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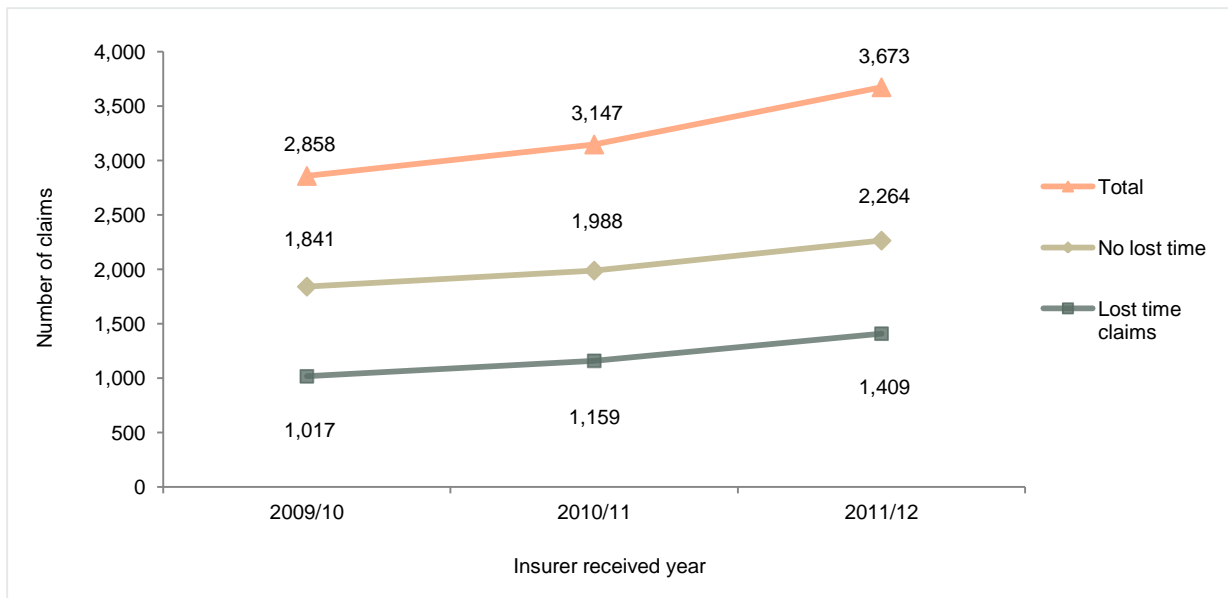
Mining claim numbers

Scheme statistics	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	Trend [^]
1.1.0 Number of claims* by days lost				
0 days	1,841	1,988	2,264	▲
1 - 4 days	115	142	166	▲
5 - 19 days	291	321	372	▲
20 - 59 days	286	293	349	▲
60 - 119 days	128	159	191	▲
120 - 179 days	54	62	75	▲
180+ days	143	182	256	▲
Total	2,858	3,147	3,673	▲

[^] Legend: ▲ Increasing ■ Stable ▼ Decreasing

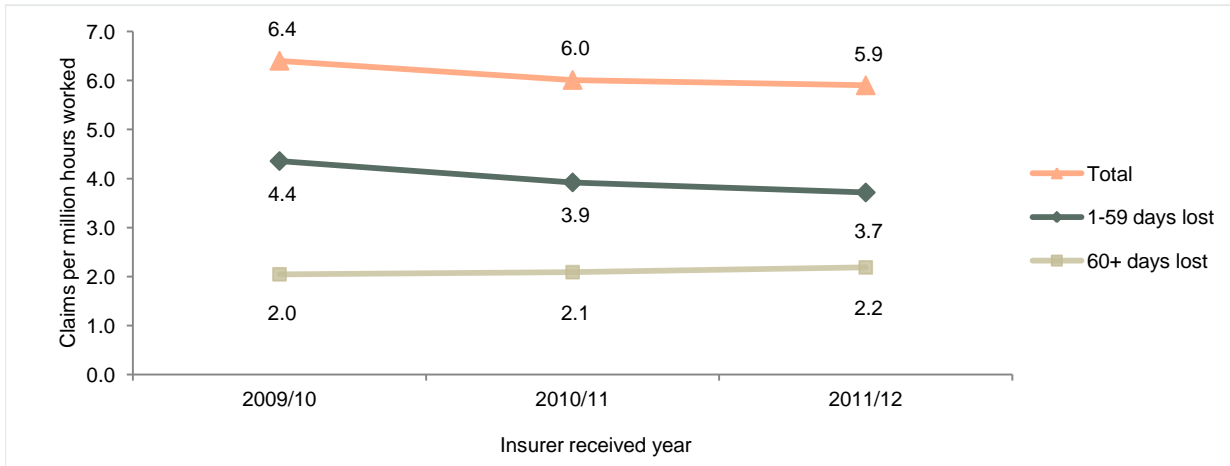
* Data for claim numbers and costs is subject to revision as claims mature.

