

INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 1999

- ◆ The transportation and public utilities industry had the highest claims rate (4.1), followed by the mining industry (3.6). The finance, insurance, and real estate industry had the lowest rate (0.5).
- ◆ Occupational diseases comprised 12.2 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- ◆ Of the total 25,802 claims accepted as disabling, 219 were for workers younger than 18; 304 were for workers 65 or older. The average age of the 1999 claimants was 38.
- ◆ Claims filed by women totaled 8,025 (31.1 percent).
- ◆ The average weekly wage at time of injury for 1999 claimants was \$489.98. The average weekly wage for Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$589.19.
- ◆ Workers in their first year with an employer filed 9,143 claims, 35.4 percent of the total accepted in 1999.
- ◆ Ninety percent of the accepted disabling claims came from private industry.
- ◆ Motor vehicles were the most common secondary source of injury in 1999, contributing in 916 claims.

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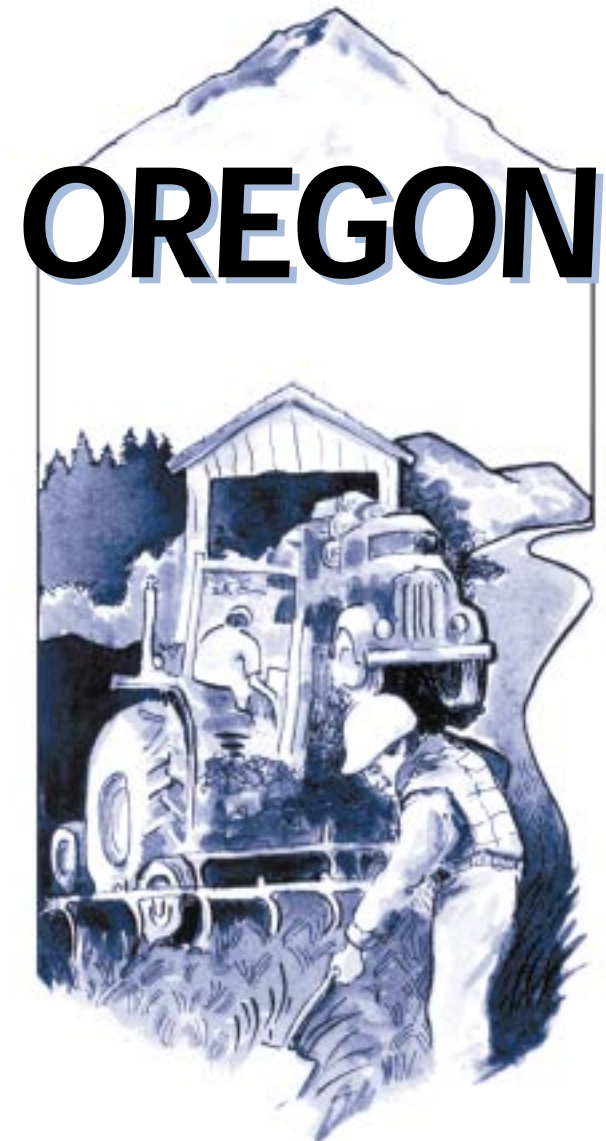
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

CALENDAR YEAR
1999



The Workers' Compensation Division received 25,802 accepted disabling claims in 1999, a decrease of 1,247 claims from 1998. Employment increased by 21,500 workers. This resulted in a claims rate of 1.6 claims per 100 workers. This claims rate is a record low in Oregon.

ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 1990 - 1999

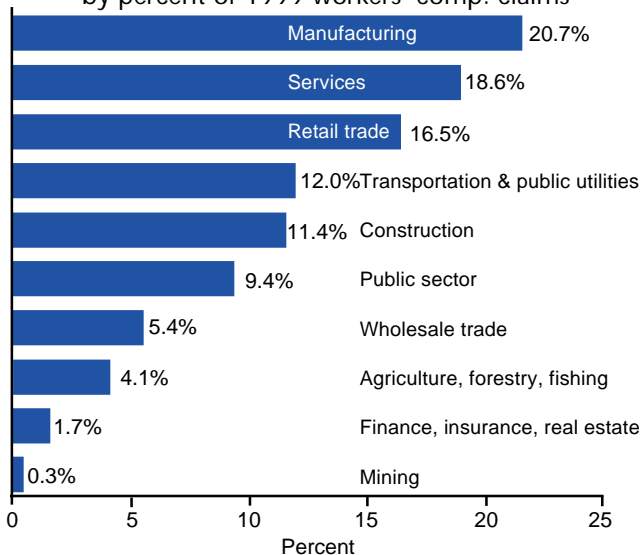
Year	W.C. covered employment	Disabling claims	Claims rates	Fatal cases
1990	1,258,600	35,857	2.8	64
1991	1,258,600	31,479	2.5	65
1992	1,280,500	30,786	2.4	63
1993	1,317,100	30,741	2.3	64
1994	1,378,800	31,530	2.3	55
1995	1,431,600	30,564	2.1	48
1996	1,487,300	28,389	1.9	54
1997	1,547,800	27,922	1.8	43
1998	1,575,500	27,049	1.7	52
1999	1,597,000	25,802	1.6	47

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 47 work-related fatalities recorded in 1999, 42 of the victims were men, and five were women. The youngest was a 16-year-old farm worker. The oldest was a 72-year-old motorcycle escort.

