

# Occupational Health Profile, 2008–2012

## Douglas County Health Department

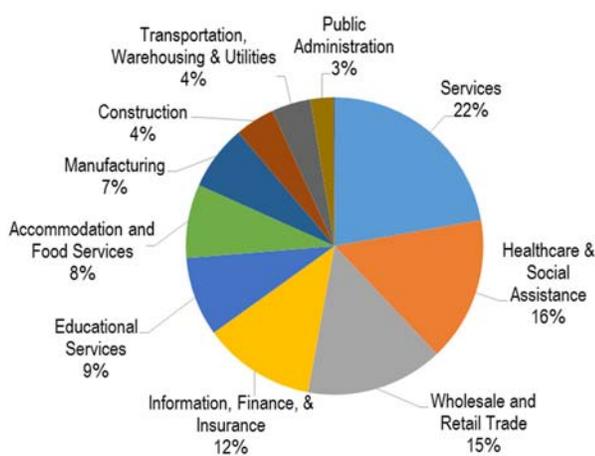
### WORK AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- Work is one the most important determinants of a persons' health.
- A safe and healthy workforce benefits Nebraska's overall health and economy.
- The Nebraska Occupational Safety and Health Surveillance Program tracks work-related injuries, illnesses and hazards.
- Occupational health surveillance helps identify worker health trends, detect emerging hazards, and develop prevention strategies with the goal of reducing work-related injuries and illnesses.

### WORKFORCE

- In 2012, there were 268,459 employed persons residing in the Douglas County Health Department jurisdiction. <sup>1</sup>
- The services industry employed 22% of workers and was the county's largest employing sector. <sup>2</sup>

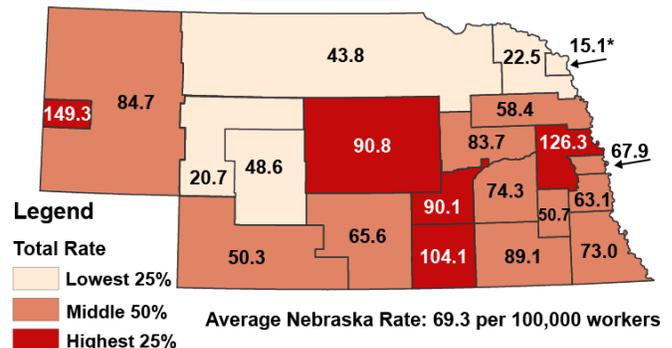
Distribution of LHD workforce by industry, 2012 <sup>2</sup>



\*LHD=Local Health Department

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Average rate of work-related inpatient hospitalizations per 100,000 workers, LHD regions, 2008–2012 <sup>3</sup>



\* Rate does not reflect patients treated in out-of-state hospitals

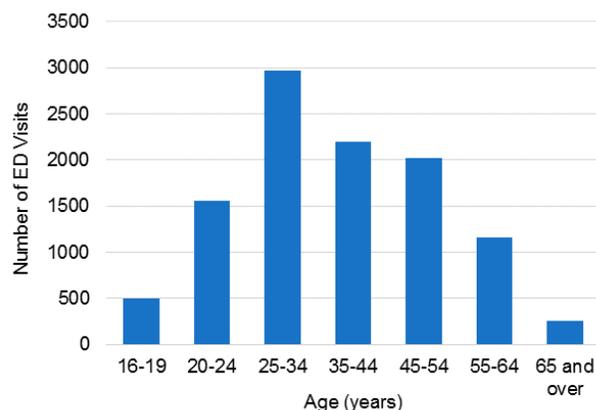
### INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 892 inpatient hospitalizations due to work-related injury or illness. <sup>3</sup>
- The work-related inpatient hospitalization rate was 67.9 per 100,000 workers and was lower than the overall Nebraska rate of 69.3. <sup>3</sup>

### EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 10,657 emergency department visits due to work-related injury or illness. <sup>4</sup>
- The average work-related emergency department (ED) visit rate was 810.9 cases per 100,000 workers and was higher than the overall Nebraska rate of 716.2. <sup>4</sup>
- Workers aged 25-34 years old experienced the most work-related ED visits. <sup>4</sup>

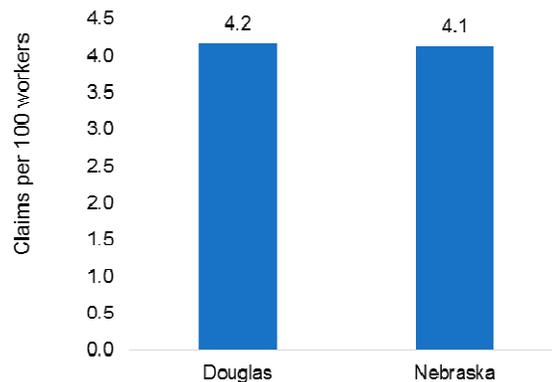
Work-related ED visits by age group, LHD, 2008–2012 <sup>4</sup>



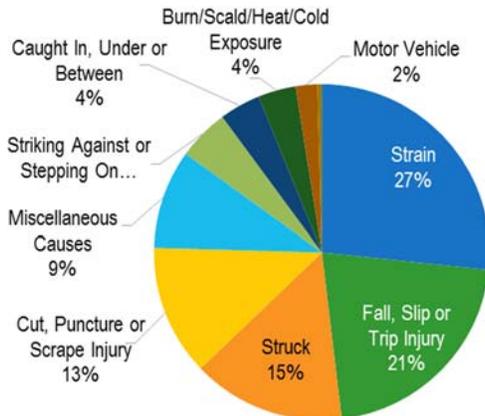
## WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 54,882 injuries and illnesses reported to workers' compensation. <sup>5</sup>
- The workers' compensation claim rate was 4.2 claims per 100 workers, which was slightly higher than the overall Nebraska rate of 4.1. <sup>5</sup>
- Strains were the most common cause of injury, representing 27% workers' compensation claims. <sup>5</sup>
- The most common types of injuries/illnesses reported were strain, contusion, and laceration. <sup>5</sup>

Average workers' compensation claim rate, LHD and Nebraska, 2008–2012 <sup>5</sup>



Percent of LHD workers' compensation claims by cause of injury, 2008–2012 <sup>5</sup>



Top 10 types of injury among LHD workers' compensation claims, Nebraska, 2008–2012 <sup>5</sup>

Type of Injury	Number	Percent
Strain	15,243	27.8
Contusion	9,670	17.6
Laceration	8,076	14.7
Sprain	3,956	7.2
Specific Injury (not classifiable)	3,476	6.3
Puncture	2,437	4.4
Fracture	1,860	3.4
Foreign Body	1,548	2.8
Burn	1,391	2.5
Inflammation	1,287	2.4

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## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RESOURCES

- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>
- State-based Occupational Health Surveillance Clearinghouse  
<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/niosh-survapps/statedocs/>
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)  
<http://www.osha.gov>
- Nebraska Safety Council  
<https://www.nesafetycouncil.org/>
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE)  
<http://www.cste.org/group/OHOverview>.

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