

INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2011

- Occupational diseases comprised 9.6 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 4,710 claims, 25.0 percent of the total accepted in 2011.
- Of the total 18,691 accepted disabling claims, 49 were for workers under 18 and 520 were for workers 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2011 was 42.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 11,942 (63.9 percent) of the total.
- The average weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$674.35. The average weekly wage for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$842.52.
- Private industry accounted for 16,065 of the accepted disabling claims, approximately 86 percent.
- Transportation and material movers are the most commonly injured worker occupation, comprising more than 17 percent

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Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics

Calendar Year 2011



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The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 18,691 accepted disabling claims in 2011, an increase of 679 claims from 2010. Employment increased by 15,400 workers, resulting in a 2011 claims rate of 1.1 claims per 100 workers.

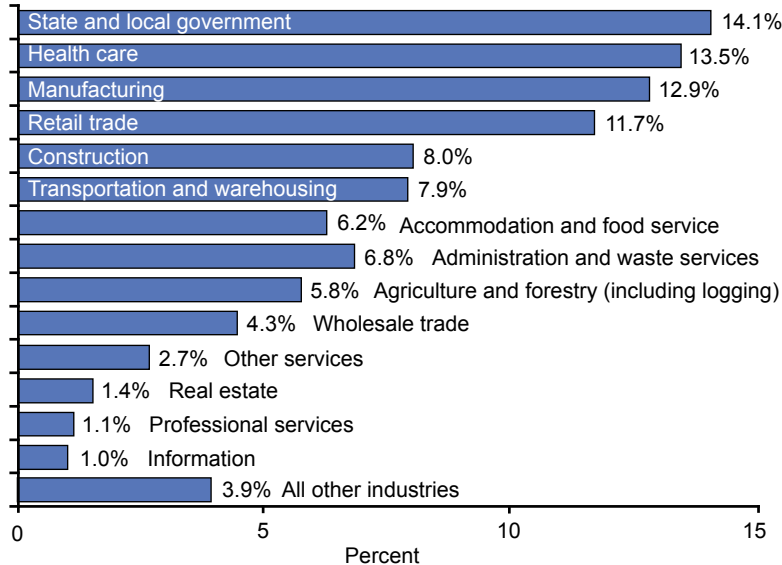
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2001-2011

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
2002	1,596,100	23,464	1.5	52
2003	1,585,800	21,823	1.4	41
2004	1,630,500	22,319	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	1,623,300	18,012	1.1	17
2011	1,638,700	18,691	1.1	28

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 2011, there were 70 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest was a 15-year-old food service worker. The oldest was an 85-year-old retail sales worker.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2011 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	Claims	Percent
Sprains, strains, tears	9,224	49.3%
Fractures	2,134	11.4%
Multiple injuries	1,420	7.6%
Bruises, contusions	1,036	5.5%
Both injury and disease	989	5.3%
Cuts, lacerations	728	3.9%
Muscle, tissue disorders	677	3.6%
Dislocations	586	3.1%
Hernias	414	2.2%
Carpal tunnel syndrome	248	1.3%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2011, accounting for 3,461 claims (18.5 percent).

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	4,504	24.1%
Bodily reaction	2,653	14.2%
Fall to same level	2,430	13.0%
Struck by or against	2,363	12.6%
Repetitive motion	1,904	10.2%
Fall from elevation	1,129	6.0%
Caught in, under, between	716	3.8%
Highway motor vehicle accident	479	2.6%
Assault or violent acts	440	2.4%
Exposure to caustic, allergenic substance	176	0.9%

