

INJURY/DISEASE FACTS, OREGON, 2006

- ◆ Occupational diseases comprised 11.6 percent of the accepted disabling claims.
- ◆ Workers in their first year with an employer filed 7,965 claims, 34.1 percent of the total accepted in 2006.
- ◆ Of the total 23,373 accepted disabling claims, 130 were for workers younger than 18; 430 were for workers 65 or older. The average age of claimants in 2006 was 40.
- ◆ Claims filed by women totaled 7,609 (32.6 percent).
- ◆ The average weekly wage at time of injury for 2006 claimants was \$585.86. The average weekly wage for Oregon workers, excluding federal employees, was \$724.88.
- ◆ Eighty-nine percent of the accepted disabling claims came from private industry.
- ◆ Claims tend to be centered on areas of the state with dense population. The Portland metropolitan area (Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington counties) had 40.4 percent of all accepted disabling claims in 2006.

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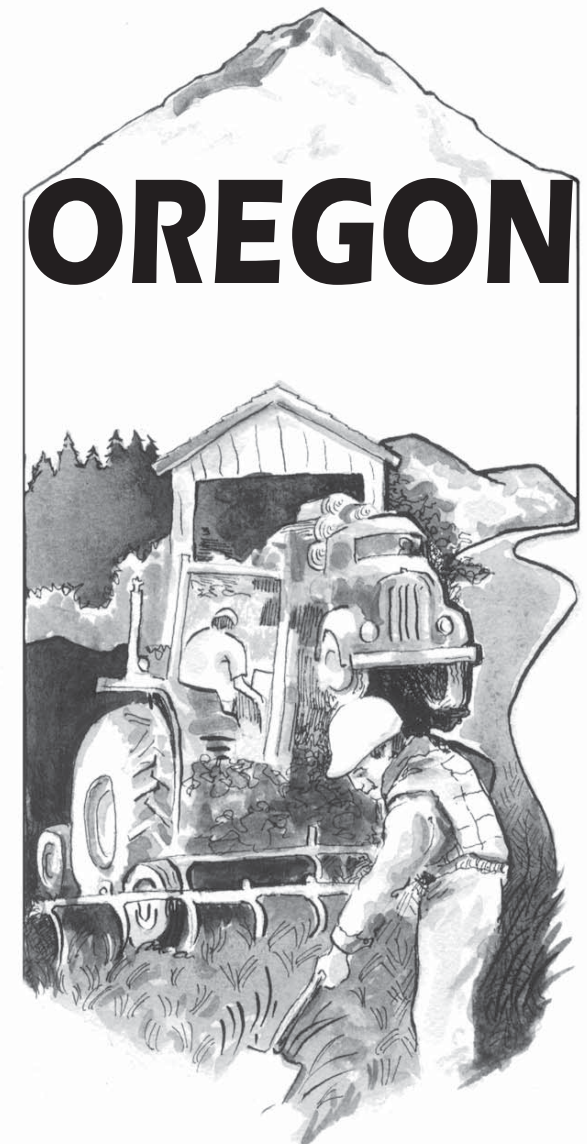
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

CALENDAR YEAR

2006

The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 23,373 accepted disabling claims in 2006, an increase of 1,259 claims from 2005. Employment increased by 45,100 workers. This resulted in a claims rate of 1.4 claims per 100 workers. This claims rate is a slight increase from the record low rate reached in 2005.

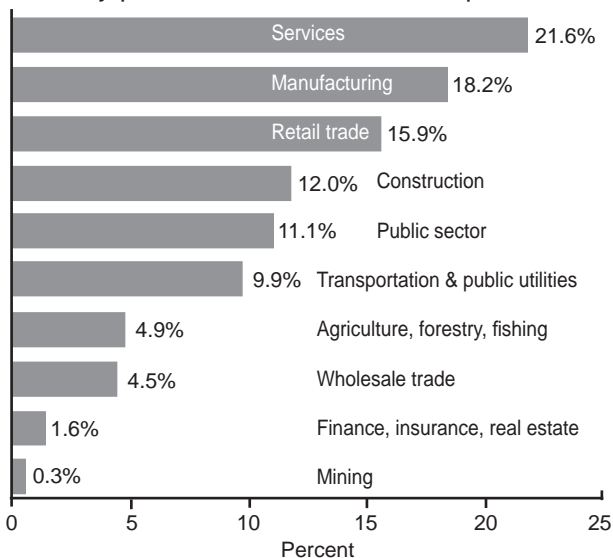
ACCEPTED DISABLING CLAIMS 1996-2006

Year	W.C. covered employment	Disabling claims	Claims rates	Fatal cases
1996	1,487,300	28,389	1.9	54
1997	1,547,800	27,922	1.8	43
1998	1,576,100	27,049	1.7	52
1999	1,602,700	25,802	1.6	47
2000	1,627,600	25,365	1.6	45
2001	1,616,400	24,645	1.5	34
2002	1,596,100	23,482	1.5	52
2003	1,585,800	21,832	1.4	41
2004	1,630,500	22,325	1.4	46
2005	1,677,500	22,114	1.3	31
2006	1,727,100	23,373	1.4	37

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 2006, there were 77 years separating the oldest and youngest claimants. The youngest was a 13-year-old farm laborer. The oldest was a 90-year-old retail sales worker.

