

**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 2010 - 2018

NATURE OF INJURY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL 2010 - 2018
SPECIFIC INJURY	533,032	524,707	533,694	534,115	552,261	561,412	572,769	602,621	603,846	5,018,457
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE OR CUMULATIVE INJURY	53,121	54,060	56,084	57,721	60,379	61,393	60,612	60,987	54,969	519,326
MULTIPLE INJURIES	22,669	22,808	24,273	24,815	24,729	23,871	25,678	25,483	22,649	216,975
SUBTOTAL, All Categories	608,822	601,575	614,051	616,651	637,369	646,676	659,059	689,091	681,464	5,754,758
Unknown	791	1,196	2,407	1,479	1,816	1,554	2,143	2,120	696	14,202
TOTAL REPORTED INJURIES	609,613	602,771	616,458	618,130	639,185	648,230	661,202	691,211	682,160	5,768,960

Percentage (%) Distribution of Claims by Nature of Injury and Year of Injury

NATURE OF INJURY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL 2010 - 2018
SPECIFIC INJURY	87.6%	87.2%	86.9%	86.6%	86.6%	86.8%	86.9%	87.5%	88.6%	87.2%
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE OR CUMULATIVE INJURY	8.7%	9.0%	9.1%	9.4%	9.5%	9.5%	9.2%	8.9%	8.1%	9.0%
MULTIPLE INJURIES	3.7%	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%	3.9%	3.7%	3.3%	3.8%
TOTAL (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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.