**Table 1[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| **Number of serious claims by industry, 2000-01 and 2015-16 to 2020-21** |
| **Industry** | **2000-01** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** | **2017-18** | **2018-19** | **2019-20** | **% change** | **2020-21** |
| Health care and social assistance | 15,254 | 16,984 | 17,795 | 18,430 | 20,420 | 22,029 | 44 | 26,239 |
| Construction | 12, 184 | 13,125 | 13,342 | 14,209 | 14,642 | 15,763 | 29 | 16,088 |
| Manufacturing  | 26,507 | 13,136 | 13,147 | 13,371 | 13,851 | 14,338 | -46 | 14,663 |
| Public administration and safety | 8,041 | 8,286 | 8,274 | 8,481 | 9,299 | 9,889 | 23 | 10,481 |
| Transport, postal and warehousing | 11,495 | 8,525 | 8,699 | 8,964 | 9,233 | 9,400 | -18 | 9,122 |
| *Road transport* | 5,242 | 4,168 | 4,275 | 4,349 | 4,396 | 4,427 | -16 | 4,420 |
| Retail trade | 11,798 | 8,589 | 8,198 | 8,246 | 8,593 | 8,781 | -26 | 8,986 |
| Education and training | 6,075 | 6,738 | 7,029 | 7,156 | 7,816 | 7,681 | 26 | 8,212 |
| Accommodation and food services | 7,411 | 6,180 | 6,131 | 6,062 | 6,351 | 6,373 | -14 | 6,890 |
| Wholesale trade | 6,148 | ,4,245 | 4,714 | 4,971. | 5,329 | 5,148 | -16 | 5,364 |
| Administrative and support services | 5,831 | 4,612 | 4,485 | 4,835, | 5,146 | 5,252 | -10 | 5.352 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 5,434 | 3,631 | 3,711 | 3,638 | 3,669 | 3,919 | -28 | 4,159 |
| *Agriculture*  | 4,138 | 2,834 | 2,855 | 2,811 | 2,749 | 2,965 | -28 | 3,069 |
| Other services  | 4,292 | 2,883 | 2,983 | 3,042 | 3,093 | 3,413 | -20 | 3,648 |
| Mining | 1,895 | 2,184 | 2,168 | 2,340 | 2,647 | 2,637 | 39 | 2,806 |
| Professional, scientific and technical services | 2,111 | 1,716 | 1,805 | 1,974 | 2,241 | 2,332 | 10 | 2,290 |
| Arts and recreation services | 2,304 | 2,107 | 2,156 | 2,164 | 2,332 | 2,218 | -4 | 2,195 |
| Rental, hiring and real estate services | 1,410 | 1,142 | 1,194 | 1,161 | 1,212 | 1,133 | -20 | 1,313 |
| Electricity, gas, water and waste services | 1,029 | 990 | 1,002 | 1,071 | 1,113 | 1,161 | 13 | 1,128 |
| Financial and insurance services | 1,283 | 627 | 584 | 696 | 707 | 721 | -44 | 614 |
| Information media and telecommunications | 1,207 | 548 | 568 | 495, | 483 | 490 | -59 | 574 |
| **Total**  | **131,839** | **106,313** | **108,024** | **111,336** | **118,265** | **122,801** | **-7** | **130,195** |
| Note: totals include serious claims where industry is not stated. |

**Table 2**

**Table 3**

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| **Number of serious claims by industry, 2000-01 and 2015-16 to 2020-21** |
| **Occupation** | **2000-01** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** | **2017-18** | **2018-19** | **2019-20** | **% change** | **2020-21** |
| Labourers | 38,208 | 23,061 | 22,642 | 23,085 | 23,393 | 24,930 | -35 | 29,099 |
| Community and personal services workers | 14,906 | 17,885 | 18,536 | 19,410 | 22,331 | 23,998 | 61 | 25,699 |
| Technicians and trades workers | 26,882 | 17, 421 | 18,222 | 18,033 | 18,863 | 20,477 | -24 | 20,440 |
| Machinery operators and drivers | 20,056 | 15,955 | 15,985 | 15,776 | 16,998 | 16,981 | -15 | 17,049 |
| Professionals  | 10,353 | 10,253 | 11,412 | 11,476 | 12,378 | 12,615 | 22 | 14,436 |
| Sales Workers | 7,320 | 6,777 | 7,021 | 6,548 | 6,492 | 6,660 | -9 | 6,799 |
| Managers | 5,163 | 4,266 | 4,451 | 4,635 | 5,245 | 5,549 | 7 | 5,479 |
| Clerical and administrative workers | 7,898 | 4,563 | 4,384 | 4,721 | 5,053 | 5,033 | -36 | 4,901 |
| **Total** | **131,839** | **106,313** | **108,024** | **111,336** | **118,265** | **122,801** | **-7** | **130,195** |
| Note: totals include serious claims where industry is not stated. |

