



Minnesota's Logging Industry

Workers' Compensation Claim Characteristics

76 logging indemnity claims in Minnesota during 2008 to 2013

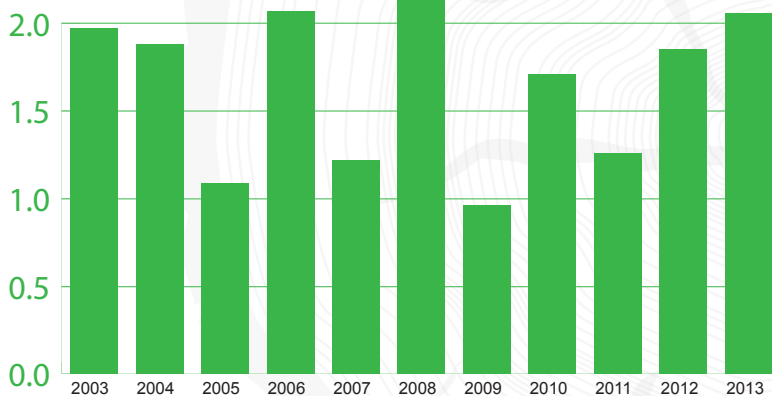
Injured-worker characteristics

- 24 percent were between 45 and 54 years old
- 21 percent were 55 years or older
- 31 percent had worked for less than one year with their employer
- Most common occupations: truck drivers (36 percent), logging equipment operators (25 percent), other logging workers (21 percent)

Indemnity claim frequency, duration and cost (claims that involve more than three days of disability)

- 54 percent had more than three months of temporary total disability
- 53 percent of the injuries occurred from December through March
- 32 percent of the injured workers received vocational rehabilitation
- 26 percent of the injuries resulted in permanent disabilities
- Estimated total claims cost is \$4.2 million (adjusted for wage growth)

There are typically between one to two paid indemnity claims per 100 logging industry workers



Note: Chart only includes claims with cash benefits.

Claims with medical benefits only are not included.

Source: Minnesota workers' compensation claims database.

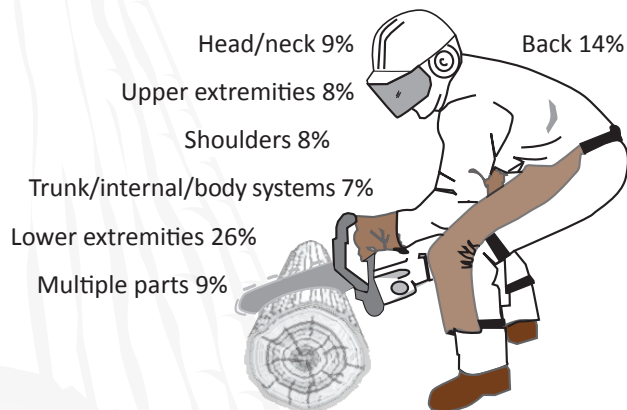


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Part of body injured



Event or exposure

Event or exposure	Percent of total
Falls	24%
Overexertion	19%
Struck by object	17%
Transportation incidents	15%
Slips, trips	11%
Struck against object	5%

Nature of injury

Nature of injury	Percent of total
Sprains, strains, tears	43%
Fractures	33%
Pain	19%
Contusions	11%
Open wounds	10%
Multiple traumatic injuries	6%

Source of injury

Source of injury	Percent of total
Structures, surface	16%
Vehicles	16%
Machinery	15%
Parts and materials	13%
Injured worker	13%
Tools, equipment	13%
Plants, animals, minerals	8%