

## INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2013

- Occupational diseases comprised 6.3 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 5,010 claims, 26.9 percent of the total accepted in 2013.
- Of the total 18,634 accepted disabling claims, 68 were for workers younger than 18 and 537 were for workers 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2013 was 42.
- Of the total 18,634 accepted disabling claims, most occurred in Multnomah County (22.3 percent). There were 341 claims that occurred out of state.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 11,873 (63.7 percent) of the total.
- The average weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$678.66. The average weekly wage for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$888.38.
- Private industry accounted for 16,168 of the accepted disabling claims, approximately 87 percent.
- Transportation and material movers are the most commonly injured worker occupation, comprising more than 17 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2013.

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# Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics

## Calendar Year 2013



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The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 18,634 accepted disabling claims in 2013. Employment increased by 37,000 workers, resulting in a 2013 claims rate of 1.1 claims per 100 workers.

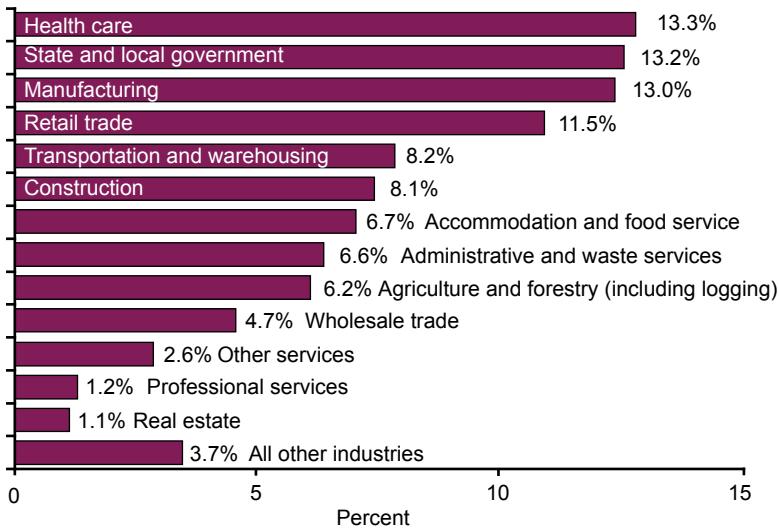
### ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2004-2013

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
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	18,011	1.1	17
2011	1,641,300	18,693	1.1	28
2012	1,664,000	18,643	1.1	30
2013	1,701,000	18,634	1.1	29

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 2013, there were 72 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest was a 14-year-old recreation worker who twisted her ankle while walking down a hill. The oldest was an 86-year-old food preparation worker who suffered bruises when she fell against a kitchen sink.

### OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2013 workers' comp. claims



Note: Excludes seven claims where 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	10,235	56.4%
Fractures	1,788	9.6%
Bruises, contusions	1,114	6.0%
Multiple injuries	927	5.0%
Both injury and disease	757	4.1%
Cuts, lacerations	749	4.0%
Muscle, tissue disorders	649	3.5%
Hernias	424	2.3%
Dislocations	230	1.2%
Burns	199	1.1%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2013, accounting for 3,358 claims (18 percent).

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	5,275	28.3%
Struck by or against	2,667	14.3%
Fall on same level	2,282	12.3%
Bodily reaction	2,042	11.0%
Fall to lower level	1,086	5.8%
Repetitive motion	899	4.8%
Roadway transportation accident	825	4.4%
Slip, trip without fall	721	3.9%
Caught in or crushed by	610	3.3%
Assault or violent acts	479	2.6%

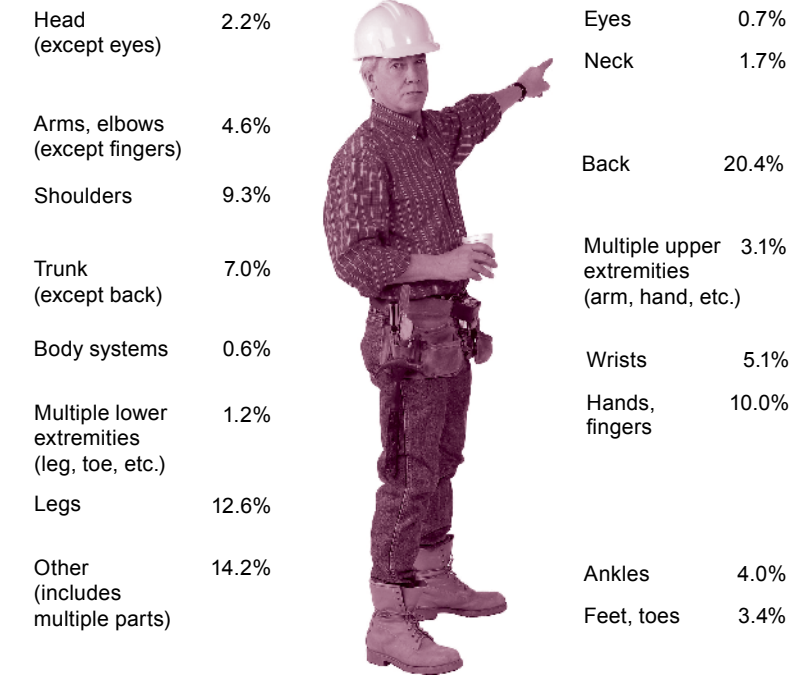
There were 3,368 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2013. Approximately 76 percent of them resulted in either sprains (1,826) or fractures (737).

SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily condition, motion	3,707	19.9%
Containers	2,044	11.0%
Floors, walkways, ground	1,982	10.6%
Vehicles	1,724	9.3%
Other person	1,502	8.1%
Machinery	950	5.1%
Furniture and fixtures	791	4.2%
Hand tools	760	4.1%
Building materials	627	3.4%
Ladders	383	2.1%

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

\* Only the top 10 most frequent characteristics are listed for Nature, Event, and Source.

### Part of Body Affected:



### MOST FREQUENT OCCUPATIONS OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS by percent of 2013 workers' comp. claims

