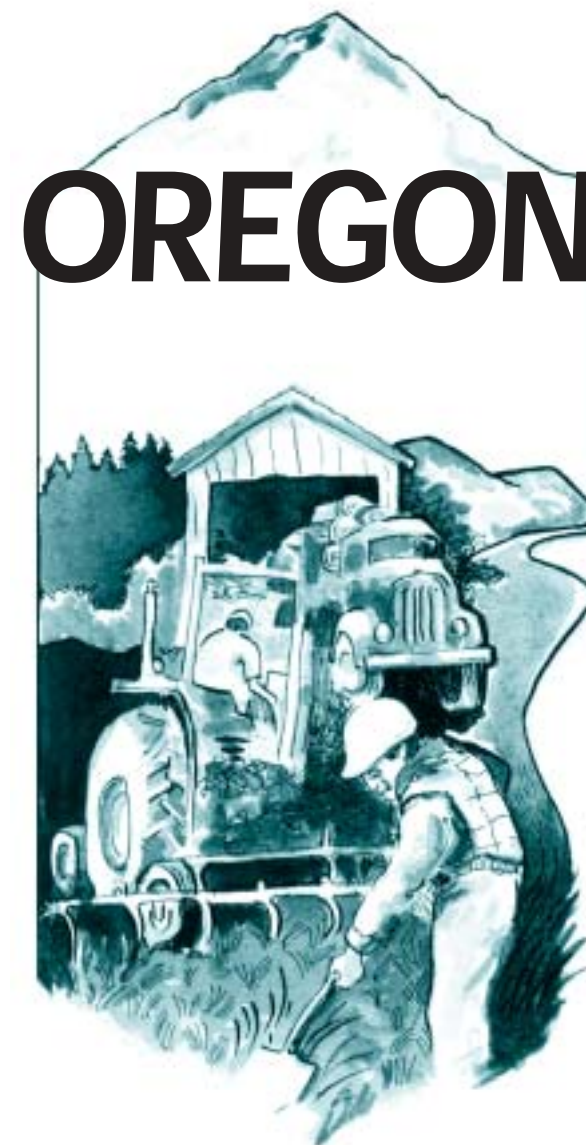


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WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

CALENDAR YEAR
2001

The Workers' Compensation Division received 24,645 accepted disabling claims in 2001, a decrease of 720 claims from 2000. Employment decreased by 8,600 workers. This resulted in a claims rate of 1.5 claims per 100 workers, a six percent reduction from 2000. This claims rate is a record low in Oregon.

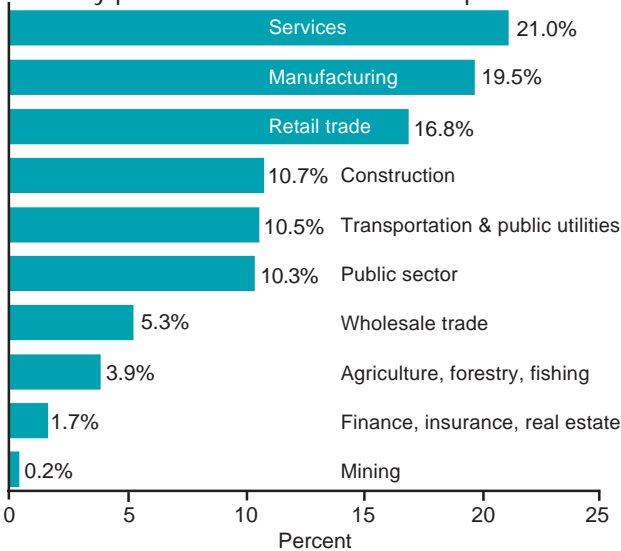
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 1991 - 2001

Year	W.C. covered employment	Disabling claims	Claims rates	Fatal cases
1991	1,258,600	31,479	2.5	65
1992	1,280,500	30,786	2.4	63
1993	1,317,100	30,741	2.3	64
1994	1,378,800	31,530	2.3	55
1995	1,431,600	30,564	2.1	48
1996	1,487,300	28,389	1.9	54
1997	1,547,800	27,922	1.8	43
1998	1,576,100	27,049	1.7	52
1999	1,602,700	25,802	1.6	47
2000	1,627,600	25,365	1.6	45
2001	1,619,000	24,645	1.5	34

Note: Employment figures based on data from Oregon Employment Dept. Claims rates represent the number of claims per 100 workers. Disabling claims include fatal cases.

Of the 34 work-related fatalities recorded in 2001, 33 of the victims were men and one was a woman. The youngest was a 22-year-old truck driver. The oldest was a 77-year-old firefighter.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2001 workers' comp. claims



Note: Excludes 5 claims in which the industry was not reported. Because of rounding, percents may not sum to 100 percent.

CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

NATURE of injury or disease	2001 claims	Percent of total
Sprains, strains, tears	12,634	51.3%
Fractures	2,478	10.1%
Bruises, contusions	1,474	6.0%
Musculoskeletal disease	1,322	5.4%
Cuts, lacerations	1,176	4.8%
Dislocations	973	3.9%
Carpal tunnel syndrome	844	3.4%
Hernias	602	2.4%
Multiple injuries	569	2.3%
Other open wounds	315	1.3%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2001, accounting for 5,274 claims — or 21.4 percent — of the 24,645 claims accepted as disabling. Most sprains, strains, or tears resulted from workers overexerting themselves.

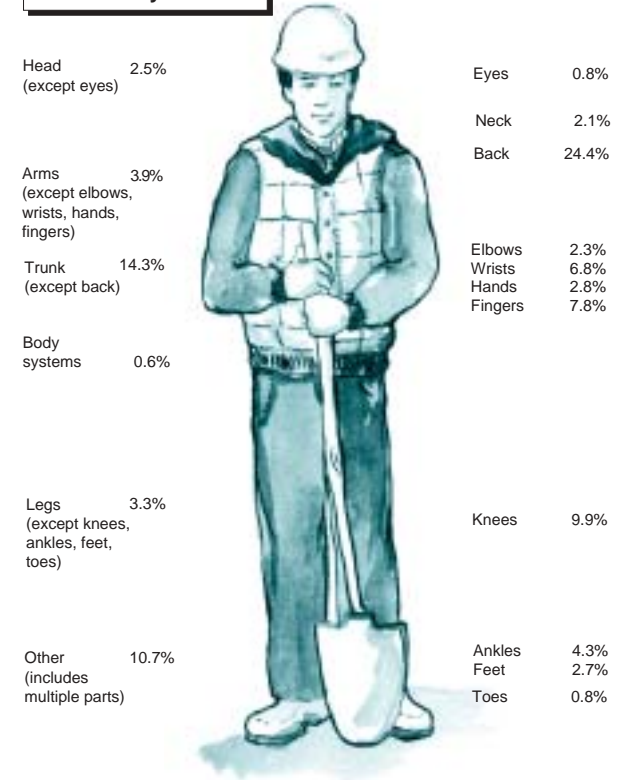
EVENT resulting in injury	2001 claims	Percent of total
Overexertion	6,551	26.6%
Struck by or against	3,358	13.6%
Bodily reaction	3,352	13.6%
Fall on same level	2,586	10.5%
Repetitive motion	2,446	9.9%
Fall from elevation	1,659	6.7%
Caught in, under, between	1,134	4.6%
Hwy motor vehicle accident	668	2.7%
Assault or violent acts	269	1.1%
Caustic, allergenic exposure	239	1.0%

Overexertion with containers accounted for 2,220 accepted disabling claims. Machinery was a factor in over half of the claims in which the worker was caught in or between objects.

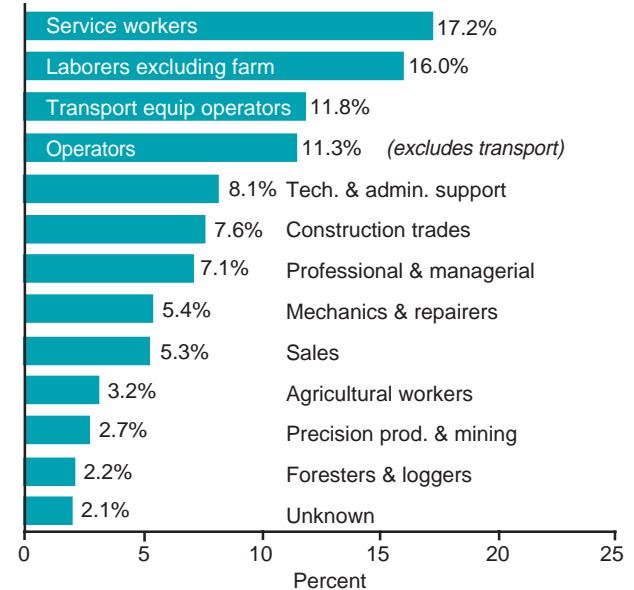
SOURCE of injury or disease	2001 claims	Percent of total
Bodily condition, motion	5,888	23.9%
Floors, walks, ground	3,795	15.4%
Containers	2,730	11.1%
Vehicles	1,923	7.8%
Machinery	1,534	6.2%
Other person	1,122	4.6%
Hand tools	893	3.6%
Furniture, fixtures	776	3.1%
Building materials	688	2.8%
Wood, lumber	471	1.9%

Workers coming into contact with the ground or a floor surface, most often sustained sprains, fractures, and/or bruising (3,195 claims). These injuries are typical for falls or tripping accidents.

Part of Body Affected:



OCCUPATION OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS by percent of 2001 workers' comp. claims



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