

**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 - 2015**

NATURE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTAL 2000 - 2015
SPECIFIC INJURY	664,479	833,752	792,050	749,498	719,174	679,380	667,859	644,313	597,284	527,877	528,076	518,551	525,523	523,913	539,217	533,612	10,044,558
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE OR CUMULATIVE INJURY	75,422	99,212	105,509	103,383	88,610	78,689	65,234	60,283	56,679	53,446	51,541	52,175	53,267	54,233	55,045	50,803	1,103,531
MULTIPLE INJURIES	15,387	24,790	22,615	23,562	23,209	21,103	21,556	21,044	20,450	20,094	22,296	22,329	23,535	23,829	23,270	20,924	349,993
<b>SUBTOTAL, All Categories</b>	<b>755,288</b>	<b>957,754</b>	<b>920,174</b>	<b>876,443</b>	<b>830,993</b>	<b>779,172</b>	<b>754,649</b>	<b>725,640</b>	<b>674,413</b>	<b>601,417</b>	<b>601,913</b>	<b>593,055</b>	<b>602,325</b>	<b>601,975</b>	<b>617,532</b>	<b>605,339</b>	<b>11,498,082</b>
Unknown	2,407	4,726	3,731	1,788	1,373	1,149	1,057	830	1,042	704	819	1,200	2,418	1,477	1,828	1,453	28,002
<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 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	2015	TOTAL 2000 - 2015
SPECIFIC INJURY	88.0%	87.1%	86.1%	85.5%	86.5%	87.2%	88.5%	88.8%	88.6%	87.8%	87.7%	87.4%	87.2%	87.0%	87.3%	88.2%	87.4%
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE OR CUMULATIVE INJURY	10.0%	10.4%	11.5%	11.8%	10.7%	10.1%	8.6%	8.3%	8.4%	8.9%	8.6%	8.8%	8.8%	9.0%	8.9%	8.4%	9.6%
MULTIPLE INJURIES	2.0%	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	3.3%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%	3.8%	3.5%	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.