OREGON INDUSTRIES by percent of 2006 workers' comp. claims



Note: Excludes 8 claims in which the industry was not reported.

CLAIMS CHARACTERISTICS

NATURE of injury or disease	2006 claims	Percent of total
Sprains, strains, tears	10,921	46.7%
Fractures	2,847	12.2%
Multiple injuries	1,563	6.7%
Bruises, contusions	1,265	5.4%
Both injury and illness	1,160	5.0%
Musculoskeletal disease	1,087	4.7%
Cuts, lacerations	922	3.9%
Dislocations	825	3.5%
Hernias	620	2.7%
Carpal tunnel syndrome	405	1.7%

Sprains or strains of the back were the most common injury in 2006, accounting for 4,395 claims — or 18.8 percent — of the 23,373 accepted disabling claims. Most sprains, strains, or tears resulted from workers overexerting themselves.

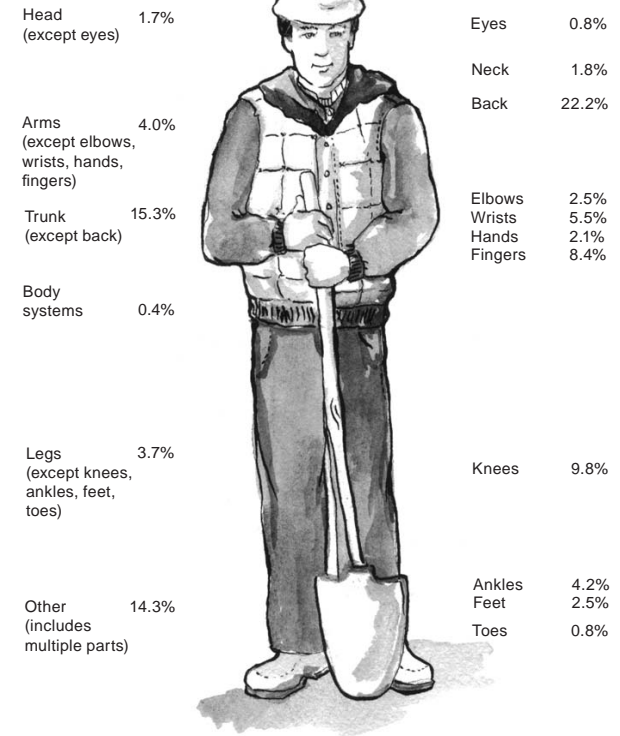
EVENT resulting in injury	2006 claims	Percent of total
Overexertion	5,685	24.3%
Struck by or against	3,177	13.6%
Bodily reaction	3,023	12.9%
Fall on same level	2,657	11.4%
Repetitive motion	2,374	10.2%
Fall from elevation	1,542	6.6%
Caught in, under, between	969	4.1%
Hwy. motor vehicle accident	624	2.7%
Assault or violent acts	387	1.7%
Exposure to caustic, allergenic subst.	245	1.0%

Overexertion with containers accounted for 1,625 accepted disabling claims. Machinery was a factor in nearly half of the claims in which the worker was caught in or between objects.

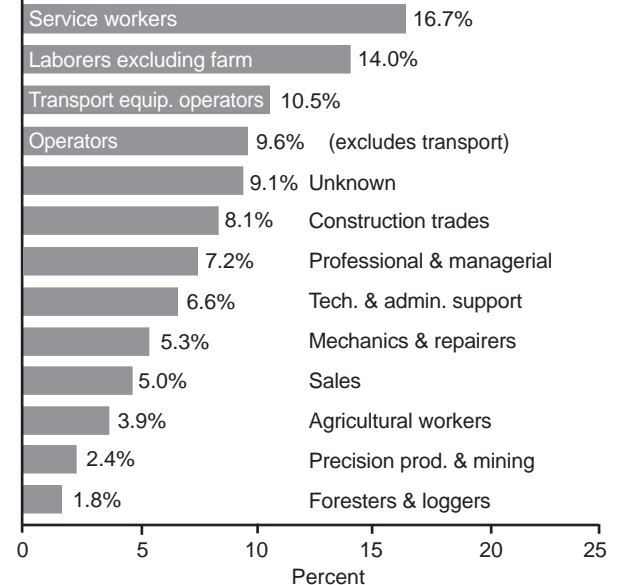
SOURCE of injury or disease	2006 claims	Percent of total
Bodily condition, motion	5,436	23.3%
Floors, walks, ground	3,854	16.5%
Containers	2,088	8.9%
Vehicles	1,741	7.4%
Machinery	1,349	5.8%
Other person	1,136	4.9%
Hand tools	831	3.6%
Furniture, fixtures	722	3.1%
Building materials	705	3.0%
Wood, lumber	435	1.9%

Workers coming into contact with the ground or a floor surface most often sustained sprains, fractures, and/or bruising (3,018 claims). These injuries are typical for falls or tripping accidents.

Part of Body Affected:



OCCUPATION OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS by percent of 2006 workers' comp. claims



Note: Because of rounding, percents may not sum to 100.