

INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2010

- ◆ Occupational diseases comprised 9.3 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- ◆ Workers in their first year with an employer filed 4,139 claims, 23.0 percent of the total accepted in 2010.
- ◆ Of the total 18,013 accepted disabling claims, 46 were for workers younger than 18 and 456 were for workers 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2010 was 42.
- ◆ Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 11,335 (62.9 percent) of the total.
- ◆ The average weekly wage at time of injury for 2010 claimants was \$643.22. The average weekly wage for Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$842.52.
- ◆ Private industry accounted for 15,394 of the accepted disabling claims, approximately 85 percent.

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Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics

Calendar Year 2010



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The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 18,013 accepted disabling claims in 2010, a decrease of 936 claims from 2009. Employment decreased by 15,600 workers. This resulted in a claims rate of 1.1 claims per 100 workers.

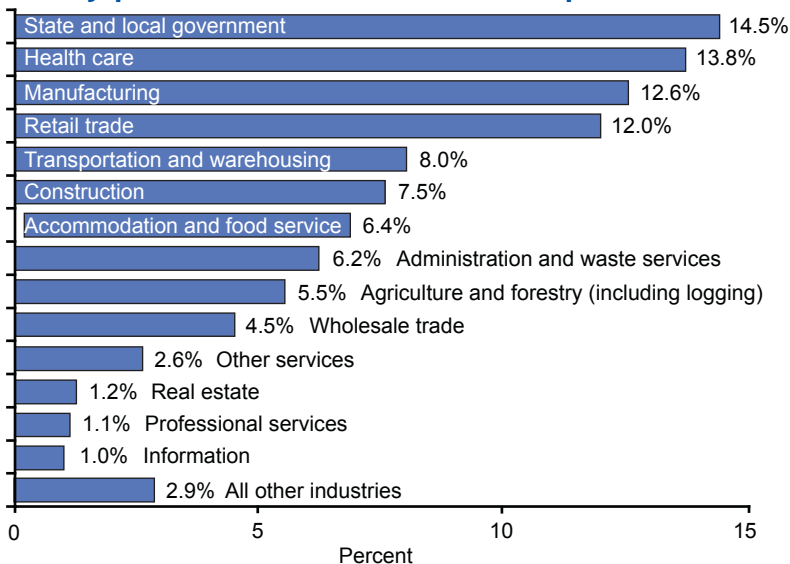
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2001-2010

Year	W.C. covered employment	Disabling claims	Claims rates	Fatal cases
2001	1,616,400	24,607	1.5	34
2002	1,596,100	23,463	1.5	52
2003	1,585,800	21,823	1.4	41
2004	1,630,500	22,320	1.4	45
2005	1,677,500	22,111	1.3	31
2006	1,734,400	23,370	1.3	37
2007	1,762,700	23,431	1.3	35
2008	1,746,200	21,660	1.2	45
2009	1,637,400	18,949	1.2	31
2010	1,621,800	18,013	1.1	17

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 2010, there were 74 years separating the oldest and youngest claimants. The youngest was a 16-year-old farmworker. The oldest was a 90-year-old repairman.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2010 workers' comp. claims



Note: Excludes 24 claims in which the industry was not reported. Because of rounding, percents may not sum to 100.

MOST COMMON CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

NATURE of injury or disease	2010 claims	Percent of total
Sprains, strains, tears	8,931	49.6%
Fractures	1,976	11.0%
Multiple injuries	1,403	7.8%
Both injury and disease	1,083	6.0%
Bruises, contusions	985	5.5%
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorder	850	4.7%
Cuts, lacerations	649	3.6%
Dislocations	567	3.2%
Hernias	434	2.4%
Open wounds, other	202	1.1%
Burns	201	1.1%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2010, accounting for 3,473 claims — or 19.3 percent — of the 18,013 accepted disabling claims. Almost all of these claims (92 percent) were due to workers overexerting themselves.