OREGON INDUSTRIES

by percent of 1999 workers' comp. claims



Note: Excludes 1 claim in an unreported industry. Because of rounding, percents may not sum to 100.0%.

CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

NATURE of injury or disease	1999 claims	Percent of total
Sprains, strains, tears	12,888	49.9%
Fractures	2,511	9.7%
Bruises, contusions	1,591	6.2%
Cuts, lacerations	1,403	5.4%
Musculoskeletal disease	1,205	4.7%
Dislocations	1,016	3.9%
Carpal tunnel syndrome	876	3.4%
Hernias	635	2.5%
Multiple injuries	449	1.7%
Open wounds	403	1.6%

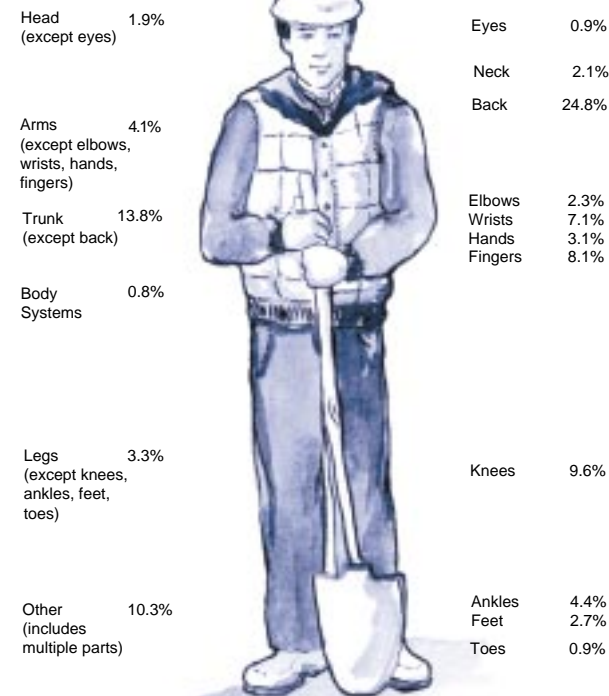
Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 1999 accounting for 5,487 claims — or 21.3 percent — of the 25,802 claims accepted as disabling.

EVENT resulting in injury	1999 claims	Percent of total
Overexertion	7,125	27.6%
Struck by or against	3,762	14.6%
Bodily reaction	3,313	12.8%
Fall on same level	2,591	10.0%
Repetitive motion	2,429	9.4%
Fall from elevation	1,784	6.9%
Caught in, under, between	1,282	5.0%
Hwy motor vehicle accident	784	3.0%
Contact with temp. extreme	289	1.1%
Assault or violent acts	256	1.0%

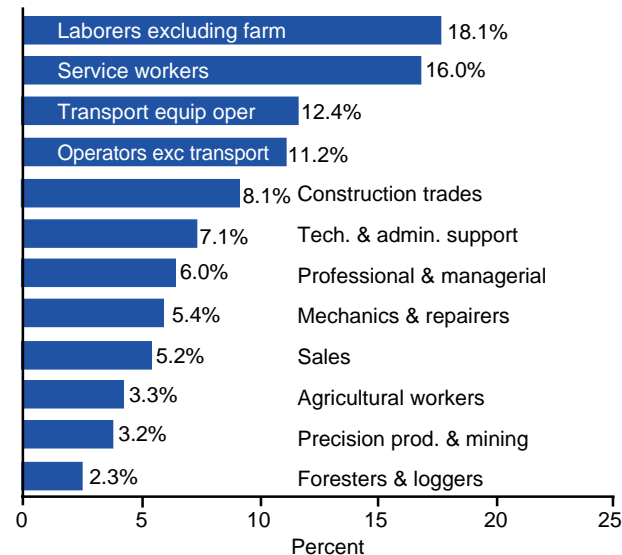
Disabling claims accepted in 1999 for falls to floors, walkways, or the ground totaled 3,763. Overexertion with containers accounted for 2,487. Machinery was a factor in more than half of the "caught in, under, or between" claims.

SOURCE of injury or disease	1999 claims	Percent of total
Bodily condition, motion	5,883	22.8%
Floors, walks, ground	3,868	15.0%
Containers	3,056	11.8%
Vehicles	2,083	8.1%
Machinery	1,757	6.8%
Hand tools	1,019	3.9%
Other person	964	3.7%
Furniture, fixtures	918	3.6%
Building materials	808	3.1%
Wood, lumber	573	2.2%

Part of Body Affected:



OCCUPATION OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS by percent of 1999 workers' comp. claims



Note: Excludes 497 claims with unreported occupations. Because of rounding, percents may not sum to 100.0%.