

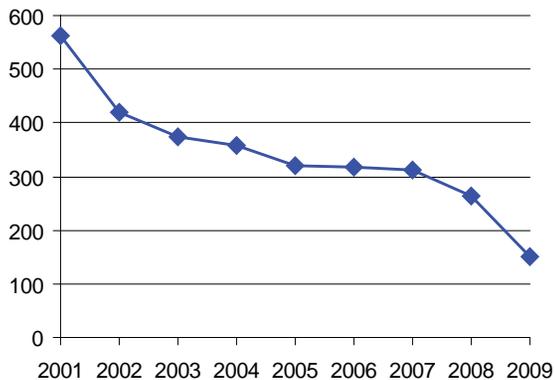
Minnesota workers' compensation teen claim characteristics, 2007-2009

Minnesota teen worker claims

Workers' compensation cash benefit claims have more than three days of disability.

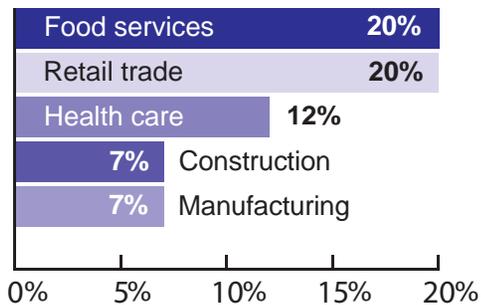
- The number of cash benefit claims declined by 73 percent from 2001 to 2009.
- 38 percent of these claims occurred during June, July and August.
- 8 percent of the indemnity claims resulted in permanent disabilities.
- 58 percent of the injured workers were male.

Number of injured 14- to 18-year-old workers with cash benefit claims, 2001-2009



Most common Minnesota industries

By percent of 2007-2009 teen claims



Nature of injury or disease	2007-2009 claims	Percent of total
Sprains and strains	206	28%
Cuts	116	16%
Pain	89	12%
Fractures	78	11%
Burns	47	7%

Common characteristics of injuries

- 16 percent of claims were back sprains, strain or pain.
- Sprains and strains were most often caused by lifting, carrying, pulling or pushing objects. Many back strains were caused by lifting health care patients.
- 12 percent of claims were cuts to the hands and arms.
- Teens suffer a much higher proportion of burns than older workers. Burns were most often caused by hot oil and other hot liquids, ovens and grills.

Event or exposure	2007-2009 claims	Percent of total
Bodily reaction or overexertion	214	29%
Fall	135	19%
Struck by object	106	15%
Struck against object	61	8%
Exposure (hot, cold, chemicals)	53	7%
Caught in/between objects	49	7%
Transportation incidents	27	4%

Teen workplace safety resources

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

- **Workplace Safety Consultation**

www.dli.mn.gov/Wsc.asp

- **Labor Standards**

www.dli.mn.gov/Laborlaw.asp

Minnesota Department of Health

- **Work Safe Work Smart**

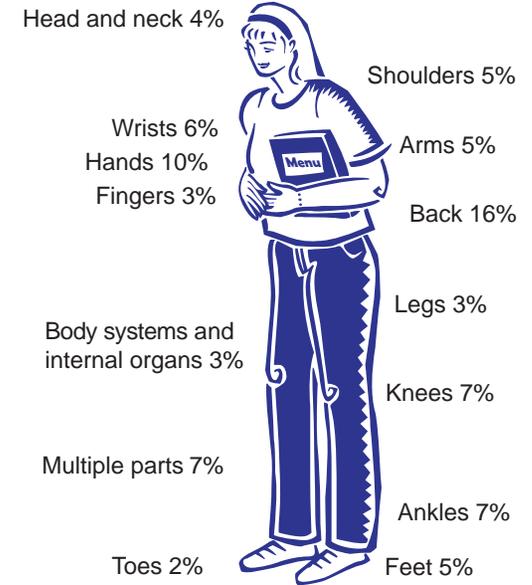
www.health.state.mn.us/divs/hpcd/cdee/occhealth/wsws.html

Federal OSHA

- **Teen-worker specific**

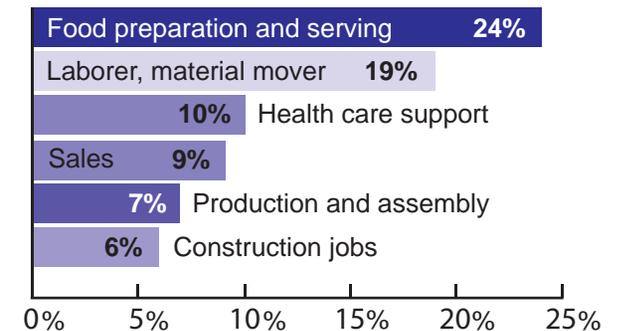
www.osha.gov/SLTC/teenworkers/teenworkers.html

Part of body injured



Occupation of injured Minnesota teen workers

By percent of 2007-2009 teen claims



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