

HAND INJURIES

IN THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN WORKERS' COMPENSATION SCHEME

TYPES OF INJURIES/DISEASES

There were 4,615 hand injury claims lodged in the WA workers' compensation scheme in 2020/21, accounting for 18% of claims. The number of work-related hand injuries decreased by 37% over the last decade, from 7,292 to 4,615 claims.

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



60%

Wounds,
lacerations,
amputations



18%

Fractures



13%

Traumatic
joint/ligament &
muscle/tendon
injury

CLAIMS



LOST-TIME CLAIMS

2,360

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

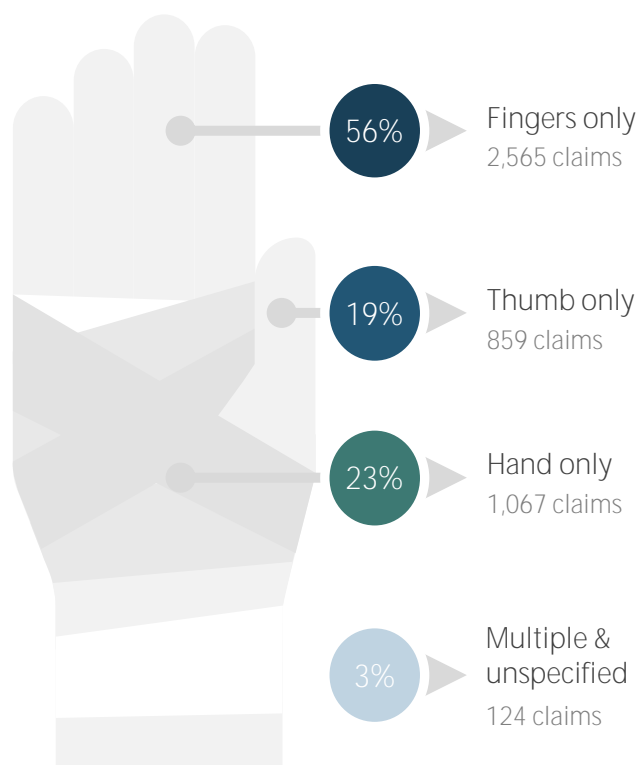
NO LOST-TIME CLAIMS

2,255

had treatment and
expenses only

HAND INJURIES IN DETAIL

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



TOP INDUSTRY DIVISIONS



17%

Manufacturing



14%

Construction



10%

Mining

TOP OCCUPATION GROUPS



39%

Technicians &
trades workers



23%

Labourers



12%

Machinery
operators &
drivers

Hand injuries are classified under the Type of Occurrence Classification System (TOOCS) bodily locations code 46.