

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

**Table 3: Claims by Nature of Injury and Year of Injury 2000 - 2014**

NATURE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL 2000 - 2014
SPECIFIC INJURY	665,811	834,111	786,927	749,174	714,433	673,875	661,019	637,052	590,292	517,310	516,215	505,819	514,719	508,512	515,332	9,390,601
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE OR CUMULATIVE INJURY	75,713	99,287	104,991	103,546	88,208	78,154	64,484	59,273	55,549	51,981	49,859	50,284	50,982	50,450	47,658	1,030,419
MULTIPLE INJURIES	15,548	24,900	22,675	23,894	23,282	21,123	21,485	21,018	20,442	19,939	22,077	22,044	23,214	23,365	21,919	326,925
<b>SUBTOTAL, All Categories</b>	<b>757,072</b>	<b>958,298</b>	<b>914,593</b>	<b>876,614</b>	<b>825,923</b>	<b>773,152</b>	<b>746,988</b>	<b>717,343</b>	<b>666,283</b>	<b>589,230</b>	<b>588,151</b>	<b>578,147</b>	<b>588,915</b>	<b>582,327</b>	<b>584,909</b>	<b>10,747,945</b>
Unknown	2,406	4,723	3,665	1,620	1,246	1,043	955	727	941	595	700	1,088	2,304	1,376	1,616	25,005
<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 Nature of Injury and Year of Injury**

NATURE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL 2000 - 2014
SPECIFIC INJURY	87.9%	87.0%	86.0%	85.5%	86.5%	87.2%	88.5%	88.8%	88.6%	87.8%	87.8%	87.5%	87.4%	87.3%	88.1%	87.4%
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE OR CUMULATIVE INJURY	10.0%	10.4%	11.5%	11.8%	10.7%	10.1%	8.6%	8.3%	8.3%	8.8%	8.5%	8.7%	8.7%	8.7%	8.1%	9.6%
MULTIPLE INJURIES	2.1%	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%	3.4%	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.7%	3.0%
<b>TOTAL (%)</b>	<b>100%</b>															

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

WCIS database, which uses National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) codes as follows:

**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.