1.1.1 Number of claims lodged by lost time

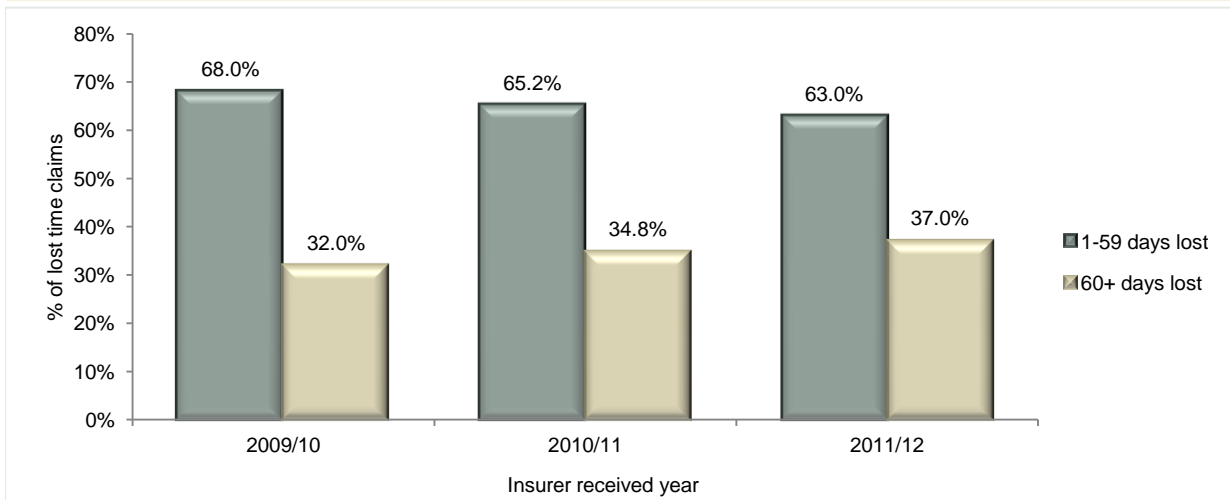


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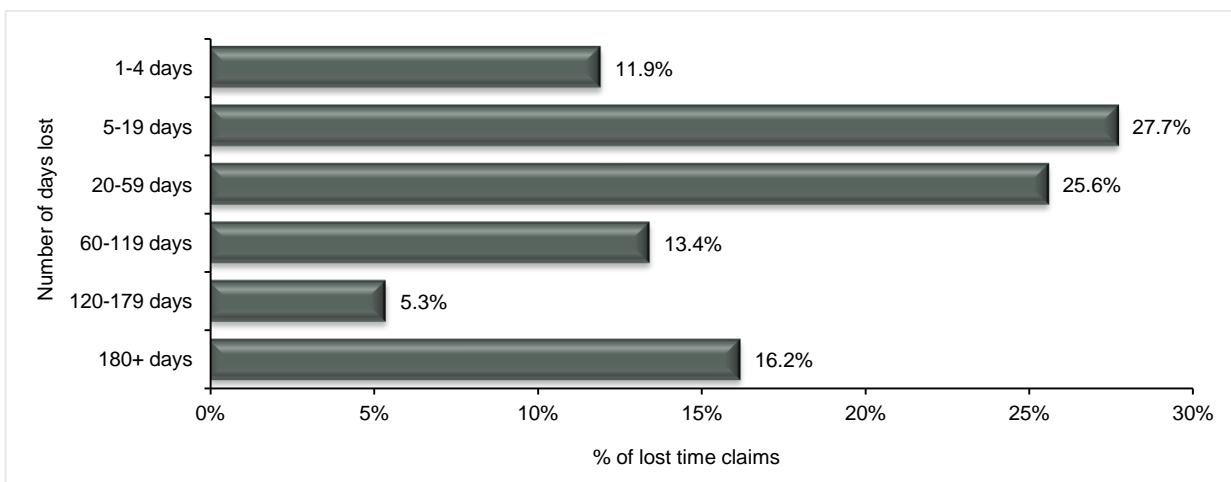
1.1.3 Frequency rate* of lost time claims



