

FOOT INJURIES

IN THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WORKERS' COMPENSATION SCHEME

TYPES OF INJURIES/DISEASES

There were 809 foot injury claims lodged in the WA workers' compensation scheme in 2020/21, accounting for only 3% of claims. The number of work-related foot injuries decreased by 37% over the last decade, from 1,291 to 809 claims.

In 2020/21, the most common types of claims involving the foot were...



38% Fractures 29%

Traumatic joint/ligament & muscle/tendon injury



25%

Wounds, lacerations, amputations

CLAIMS



LOST-TIME CLAIMS

554

had an absence of a day/shift or more off work

NO LOST-TIME CLAIMS

255

had treatment and expenses only

FOOT INJURIES IN DETAIL

In 2020/21, injuries to the foot involved...

79% Foot only 639 claims Toes only 165 claims Multiple & unspecified 5 claims

TOP INDUSTRY DIVISIONS



13%

Education & training



11%

Health care & social assistance



11%

Manufacturing

TOP OCCUPATION GROUPS



21%

Technicians & trades workers



21%

Labourers



17%

Machinery operators & drivers

Foot injuries are classified under the Type of Occurrence Classification System (TOOCS) bodily locations code 56.