

**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 - 2015**

CAUSE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL 2000 - 2015
BURN OR SCALD-HEAT OR COLD EXPOSURE	28,707	36,822	30,925	27,434	26,366	25,474	24,628	22,315	20,599	17,594	16,193	15,724	16,244	16,204	16,247	15,834	357,310
CAUGHT IN OR BETWEEN	24,752	32,462	29,483	28,413	26,589	25,815	27,026	24,978	20,731	16,542	16,512	16,439	16,103	16,125	16,454	16,874	355,298
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE INJURED BY	66,583	82,648	79,438	76,917	76,161	78,384	75,438	70,931	64,379	53,951	51,530	50,802	51,150	51,357	55,275	56,178	1,041,122
FALL OR SLIP INJURY	109,566	142,878	135,633	127,292	124,305	118,472	116,056	113,202	105,454	94,276	94,456	89,525	89,777	89,184	91,916	91,239	1,733,231
MOTOR VEHICLE	17,266	23,029	21,679	20,667	19,139	17,751	17,094	16,160	14,496	14,104	13,679	13,246	13,345	13,570	14,475	14,896	264,596
RUBBED OR ABRADED BY	4,259	5,930	6,063	6,302	6,557	7,021	6,098	5,537	5,060	4,533	4,113	3,825	3,383	3,335	3,645	3,529	79,190
STRAIN OR INJURY BY	245,190	315,010	307,900	294,949	279,073	250,172	240,627	229,590	213,833	194,690	198,364	195,933	199,975	199,444	201,421	194,411	3,760,582
STRUCK OR INJURY BY	90,106	111,535	103,151	100,215	98,217	96,570	98,201	95,920	88,049	77,025	76,044	75,612	79,319	79,940	83,087	82,973	1,435,964
STRIKING AGAINST OR STEPPING ON	37,538	43,710	42,131	39,614	38,941	34,522	32,291	30,644	28,542	25,312	25,177	24,294	24,096	23,210	23,966	23,598	497,586
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES	131,756	165,813	163,781	155,263	136,287	125,294	117,373	116,129	113,475	103,519	105,529	107,634	108,771	110,150	112,057	105,740	1,978,571
<b>SUBTOTAL, All Categories</b>	<b>755,723</b>	<b>959,837</b>	<b>920,184</b>	<b>877,066</b>	<b>831,635</b>	<b>779,475</b>	<b>754,832</b>	<b>725,406</b>	<b>674,618</b>	<b>601,546</b>	<b>601,597</b>	<b>593,034</b>	<b>602,163</b>	<b>602,519</b>	<b>618,543</b>	<b>605,272</b>	<b>11,503,450</b>
Unknown	1,972	2,643	3,721	1,165	731	846	874	1,064	837	575	1,135	1,221	2,580	933	817	1,520	22,634
<b>TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES</b>	<b>757,695</b>	<b>962,480</b>	<b>923,905</b>	<b>878,231</b>	<b>832,366</b>	<b>780,321</b>	<b>755,706</b>	<b>726,470</b>	<b>675,455</b>	<b>602,121</b>	<b>602,732</b>	<b>594,255</b>	<b>604,743</b>	<b>603,452</b>	<b>619,360</b>	<b>606,792</b>	<b>11,526,084</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	2015	TOTAL 2000 - 2015
BURN OR SCALD-HEAT OR COLD EXPOSURE	3.8%	3.8%	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%	3.1%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%	3.1%
CAUGHT IN OR BETWEEN	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%	3.3%	3.6%	3.4%	3.1%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.8%	3.1%
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE INJURED BY	8.8%	8.6%	8.6%	8.8%	9.2%	10.1%	10.0%	9.8%	9.5%	9.0%	8.6%	8.6%	8.5%	8.5%	8.9%	9.3%	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%	14.9%	14.8%	14.9%	15.1%	15.1%
MOTOR VEHICLE	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.1%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.5%	2.3%
RUBBED OR	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%

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STRAIN OR INJURY BY	32.4%	32.8%	33.5%	33.6%	33.6%	32.1%	31.9%	31.6%	31.7%	32.4%	33.0%	33.0%	33.2%	33.1%	32.6%	32.1%	32.7%
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%	3.9%	4.3%
STRUCK OR INJURY BY	11.9%	11.6%	11.2%	11.4%	11.8%	12.4%	13.0%	13.2%	13.1%	12.8%	12.6%	12.8%	13.2%	13.3%	13.4%	13.7%	12.5%
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES	17.4%	17.3%	17.8%	17.7%	16.4%	16.1%	15.5%	16.0%	16.8%	17.2%	17.5%	18.1%	18.1%	18.3%	18.1%	17.5%	17.2%
<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.