

# Occupational Health Profile, 2008–2012

## Loup Basin Public Health Department

Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, Valley, and Wheeler Counties

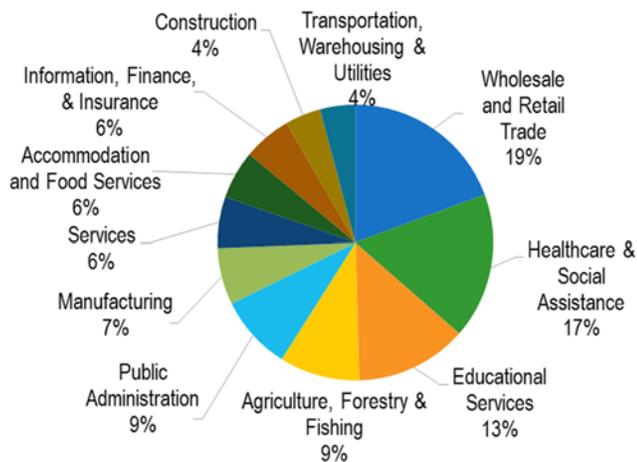
### WORK AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- Work is one of the most important determinants of a person's 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 17,884 employed persons residing in the Loup Basin Public Health Department jurisdiction <sup>1</sup>
- The wholesale and retail trade industry employed 19% of workers and was the largest employing sector. <sup>2</sup>

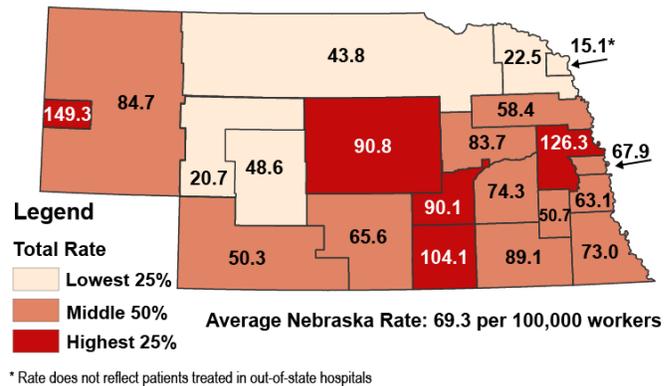
Distribution of LHD workforce by industry, 2012 <sup>2</sup>



\*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>



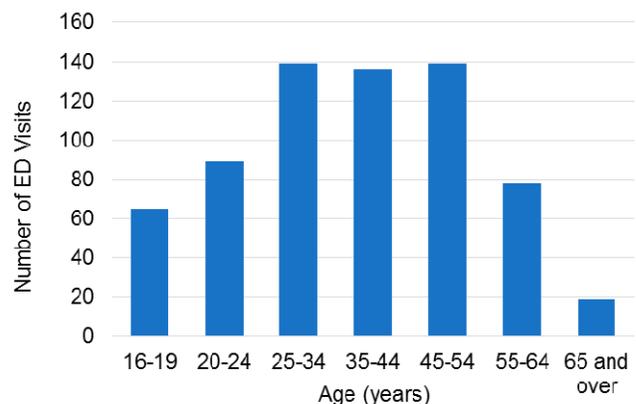
### INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 79 inpatient hospitalizations due to work-related injury or illness. <sup>3</sup>
- The work-related inpatient hospitalization rate was 90.8 per 100,000 workers and was higher than the overall Nebraska rate of 69.3. <sup>3</sup>

### EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 665 emergency department visits due to work-related injury or illness. <sup>4</sup>
- The average work-related emergency department (ED) visit rate was 764.5 cases per 100,000 workers and was higher than the overall Nebraska rate of 716.2. <sup>4</sup>
- Workers aged 25-34 and 45-54 years old experienced the most work-related ED visits. <sup>4</sup>

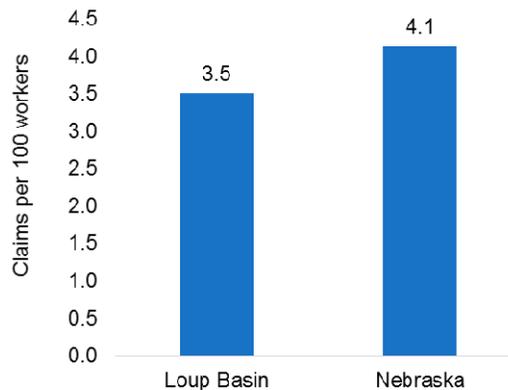
Work-related ED visits by age group, LHD, 2008–2012 <sup>4</sup>



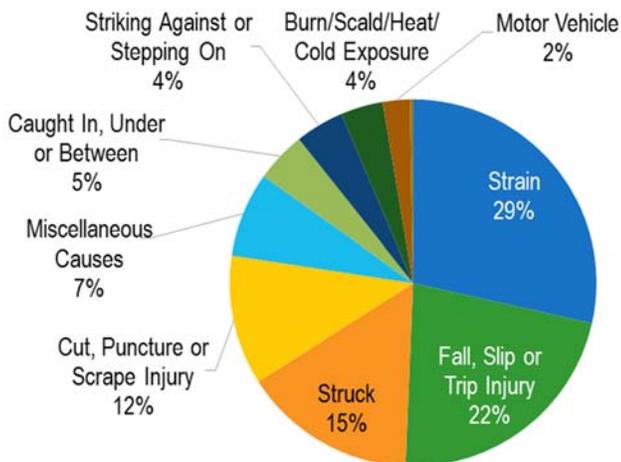
## WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 3,050 injuries and illnesses reported to workers' compensation. <sup>5</sup>
- The workers' compensation claim rate was 3.5 claims per 100 workers, which was lower than the overall Nebraska rate of 4.1. <sup>5</sup>
- Strains were the most common cause of injury, representing 29% workers' compensation claims. <sup>5</sup>
- The most common types of injuries/illnesses reported were strain, laceration, and contusion. <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	920	30.2
Laceration	432	14.2
Contusion	375	12.3
Specific Injuries-not classifiable	245	8.0
Sprain	228	7.5
Fracture	179	5.9
Foreign Body	95	3.1
Puncture	93	3.1
Multiple Physical Injuries Only	89	2.9
Burn	81	2.7

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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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