1.1.4 Percentage of lost time* claims by days lost group



1.1.5 Percentage of lost time claims by days lost group 2009/10 - 2011/12



* See Glossary for definition and explanation

Mining claim payments

Scheme statistics	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	Trend [^]
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1.2.0 Claim payments* (unadjusted)

Direct compensation* (\$m)

Income payment	26.09	28.12	32.81	▲
Lump sum - excl common law	10.39	10.86	11.55	▲
Common law payment	13.60	9.79	8.18	▼

Service payments* (\$m)

Medical and hospital	10.89	11.28	14.15	▲
Allied health & vocational rehabilitation	4.21	4.95	5.48	▲
Legal & miscellaneous payment	6.71	7.57	8.62	▲

Total	71.88	72.57	80.80	▲
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1.2.1 Claim payments* (adjusted)

Direct compensation (\$m)

Income payment	32.20	32.59	35.86	▲
Lump sum - excl common law	12.82	12.59	12.63	■
Common law payment	16.78	11.34	8.94	▼

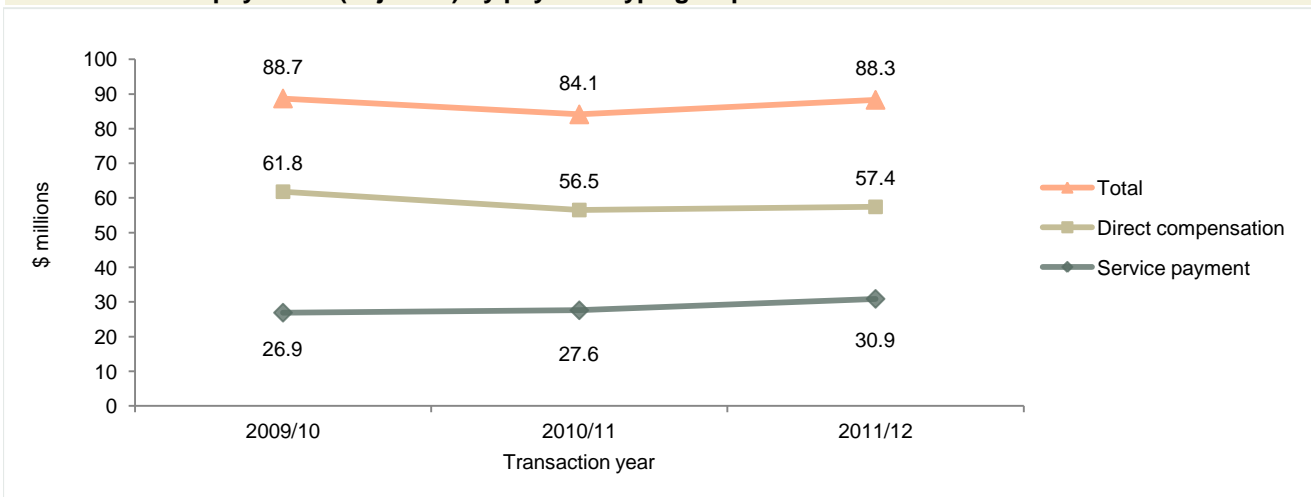
Service payments (\$m)

Medical and hospital	13.43	13.07	15.47	▲
Allied health & vocational rehabilitation	5.19	5.74	5.99	▲
Legal & miscellaneous payment	8.28	8.78	9.43	▲

