

## INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2005

- ◆ Occupational diseases comprised 12.3 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- ◆ Workers in their first year with an employer filed 7,458 claims, 33.7 percent of the total accepted in 2005.
- ◆ Of the total 22,114 accepted disabling claims, 127 were for workers younger than 18; 378 were for workers 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2005 was 40.
- ◆ Claims filed by women totaled 7,193 (32.5 percent).
- ◆ The average weekly wage at time of injury for 2005 claimants was \$568.89. The average weekly wage for Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$696.56.
- ◆ Eighty-nine percent of the accepted disabling claims came from private industry.
- ◆ Vehicles were the most common secondary source of injury in 2005, contributing in 704 claims.
- ◆ Claims tend to be centered on areas of the state with dense population. The Portland metropolitan area (Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties) had 41.1 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2005.

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## WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

CALENDAR YEAR  
2005

The Workers' Compensation Division received 22,114 accepted disabling claims in 2005, a decrease of 211 claims from 2004. Employment increased by 51,500 workers. This resulted in a claims rate of 1.3 claims per 100 workers. This claims rate is a record low in Oregon.

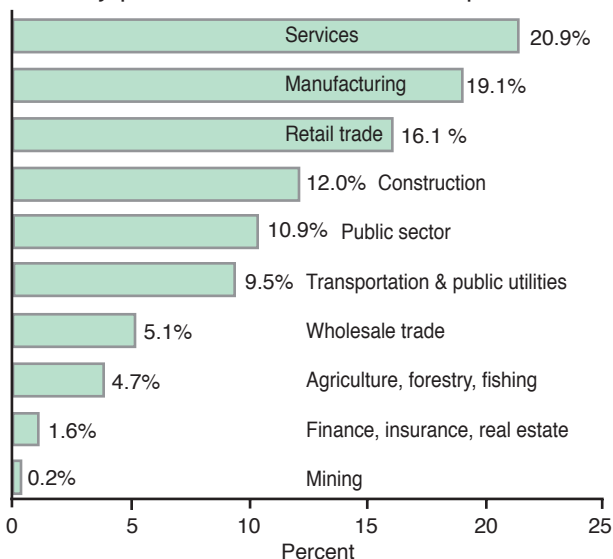
### ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 1995-2005

Year	W.C. covered employment	Disabling claims	Claims rates	Fatal cases
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	1,616,400	24,645	1.5	34
2002	1,596,100	23,482	1.5	52
2003	1,585,800	21,832	1.4	41
2004	1,630,500	22,325	1.4	46
2005	1,682,000	22,114	1.3	31

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.

In 2005, all of the 31 work-related fatality victims were men. The youngest was an 18-year-old skidder operator. The oldest was a 71-year-old road grader operator.

### OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2005 workers' comp. claims



Note: Excludes 11 claims in which the industry was not reported. Because of rounding, percents may not sum to 100.

### CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

NATURE of injury or disease	2005 claims	Percent of total
Sprains, strains, tears	10,486	47.4%
Fractures	2,666	12.1%
Bruises, contusions	1,233	5.6%
Multiple injuries	1,198	5.4%
Musculoskeletal disease	1,047	4.7%
Dislocations	908	4.1%
Cuts, lacerations	877	4.0%
Both injury and illness	855	3.9%
Hernias	591	2.7%
Carpal tunnel syndrome	443	2.0%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2005, accounting for 4,254 claims — or 19.2 percent — of the 22,114 accepted disabling claims. Most sprains, strains, or tears resulted from workers overexerting themselves.

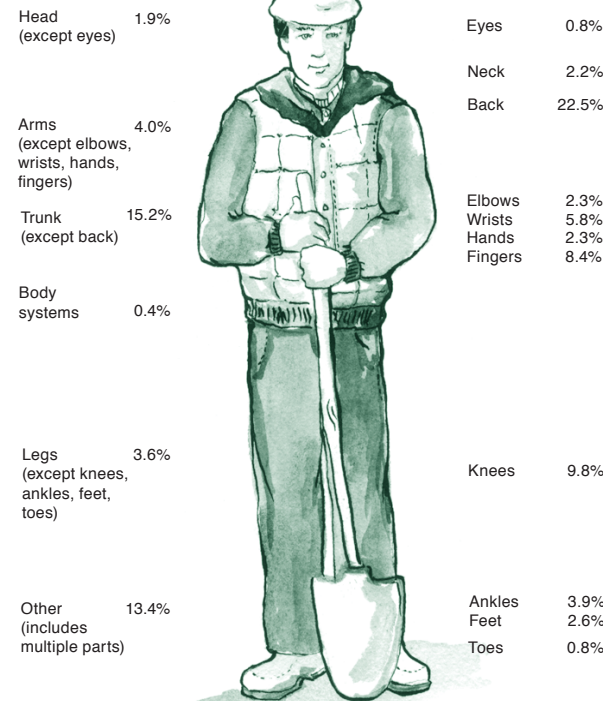
EVENT resulting in injury	2005 claims	Percent of total
Overexertion	5,498	24.9%
Struck by or against	3,106	14.0%
Bodily reaction	2,906	13.1%
Fall on same level	2,441	11.0%
Repetitive motion	2,108	9.5%
Fall from elevation	1,534	6.9%
Caught in, under, between	883	4.0%
Hwy motor vehicle accident	632	2.9%
Assault or violent acts	239	1.1%
Exposure to caustic, allergenic subst.	231	1.0%

Overexertion with containers accounted for 1,629 accepted disabling claims. Machinery was a factor in nearly half of the claims in which the worker was caught in or between objects.

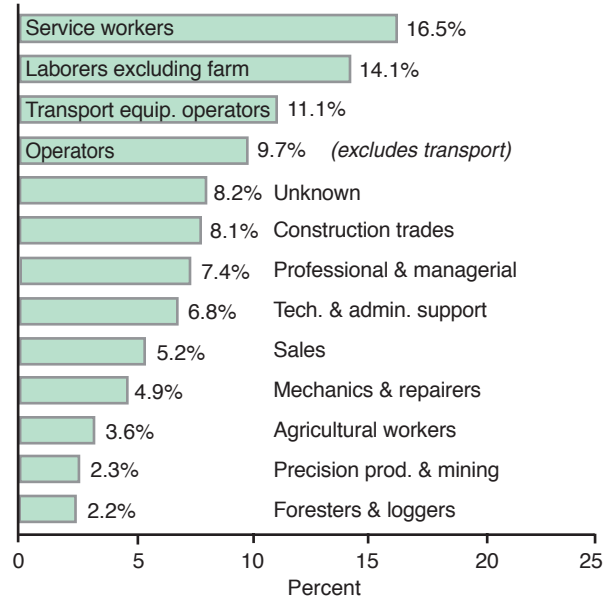
SOURCE of injury or disease	2005 claims	Percent of total
Bodily condition, motion	5,071	22.9%
Floors, walks, ground	3,635	16.4%
Containers	2,050	9.3%
Vehicles	1,708	7.7%
Machinery	1,220	5.5%
Other person	1,038	4.7%
Hand tools	784	3.5%
Furniture, fixtures	670	3.0%
Building materials	645	2.9%
Wood, lumber	446	2.0%

Workers coming into contact with the ground or a floor surface most often sustained sprains, fractures, and/or bruising (2,932 claims). These injuries are typical for falls or tripping accidents.

### Part of Body Affected:



### OCCUPATION OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS by percent of 2005 workers' comp. claims



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