

**State of California, Department of Industrial Relations  
Division of Workers' Compensation  
Workers' Compensation Information System (WCIS)**

**Table 2: Claims by Cause of Injury and Year of Injury, 2000 - 2013**

CAUSE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL 2000 - 2013
BURN OR SCALD-HEAT OR COLD EXPOSURE	28,537	36,653	30,579	27,424	26,234	25,303	24,283	21,876	20,265	17,283	15,715	15,135	15,753	15,473	320,513
CAUGHT IN OR BETWEEN	24,626	32,295	29,053	28,308	26,379	25,670	26,747	24,698	20,460	16,225	16,080	15,913	15,755	15,765	317,974
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE INJURED BY	66,466	82,600	79,290	77,006	76,071	78,145	75,170	70,649	63,951	52,638	50,053	49,126	50,002	50,287	921,454
FALL OR SLIP INJURY	108,904	141,917	134,311	127,473	123,389	117,362	114,513	111,639	104,084	92,103	91,723	85,961	86,931	86,313	1,526,623
MOTOR VEHICLE	17,254	23,003	21,474	20,741	19,098	17,646	16,820	15,909	14,311	13,856	13,371	12,837	13,023	13,107	232,450
RUBBED OR ABRADED BY	4,220	5,899	5,998	6,262	6,521	6,988	6,039	5,462	4,984	4,344	3,863	3,512	3,180	3,144	70,416
STRUCK OR INJURY BY	89,740	111,038	102,237	100,184	97,660	95,926	97,116	94,859	87,081	75,540	74,264	73,211	77,276	77,791	1,253,923
STRIKING AGAINST OR STEPPING ON	37,392	43,549	41,800	39,505	38,704	34,270	32,033	30,401	28,249	24,849	24,574	23,567	23,324	22,586	444,803
STRAIN OR INJURY BY	244,535	313,776	305,177	295,919	277,582	248,149	237,603	226,537	211,146	190,637	192,621	187,944	192,695	190,968	3,315,289
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES	130,079	163,853	160,889	153,890	134,472	123,288	114,768	113,339	110,582	100,249	101,285	102,608	103,289	101,899	1,714,490
<b>SUBTOTAL, All Categories</b>	<b>751,753</b>	<b>954,583</b>	<b>910,808</b>	<b>876,712</b>	<b>826,110</b>	<b>772,747</b>	<b>745,092</b>	<b>715,369</b>	<b>665,113</b>	<b>587,724</b>	<b>583,549</b>	<b>569,814</b>	<b>581,228</b>	<b>577,333</b>	<b>10,117,935</b>
Unknown	1,689	2,408	3,527	1,060	618	780	797	970	761	533	1,123	1,199	2,567	778	18,810
<b>TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES</b>	<b>753,442</b>	<b>956,991</b>	<b>914,335</b>	<b>877,772</b>	<b>826,728</b>	<b>773,527</b>	<b>745,889</b>	<b>716,339</b>	<b>665,874</b>	<b>588,257</b>	<b>584,672</b>	<b>571,013</b>	<b>583,795</b>	<b>578,111</b>	<b>10,136,745</b>

**Percentage (%) Distribution of Claims by Cause of Injury and Year of Injury**

CAUSE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL 2000 - 2013
BURN OR SCALD-HEAT OR COLD EXPOSURE	3.8%	3.8%	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.2%
CAUGHT IN OR BETWEEN	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	3.1%
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE INJURED BY	8.8%	8.7%	8.7%	8.8%	9.2%	10.1%	10.1%	9.9%	9.6%	9.0%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	8.7%	9.1%
FALL OR SLIP INJURY	14.5%	14.9%	14.7%	14.5%	14.9%	15.2%	15.4%	15.6%	15.6%	15.7%	15.7%	15.1%	15.0%	15.0%	15.1%
MOTOR VEHICLE	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%
RUBBED OR	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%

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ABRADED BY															
STRAIN OR INJURY BY	32.5%	32.9%	33.5%	33.8%	33.6%	32.1%	31.9%	31.7%	31.7%	32.4%	33.0%	33.0%	33.2%	33.1%	32.8%
STRIKING AGAINST OR STEPPING ON	5.0%	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	4.7%	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	4.4%
STRUCK OR INJURY BY	11.9%	11.6%	11.2%	11.4%	11.8%	12.4%	13.0%	13.3%	13.1%	12.9%	12.7%	12.8%	13.3%	13.5%	12.4%
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES	17.3%	17.2%	17.7%	17.6%	16.3%	16.0%	15.4%	15.8%	16.6%	17.1%	17.4%	18.0%	17.8%	17.6%	16.9%
<b>TOTAL (%)</b>	<b>100%</b>														

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

Footnotes to Table 2. Source: WCIS database, which uses National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) codes as follows:

**Burn or Scald-Heat or Cold Exposure** from chemicals, hot objects or substances, cold objects or substances, temperature extremes, fire or flame, steam or hot fluids, dust, gases, fumes or vapors, welding operations, radiation, abnormal air pressure, electrical current and contact with, not otherwise classified (NOC).

**Caught in or between** machine or machinery, object handled, collapsing materials (slides of earth), caught in, under or between, NOC.

**Cut, Puncture or Scrape Injury** by broken glass, hand tool, utensil-not powered, object being lifted or handled, powered hand tool, appliance, cut, puncture or scrape, NOC.

**Fall or Slip Injury** from different level (elevation), ladder or scaffolding, liquid or grease spills, into openings, on the same level, slipped, did not fall, on ice or snow, on stairs, fall, trip or slip, NOC.

**Motor Vehicle** crash of water vehicle, crash of rail vehicle, collision or sideswipe with another vehicle, collision with a fixed object, crash of airplane, vehicle upset, motor vehicle, NOC.

**Rubbed or Abraded by** repetitive motion, rubbed or abraded, NOC.

**Strain or Injury by** continual noise, twisting, jumping, holding or carrying, lifting, pushing or pulling, reaching, using tool or machinery, wielding or throwing, repetitive motion (carpal tunnel syndrome), and strain or injury by, NOC.

**Striking Against or Stepping on** moving parts of machine, object being lifted or handled, sanding, scraping, cleaning operations, stationary object, sharp object, and striking against or stepping on, NOC.

**Struck or Injury by** fellow worker, patient (not in act of a crime), falling or flying object, hand tool or machine in use, motor vehicle, moving parts of machine, object being lifted or handled, object handled by others, animal or insect, explosion or flare back and struck or injured by, NOC (includes kicked, stabbed, bit, etc.)

**Miscellaneous Causes** from absorption, ingestion or inhalation, NOC, foreign matter (body) in eye(s), natural disasters (earthquake, hurricane, tornado, etc.), person in act of crime (robbery or criminal assault), other than physical cause of injury, mold, terrorism, cumulative, NOC, other miscellaneous, NOC.

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.