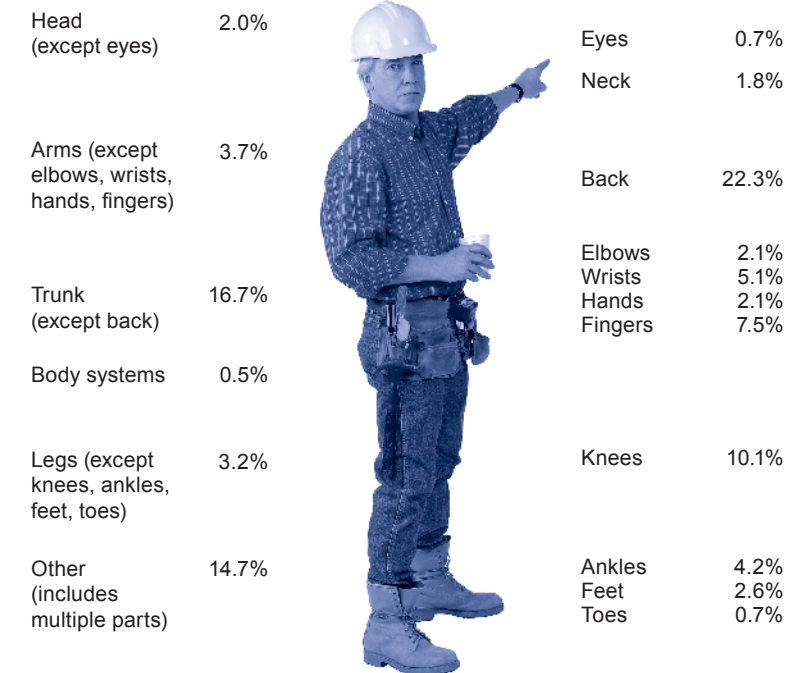
EVENT resulting in injury	2010 claims	Percent of total
Overexertion	4,213	23.4%
Bodily reaction	2,601	14.4%
Struck by or against	2,323	12.9%
Fall on same level	2,280	12.7%
Repetitive motion	1,930	10.7%
Fall from elevation	1,093	6.1%
Caught in, under, between	572	3.2%
Highway motor vehicle accident	506	2.8%
Assault or violent acts	427	2.4%
Contact with temperature extremes	165	0.9%
Exposure to caustic, allergenic substance	164	0.9%

There were 1,853 falls in 2010, primarily resulting in fractures (889). Repetitive motion events rose to 1,930 in 2010, an increase of almost 2 percent over the 2009 total of 1,763.

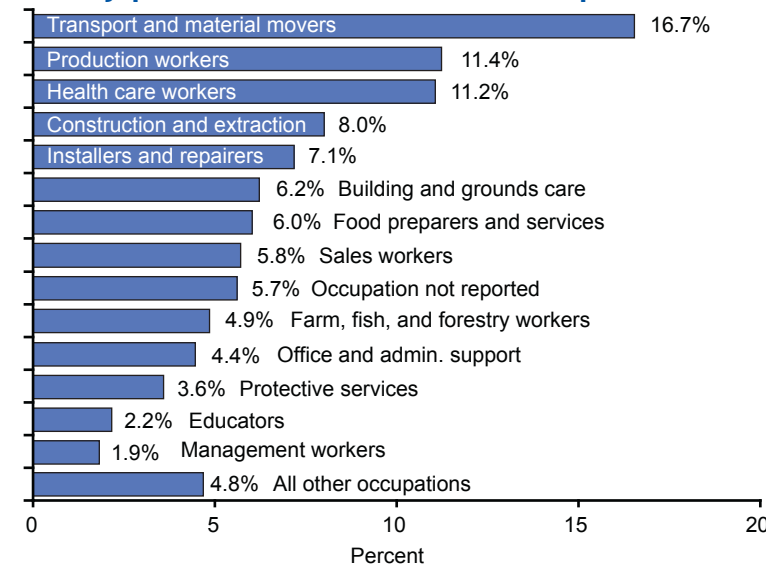
SOURCE of injury or disease	2010 claims	Percent of total
Bodily condition, motion	4,548	25.3%
Floors, walkways, ground	3,077	17.1%
Containers	1,468	8.2%
Other person	1,304	7.2%
Vehicles	1,242	6.9%
Machinery	885	4.9%
Furniture and fixtures	596	3.3%
Hand tools	560	3.1%
Building materials	413	2.3%
Wood, lumber	158	0.9%

Bodily condition and/or motion incidents are those cases where the workers themselves are the primary source of injury or illness, such as a worker twisting his back when reaching for a box. These events most commonly result in sprains or strains (approximately 58 percent).

Part of Body Affected:



OCCUPATION OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS by percent of 2010 workers' comp. claims



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