

Occupational Health Profile, 2008–2012

Scotts Bluff County Health Department

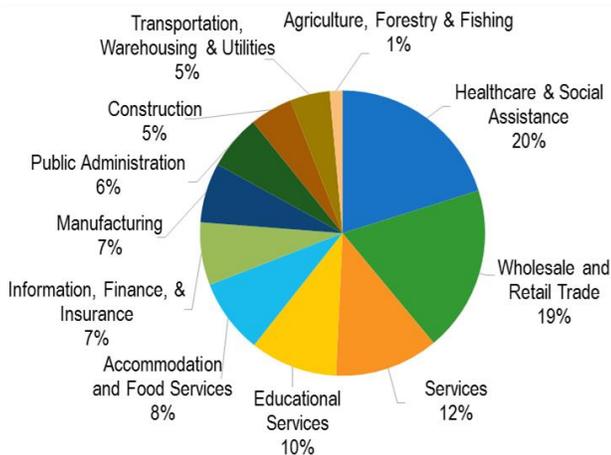
WORK AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- 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 18,706 employed persons residing in Scotts Bluff County. ¹
- The healthcare and social assistance industry employed 20% of workers and was the largest employing sector. ²

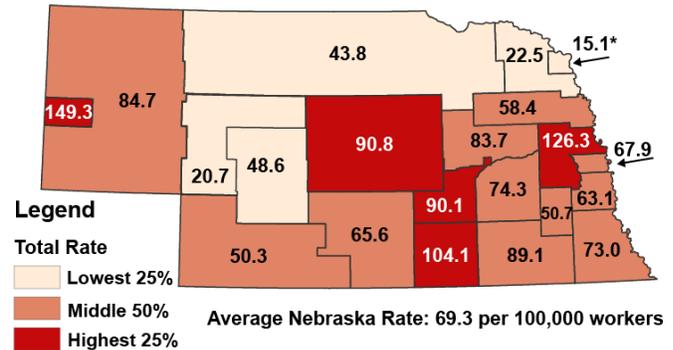
Distribution of LHD workforce by industry, 2012 ²



*LHD=Local Health Department

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



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

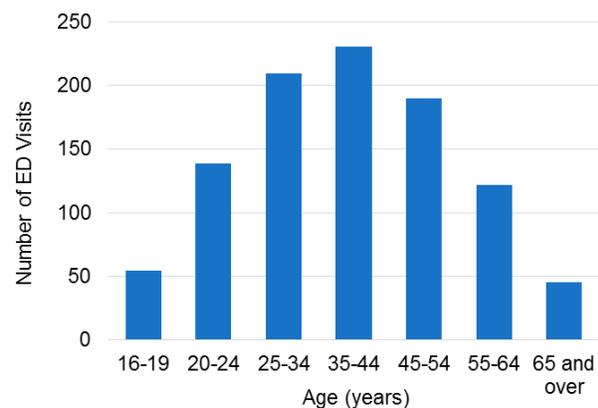
INPATIENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 139 inpatient hospitalizations due to work-related injury or illness. ³
- The work-related inpatient hospitalization rate was 149.3 per 100,000 workers and was higher than the overall Nebraska rate of 69.3. ³

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 991 emergency department visits due to work-related injury or illness. ⁴
- The average work-related emergency department (ED) visit rate was 1,064.3 cases per 100,000 workers and was higher than the overall Nebraska rate of 716.2. ⁴
- Workers aged 35-44 years old experienced the most work-related ED visits. ⁴

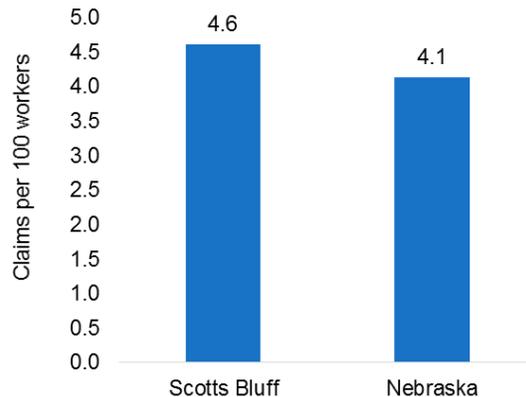
Work-related ED visits by age group, LHD, 2008–2012 ⁴



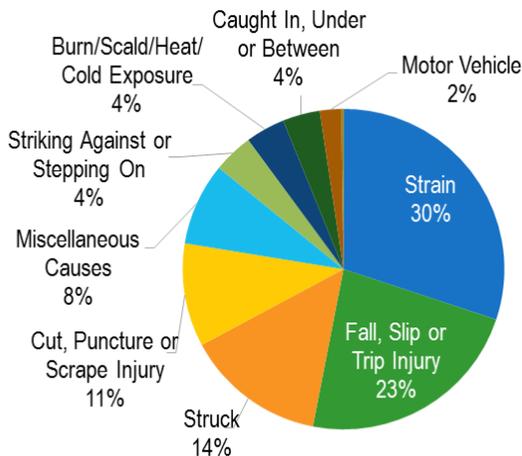
WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS

- From 2008 to 2012, there were 4,297 injuries and illnesses reported to workers' compensation. ⁵
- The workers' compensation claim rate was 4.6 claims per 100 workers, which was higher than the overall Nebraska rate of 4.1. ⁵
- Strains were the most common cause of injury, representing 30% workers' compensation claims. ⁵
- The most common types of injuries/illnesses reported were strain, contusion, and laceration. ⁵

Average workers' compensation claim rate, LHD and Nebraska, 2008–2012 ⁵



Percent of LHD workers' compensation claims by cause of injury, 2008–2012 ⁵



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

Type of Injury	Number	Percent
Strain	1,360	31.7
Contusion	585	13.6
Laceration	567	13.2
Specific Injuries-not classifiable	357	8.3
Sprain	315	7.3
Fracture	175	4.1
Puncture	152	3.5
Inflammation	129	3.0
Foreign Body	119	2.8
Burn	100	2.3

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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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