Total	88.70	84.11	88.31	■
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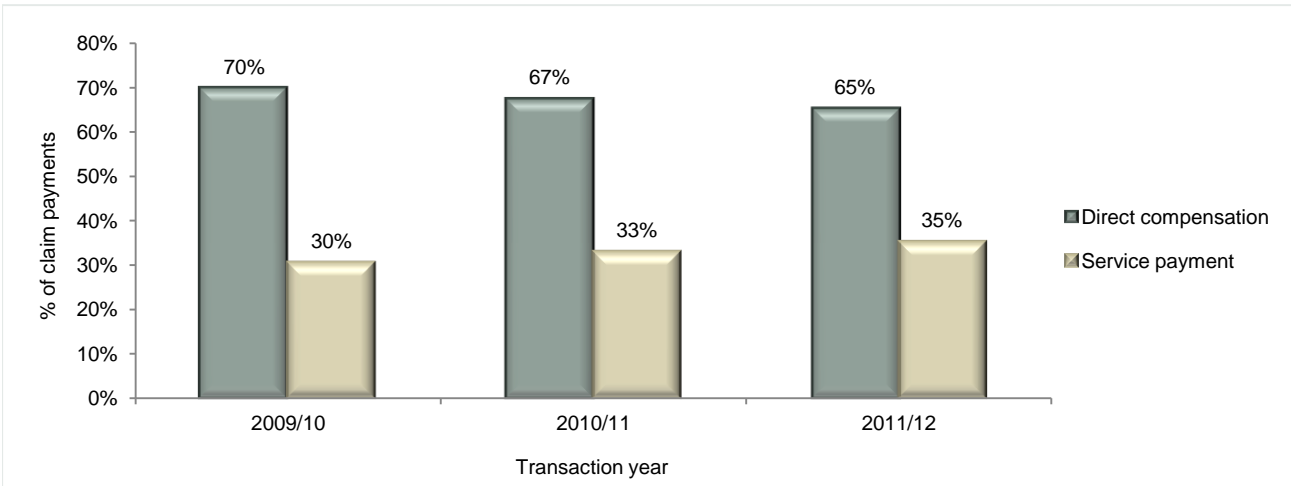
1.2.2 Total claim payments (adjusted) by payment type group



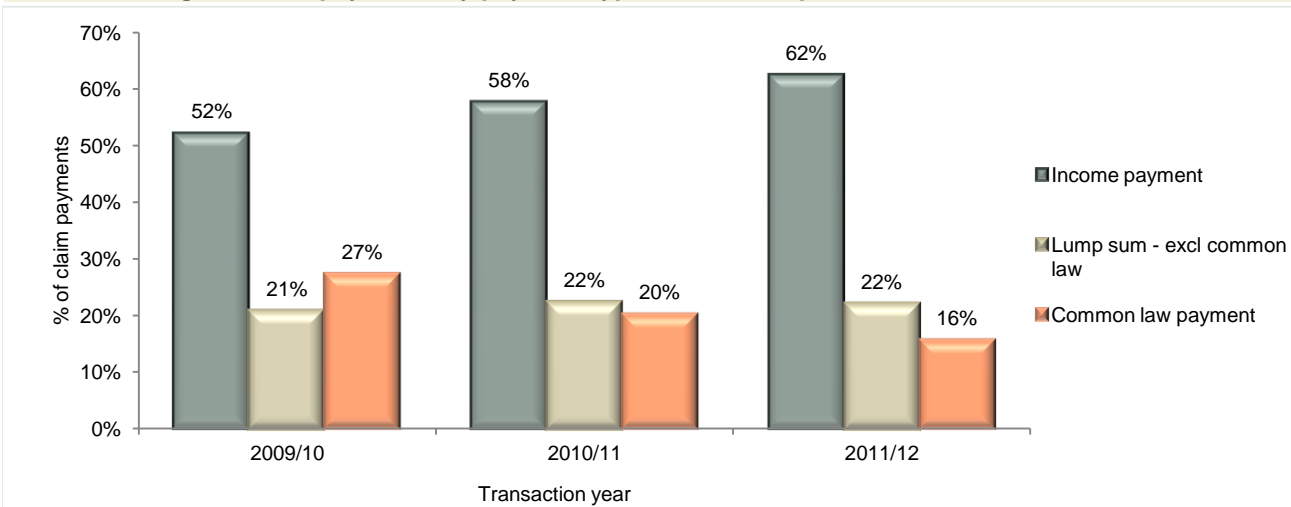
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Mining claim payments

