

Table 3. California Division of Workers' Compensation: Number of Workers' Compensation Claims, by Nature of Injury, 2000 - 2012

NATURE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL 2000-2012
Specific Injury	653,363	820,526	777,210	742,677	706,895	668,253	656,348	631,566	583,577	508,091	503,014	485,352	471,807	8,208,679
Occupational Disease Or Cumulative Injury	73,333	96,306	103,082	101,996	86,825	77,038	63,535	58,074	53,865	49,794	46,854	45,362	41,208	897,272
Multiple Injuries	15,402	24,699	22,511	23,732	22,982	20,714	21,091	20,535	19,832	19,152	20,775	20,272	19,816	271,513
SUBTOTAL	742,098	941,531	902,803	868,405	816,702	766,005	740,974	710,175	657,274	577,037	570,643	550,986	532,831	9,377,464
Unknown	2,234	4,561	3,600	1,624	1,240	1,037	959	718	933	571	670	985	2,042	21,174
TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES	744,332	946,092	906,403	870,029	817,942	767,042	741,933	710,893	658,207	577,608	571,313	551,971	534,873	9,398,638

Percentage (%) Distribution of Workers' Compensation Claims in California, by Nature of Injury

NATURE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL 2000-2012
Specific Injury	88.0	87.1	86.1	85.5	86.6	87.2	88.6	88.9	88.8	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.5	87.5
Occupational Disease Or Cumulative Injury	9.9	10.2	11.4	11.7	10.6	10.1	8.6	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.2	8.2	7.7	9.6
Multiple Injuries	2.1	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.7	2.9
TOTAL (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: WCIS database, which uses National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) codes as follows: Head, multiple head injury, skull

Note: Totals and percentages may not always add up due to rounding.

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Specific Injury--no physical injury, aids, amputation, angina pectoris, asphyxiation, burn, concussion, contusion, crushing, dislocation, electric shock, enucleation, foreign body, fracture, freezing, hearing loss or impairment, heat prostration, hepatitis C, hernia, infection, inflammation, laceration, myocardial infarction, poisoning-general (not occupational disease or cumulative injury), puncture, rupture, severance, sprain, strain, syncope, vascular, vision loss and all other specific injuries, not otherwise classified (NOC).

Occupational Disease or Cumulative Injury--dust disease, NOC, asbestosis, black lung, byssinosis, silicosis, respiratory disorders, poisoning-chemical (other than metals), poisoning-metal, dermatitis, radiation, all other occupational disease or injury, NOC, loss of hearing, contagious disease, cancer, visual display terminal (VDT)-related diseases, mental disorder, mental stress, carpal tunnel syndrome, hepatitis losses and all other cumulative injury, NOC.

Multiple Injuries--multiple physical injuries only, and multiple physical injuries including both physical and psychological.

A significant amount of variation across years results from noncompliance and late reporting of claims. Data are based upon calendar year of injury. DWC believes that its database is representative of claims in California's workers' compensation (WC) industry.

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