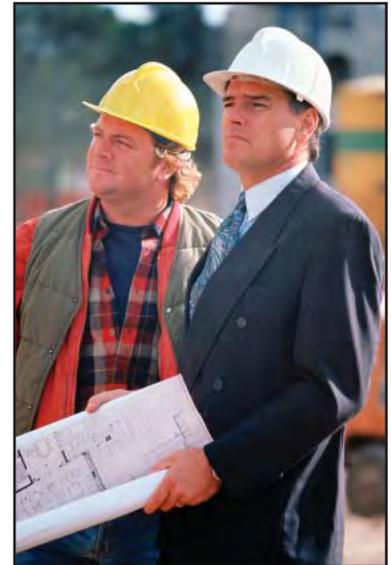


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# The advancing tide of older workers

It seems that every week there's a news story or a study released about the graying of Americans. Well, here's another tidbit to add to your growing collection of how the baby boomers are throwing their weight around.

Comparing workers' compensation indemnity claims closing in 2000 and 2010 (through September), there are noticeable increases in the percentage of claims for workers age 45 and older and to the percentage of indemnity benefits paid to those workers. The figure shows that injured workers age 45 and older increased from 33 percent of the claims closing in 2000 to 50 percent of the claims closing in 2010, and that the percentage of indemnity benefits increased from 39 percent in 2000 to 50 percent in 2010.



Looking at the numbers of claims, the estimated annual count for 2010 for workers 44 years and younger shows a 39 percent decrease compared to the count of claims in 2000, while the number of claims closing for workers 45 years and older shows a 23 percent increase.

**Increases in percentages of claims and benefit payments to workers 45 years and older**