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| **Number, percentage and rates of serious claims by injury or disease and gender, 2020-21** |
|  | **Number of serious claims** | **Percentage of serious claims (%)** | **Frequency rate (serious claims per million hours worked)** | **Incidence rate (serious claims per 1,000 employees)** |
| **Male** |  |  |  |  |
| Injury and musculoskeletal disorders | 70,463 | 89 | 6.2 | 11.1 |
| Diseases | 8,620 | 11 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| Total | 79,083 | 100 | 6.9 | 12.5 |
| **Female** |  |  |  |  |
| Injury and musculoskeletal disorders | 42,351 | 83 | 5.0 | 7.0 |
| Diseases | 8,578 | 17 | 1.0 | 1.4 |
| Total | 50,930 | 100 | 6.0 | 8.5 |
| **All serious claims** |  |  |  |  |
| Injury and musculoskeletal disorders | 112,978 | 87 | 5.7 | 9.1 |
| Diseases | 17,218 | 13 | 0.9 | 1.4 |
| **Total** | **130,195** | **100** | **6.5** | **10.5** |
| Note: the totals include claims where information on these categories was unknown |

**Table 4**

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|  |  | **Number of serious claims by injury or disease, gender and age group, 2020-21** |
| **Age group** | **Injury and musculoskeletal disorder serious claims** | **Disease serious claims** | **All serious claims** |
|  | **Male** | **Female** | **Total** | **Male** | **Female** | **Total**  | **Male** | **Female** | **Total** |
| <20 years | 3,176 | 1,238 | 4,421 | 85 | 75 | 160 | 3,262 | 1,313 | 4,581 |
| 20-24 yrs | 7,578 | 3,526 | 11,137 | 341 | 426 | 768 | 7,919 | 3,951 | 11,905 |
| 25-29 yrs | 8,199 | 4,125 | 12,339 | 620 | 733 | 1,354 | 8,819 | 4,858 | 13,693 |
| 30-34 yrs | 8,086 | 3,747 | 11,852 | 836 | 874 | 1,715 | 8,922 | 4,621 | 13,567 |
| 35-39 yrs | 7,444 | 3,689 | 11,149 | 954 | 932 | 1,886 | 8,398 | 4,621 | 13,035 |
| 40-44 yrs | 6,624 | 3,996 | 10,641 | 977 | 1,012 | 1,990 | 7,601 | 5,008 | 12,631 |
| 45-49 yrs | 7,395 | 5,227 | 12,635 | 1,255 | 1,266 | 2,526 | 8,650 | 6,493 | 15,161 |
| 50-54 yrs | 7,387 | 5,864 | 13,264 | 1,312 | 1,332 | 2,645 | 8,699 | 7,196 | 15,909 |
| 55-59 yrs | 7,056 | 5,552 | 12,627 | 1,119 | 1,106 | 2,229 | 8,175 | 6,658 | 14,856 |
| 60-64 yrs | 5,196 | 3,883 | 9,084 | 807 | 625 | 1,431 | 6,003 | 4,507 | 10,515 |
| 65+ years | 2,321 | 1,506 | 3,829 | 315 | 198 | 513 | 2,636 | 1,704 | 4,343 |
| **Total** | **70,463** | **42,351** | **112,978** | **8,620** | **8,578** | **17,218** | **79,083** | **50,930** | **130,195** |
|  |  | Note: totals include serious claims where industry is not stated. |

1. All tables available at Safe Work Australia, [Australia’s Workers’ Compensation Statistics](https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/doc/australian-workers-compensation-statistics-2020-2021), 2020-2021. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)