

2018 Wisconsin Work Injury Claims

Worker's Compensation Division

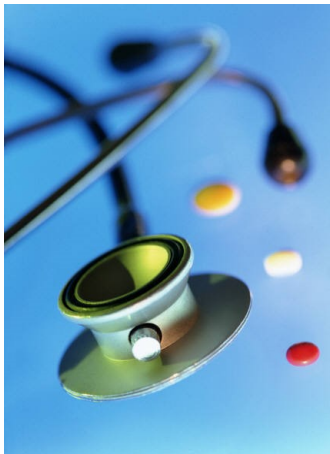
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The WC Division started accepting First Reports of Injury (FROI) via our Electronic Data Interchange program on October 30th, 1997, and then via our Pending Reports Internet application on October 25th, 2001. Starting September 1st, 2005 FROIs were required to be reported to us electronically via either method. It should be noted that for electronically reported FROIs the codes for gender, body part, cause of injury, nature of injury and county where injury occurred are accepted into our database as they are sent to us, without any vetting or accuracy examination by WC staff.



KEY FIGURES FOR 2018:

- **20,113 TOTAL CLAIMS FILED**
- **\$202.2 MILLION TOTAL INDEMNITY PAID OUT**
- **\$186.8 MILLION INDEMNITY SPENT ON TRAUMATIC INJURIES**
- **\$10,052.70 AVERAGE INDEMNITY COST PER CLAIM**



Leading Cause of Injuries

In 2018, Wisconsin workers sustained 7,370 strains and 5,477 falls/slips. There were 2,219 workers injured by being struck by an object or person and 1,423 workers injured by miscellaneous causes.

Strains: The most frequent types of strain injuries were due to lifting (35%), not otherwise classified (20%), and pushing/pulling (17%).

Falls and Slips: Falls not otherwise classified comprised 28% of falls, followed by falls on the same level (22%), falls due to ice/snow (18%), and falls from a different level (10%).

Struck or Injured by:

Thirty-one percent of workers in this category were struck by falling or flying objects, 20% by objects lifted or handled by worker, 16% struck by something not otherwise classified, and 13% struck by a co-worker or patient.

Highest Number of Claims by Cause: WI 2018

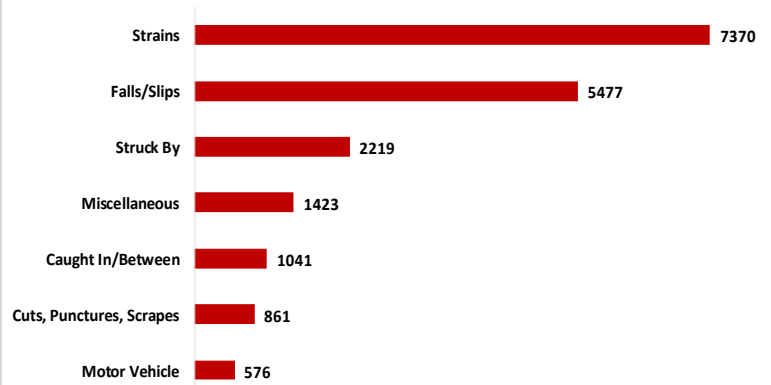
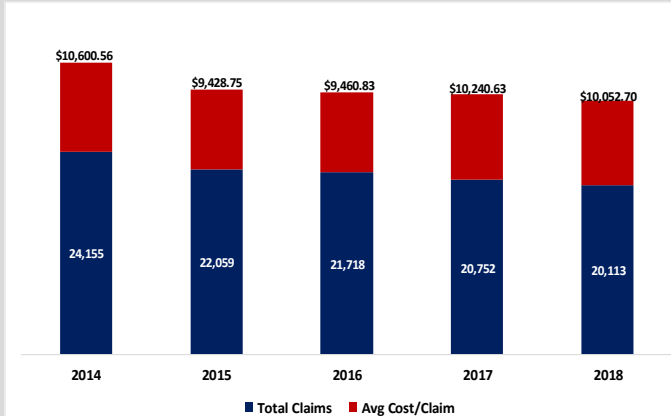


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5 Year Trend: Total Claims & Average Indemnity Cost





NUMBER OF CLAIMS

7,224 STRAINS
2,417 FRACTURES
1,884 SPRAINS
551 RUPTURES
452 HERNIAS
382 CONCUSSIONS
302 DISLOCATIONS
192 HEARING LOSS
192 CARPAL TUNNEL



Part of Body Injured

Injuries to the upper extremities were most frequent (39%), with shoulders accounting for over one-third of that category, followed by lower extremities (25%), and trunk (20%). Neck injury was the most expensive category, averaging \$16,664 per claim, with disc injuries averaging \$33,719 as the highest subcategory.

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Nature of Injury

Traumatic Injuries: Of the 20,113 total claims filed, 18,167 were noted as traumatic injuries and 69% of those traumas were to bones, nerves, spinal cord, muscles, joints, etc. in 2018: 57% of these traumatic injuries were strains, 19% were fractures, and 15% were sprains. There were also 199 amputation claims.

Wounds, Bruises, and Burns:

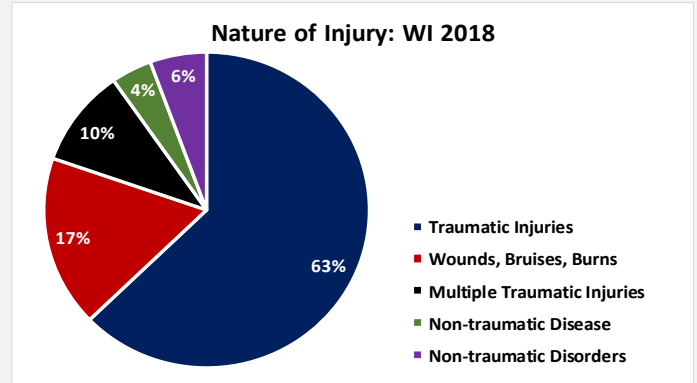
Approximately 50% of workers in this category suffered contusions, 26% sustained lacerations, 8% sustained burns, and 8% sustained crushing injuries.

Multiple Traumatic Injuries:

There were 2,012 workers with multiple injuries and disorders; 43% were not otherwise classified.

Non-Traumatic Disorders and other: There were 1,131 non-traumatic disorders. Sixty percent of injured workers in this category suffered from carpal tunnel syndrome or cumulative disorders.

Non-Traumatic Disease: Out of 815 claims filed in this category, 55% were diagnosed with hemias, and 24% suffered hearing loss.



County of Injury

