

Workers' compensation claims at religious institutions

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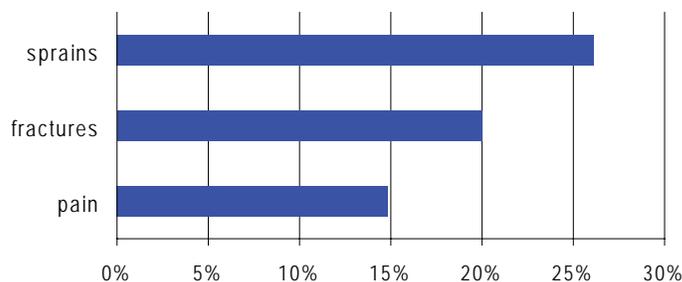
Employees of religious institutions have many of the same injuries and illnesses as all other workers. From 2003 through 2008, 505 workers' compensation indemnity claims were

filed for workplace injuries and illnesses, including 62 claims for members of the clergy.

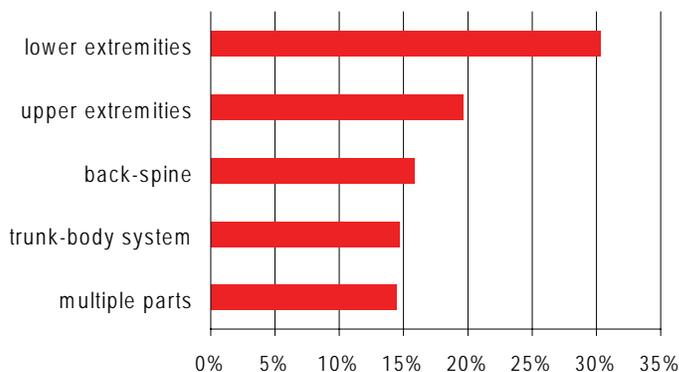
The most interesting comparisons between claims paid to workers of religious organizations and claims paid to workers of all other industries are for payments for permanent partial disability (PPD) benefits, the prevalence of settlements and attorney use.

For workers of religious organizations, 37 percent of the paid claims included PPD benefits, compared to 22 percent among all other industries' claims. In contrast, only 9 percent of the religious organizations' claims included a settlement, compared to 15 percent of all other industries. Thus, among claims with a PPD and/or a settlement, only 20 percent of the religious organization claims included a settlement, compared to 43 percent among all other industries. Attorney use was also much lower among religious organizations' claims, at 8 percent, compared to 13 percent among all other industries' claims.

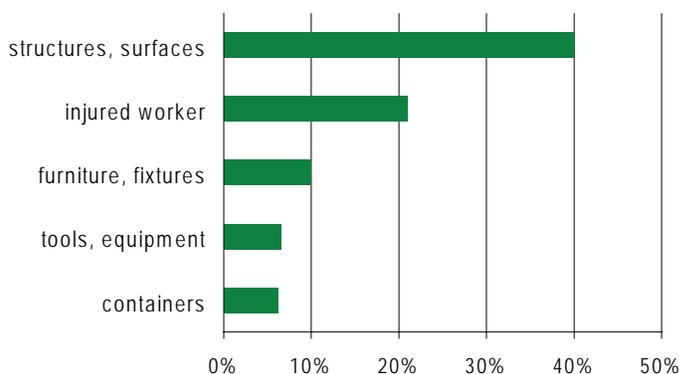
Nature of injury



Part of body injured



Source of injury



Event or exposure

