

Annex 1 to Australia's sixth periodic report under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Table 1¹

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
<i>Road transport</i>	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
<i>Agriculture</i>	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.

¹ All tables available at Safe Work Australia, [Australia's Workers' Compensation Statistics](#), 2020-2021.

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Table 2

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 3

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

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Table 4

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.