

Table 3. California Division of Workers' Compensation: Number of Workers' Compensation Claims, by Nature of Injury, 2000 - 2013

NATURE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL 2000-2013
Specific Injury	656,146	822,227	778,367	744,094	709,165	667,090	654,682	631,122	583,774	510,859	509,755	496,346	498,105	493,949	8,755,681
Occupational Disease Or Cumulative Injury	73,871	96,950	103,563	102,569	87,386	77,169	63,686	58,348	54,428	50,858	48,430	48,237	47,726	44,909	958,130
Multiple Injuries	15,480	24,784	22,594	23,842	23,208	20,925	21,303	20,826	20,277	19,717	21,761	21,566	22,300	21,561	300,144
SUBTOTAL	745,497	943,961	904,524	870,505	819,759	765,184	739,671	710,296	658,479	581,434	579,946	566,149	568,131	560,419	10,013,955
Unknown	2,234	4,570	3,613	1,626	1,247	1,044	954	729	948	591	697	1,078	2,294	1,283	22,908
TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES	747,731	948,531	908,137	872,131	821,006	766,228	740,625	711,025	659,427	582,025	580,643	567,227	570,425	561,702	10,036,863

Percentage (%) Distribution of Workers' Compensation Claims in California, by Nature of Injury

NATURE OF INJURY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL 2000-2013
Specific Injury	88.0	87.1	86.1	85.5	86.5	87.2	88.5	88.9	88.7	87.9	87.9	87.7	87.7	88.1	87.4
Occupational Disease Or Cumulative Injury	9.9	10.3	11.4	11.8	10.7	10.1	8.6	8.2	8.3	8.7	8.4	8.5	8.4	8	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	3.8	3.0
TOTAL (%)	100.0														

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

Source: 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.

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