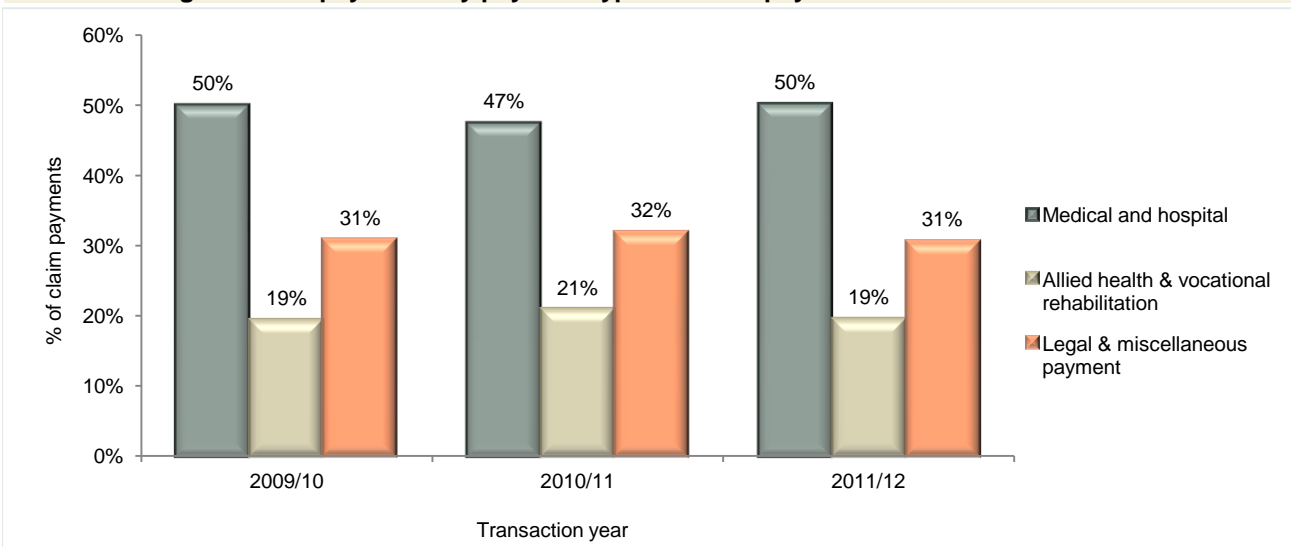
1.2.3 Percentage of claim payments by payment type group



1.2.4 Percentage of claim payments by payment type - Direct compensation



1.2.5 Percentage of claim payments by payment type - Service payments



Definitions

Claim count	The total number of claims (disallowed claims and journey claims between home and work are excluded) notified by insurers and exempt employers.
Claim payments	Claim payment information is collated based on the financial year during which payment was made, regardless of when the claim was lodged with the insurer (continued below).

In this report, claim payments are reported both in adjusted and unadjusted formats. In relation to the former, payments are adjusted for inflation to allow for meaningful comparisons over time.

Payment type groups are outlined below:

Direct compensation:

1. income payments (payments made for absences from work).
2. lump sum payments (including common law):
 - redemption payments made under Schedule 1
 - specific injury payments made under Schedule 2
 - fatal payments including funeral expenses
 - common law and other Acts payments.

Service payments:

1. medical and hospital payments:
 - medical practitioner and specialist payments (consultation and treatment expenses rendered by general practitioners and medical specialists)"
 - hospital expenses (hospital accommodation and hospital treatment)
2. allied health and vocational rehabilitation payments:
 - other treatment and appliance payments (comprises payments made under clauses 17(1)(3), (4), (5) and (6) of Schedule 1 of the Act, other than medical and hospital expenses)"
 - vocational rehabilitation payments (comprises payments made under clause 17 (1a) of Schedule 1 of the Act in respect of counselling, occupational training, work assessment, aids and appliances)"
3. legal and miscellaneous payments
 - legal expenses (comprises the cost of legal advice and representation incurred by approved insurers or exempt employers, witness fees and the costs of these services incurred by the worker where the approved insurer or exempt employer is ordered to meet the costs)"
 - miscellaneous (includes general items that do not fit in any other category, for example travelling, meals and lodgings, under clause 19 of Schedule 1)."

Frequency Rate	Frequency rate is the number of lost-time claims per million hours worked and indicates the prevalence of workers' compensation claims. It is based on the number of hours worked by employed persons in Western Australia as supplied by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
Lost-time claims	Lost-time claims are claims for which the injury or disease results in an absence from work of at least one day or shift.
Industry	Industry is reported using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006.