

INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2014

- Occupational diseases comprised 5.5 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- Workers in their first year with an employer filed 5,737 claims, 29.1 percent of the total accepted disabling claims in 2014.
- Of the total 19,742 accepted disabling claims, 63 were for workers younger than 18 and 603 were for workers 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2014 was 42.
- Of the total 19,742 accepted disabling claims, most occurred in Multnomah County (24.0 percent). There were 318 claims that occurred out of state.
- Most of the claims were for male workers, accounting for 12,647 (64.1 percent) of the total.
- The average weekly wage at time of injury for all claimants was \$693.10. The average weekly wage for all Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$922.39.
- Private industry accounted for 17,240 of the accepted disabling claims, approximately 87 percent.
- Transportation and material movers are the most commonly injured worker occupation, comprising more than 18 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2014.

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Workers' Compensation Claims Characteristics

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The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 19,742 accepted disabling claims in 2014. Employment increased by 46,200 workers, resulting in a 2014 claims rate of 1.1 claims per 100 workers.

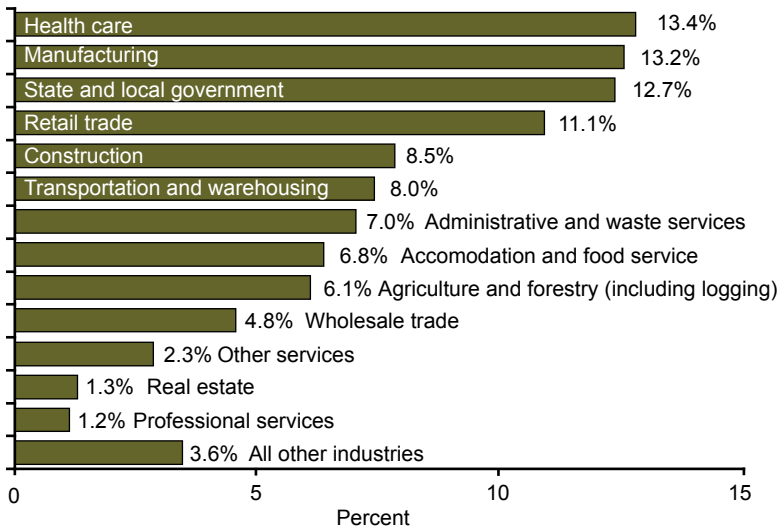
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 2005-2014

Year	Employment	Claims	Rates	Fatals
2005	1677500	22111	1.3	31
2006	1734400	23370	1.3	37
2007	1762700	23431	1.3	35
2008	1746200	21660	1.2	46
2009	1637400	18949	1.2	31
2010	1623300	18011	1.1	17
2011	1641300	18693	1.1	28
2012	1664000	18643	1.1	30
2013	1697600	18633	1.1	30
2014	1743800	19742	1.1	31

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 2014, there were 77 years separating the oldest and youngest workers. The youngest was a 15-year-old grounds worker who sprained her back while lifting a log. The oldest was a 92-year-old librarian who fractured her pelvis when she fell to the floor.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2014 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	10,742	54.4%
Fractures	2,055	10.4%
Multiple injuries	1,210	6.1%
Bruises, contusions	1,153	5.8%
Injury and illness combination	821	4.2%
Cuts, lacerations	819	4.1%
Musculoskeletal, connective tissue disorders	587	3.0%
Hernias	396	2.0%
Burns	232	1.2%
Cartilage fractures and tears	231	1.2%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2014, accounting for 3,463 claims (18 percent).

EVENT resulting in injury	Claims	Percent
Overexertion	5,546	28.1%
Struck by or against	2,808	14.2%
Fall on same level	2,647	12.3%
Bodily reaction	2,108	10.7%
Fall to lower level	1,206	6.1%
Transportation accident	953	4.8%
Slip, trip without fall	915	4.6%
Caught in or crushed by	722	3.7%
Repetitive motion	719	3.6%
Assault or violent acts	556	2.8%

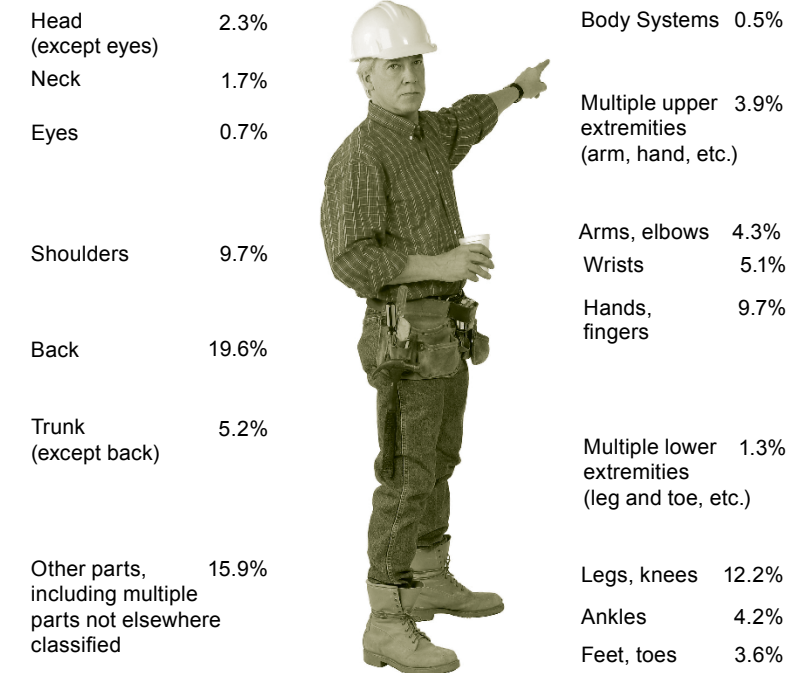
There were 3,853 accepted disabling claims for falls in 2014. Approximately 74 percent of them resulted in either sprains, strains, or tears (2,027) or fractures (833).

SOURCE of injury or disease	Claims	Percent
Bodily condition, motion	3,815	19.3%
Floors, walkways, ground	2,276	11.5%
Containers	2,119	10.7%
Vehicles	1,882	9.5%
Other person	1,553	7.9%
Machinery	1,109	5.6%
Hand tools	906	4.6%
Furniture and fixtures	893	4.5%
Building materials	819	4.1%
Ladders	449	2.3%

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 something. These events most commonly result in sprains or strains (approximately 63 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 2014 workers' comp. claims

