

**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 - 2014**

CAUSE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL 2000 - 2014
BURN OR SCALD-HEAT OR COLD EXPOSURE	28,734	36,829	30,721	27,432	26,235	25,329	24,405	21,961	20,306	17,332	15,834	15,363	15,942	15,628	15,434	<b>337,485</b>
CAUGHT IN OR BETWEEN	24,777	32,469	29,166	28,316	26,385	25,680	26,814	24,745	20,496	16,259	16,153	16,059	15,880	15,816	15,978	<b>334,993</b>
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE INJURED BY	66,663	82,791	79,408	77,022	76,082	78,178	75,204	70,677	64,016	52,749	50,270	49,574	50,398	50,389	53,705	<b>977,126</b>
FALL OR SLIP INJURY	109,928	142,920	134,944	127,526	123,444	117,445	114,760	111,860	104,256	92,312	92,266	87,207	87,962	86,780	88,180	<b>1,621,790</b>
MOTOR VEHICLE	17,369	23,074	21,535	20,749	19,114	17,671	16,920	15,969	14,331	13,891	13,429	13,020	13,159	13,220	13,911	<b>247,362</b>
RUBBED OR ABRADED BY	4,234	5,908	6,009	6,268	6,523	6,993	6,052	5,470	4,986	4,351	3,871	3,561	3,294	3,200	3,374	<b>74,094</b>
STRAIN OR INJURY BY	246,164	315,361	306,393	296,132	277,758	248,396	238,323	227,128	211,562	191,170	194,283	191,313	195,499	193,034	190,992	<b>3,523,508</b>
STRUCK OR INJURY BY	90,305	111,627	102,649	100,232	97,708	95,973	97,335	95,036	87,223	75,674	74,548	73,951	78,048	78,153	80,066	<b>1,338,528</b>
STRIKING AGAINST OR STEPPING ON	37,622	43,777	41,978	39,521	38,732	34,299	32,052	30,438	28,307	24,898	24,769	23,883	23,636	22,694	23,100	<b>469,706</b>
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES	131,753	165,671	161,862	153,984	134,570	123,449	115,281	113,815	110,976	100,653	102,300	104,105	104,824	103,971	101,206	<b>1,828,420</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL, All Categories</b>	<b>757,549</b>	<b>960,427</b>	<b>914,665</b>	<b>877,182</b>	<b>826,551</b>	<b>773,413</b>	<b>747,146</b>	<b>717,099</b>	<b>666,459</b>	<b>589,289</b>	<b>587,723</b>	<b>578,036</b>	<b>588,642</b>	<b>582,885</b>	<b>585,946</b>	<b>10,753,012</b>
Unknown	1,929	2,594	3,593	1,052	618	782	797	971	765	536	1,128	1,199	2,577	818	579	<b>19,938</b>
<b>TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES</b>	<b>759,478</b>	<b>963,021</b>	<b>918,258</b>	<b>878,234</b>	<b>827,169</b>	<b>774,195</b>	<b>747,943</b>	<b>718,070</b>	<b>667,224</b>	<b>589,825</b>	<b>588,851</b>	<b>579,235</b>	<b>591,219</b>	<b>583,703</b>	<b>586,525</b>	<b>10,772,950</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	2014	TOTAL 2000 - 2014
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%	2.6%	3.1%
CAUGHT IN OR BETWEEN	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%	3.5%	3.1%	2.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	3.1%
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE INJURED BY	8.8%	8.6%	8.7%	8.8%	9.2%	10.1%	10.1%	9.9%	9.6%	9.0%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	9.2%	9.1%
FALL OR SLIP INJURY	14.5%	14.9%	14.8%	14.5%	14.9%	15.2%	15.4%	15.6%	15.6%	15.7%	15.7%	15.1%	14.9%	14.9%	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%	2.4%	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%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%

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ABRADED BY																
STRAIN OR INJURY BY	32.5%	32.8%	33.5%	33.8%	33.6%	32.1%	31.9%	31.7%	31.7%	32.4%	33.1%	33.1%	33.2%	33.1%	32.6%	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%	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%	12.8%	12.7%	12.8%	13.3%	13.4%	13.7%	12.4%
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES	17.4%	17.2%	17.7%	17.6%	16.3%	16.0%	15.4%	15.9%	16.7%	17.1%	17.4%	18.0%	17.8%	17.8%	17.3%	17.0%
<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.