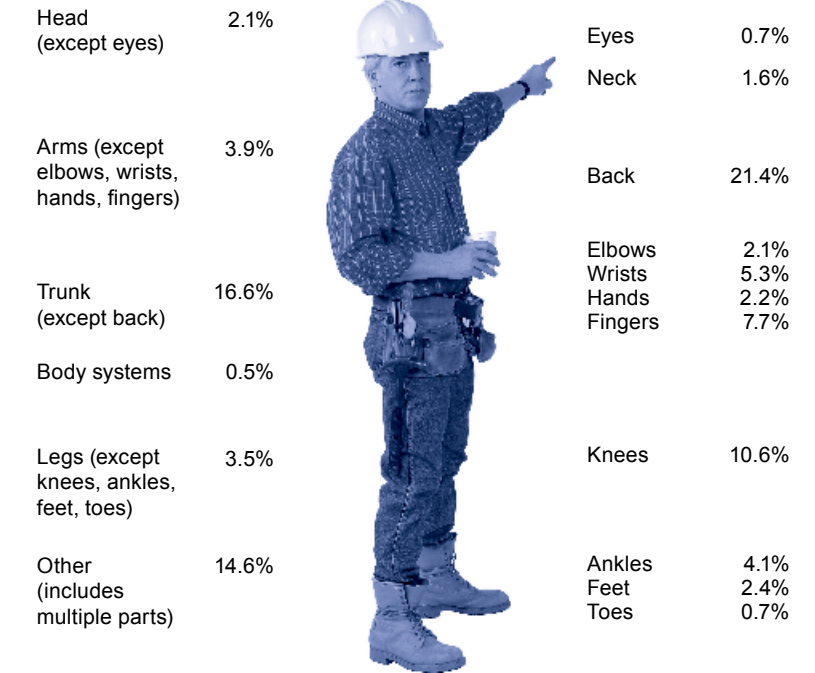
There were 3,561 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2011. Approximately 69 percent of them resulted in either sprains (1,528) or fractures (927).

SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily condition, motion	4,596	24.6%
Floors, walkways, ground	3,246	17.4%
Containers	1,599	8.6%
Other person	1,355	7.3%
Vehicles	1,334	7.1%
Machinery	981	5.3%
Furniture and fixtures	659	3.5%
Hand tools	622	3.3%
Building materials	387	2.1%
Wood, lumber	189	1.0%

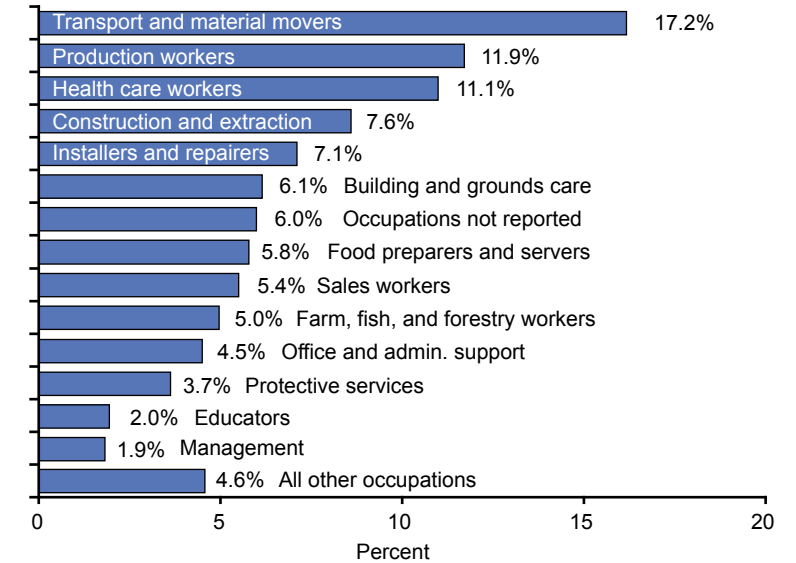
Bodily condition and motion incidents are those cases where the worker is the primary source of injury or illness, such as a worker twisting his back when reaching for a box. These events most commonly result in sprains or strains (approximately 40 percent).

*Only the top 10 characteristics are listed.

Part of Body Affected:



OCCUPATION OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS by percent of 2011 workers' comp. claims



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