

- 13% of all compensable claims in trucking
- Cost over \$32 million
- Accounted for over 157,000 days of work time lost
- Drivers made up only 64% of struck by compensable injuries



Median medical costs by occupation

The median cost for management occupations' struck by or against injuries was over \$9,000. The median medical cost for drivers was about \$3,400. The lowest median medical cost for struck by injuries was for material handlers at about \$2,000 (Figure 16).

Figure 16. Compensable claim median cost and medical cost for struck by or against injuries by occupation, 2006-2012

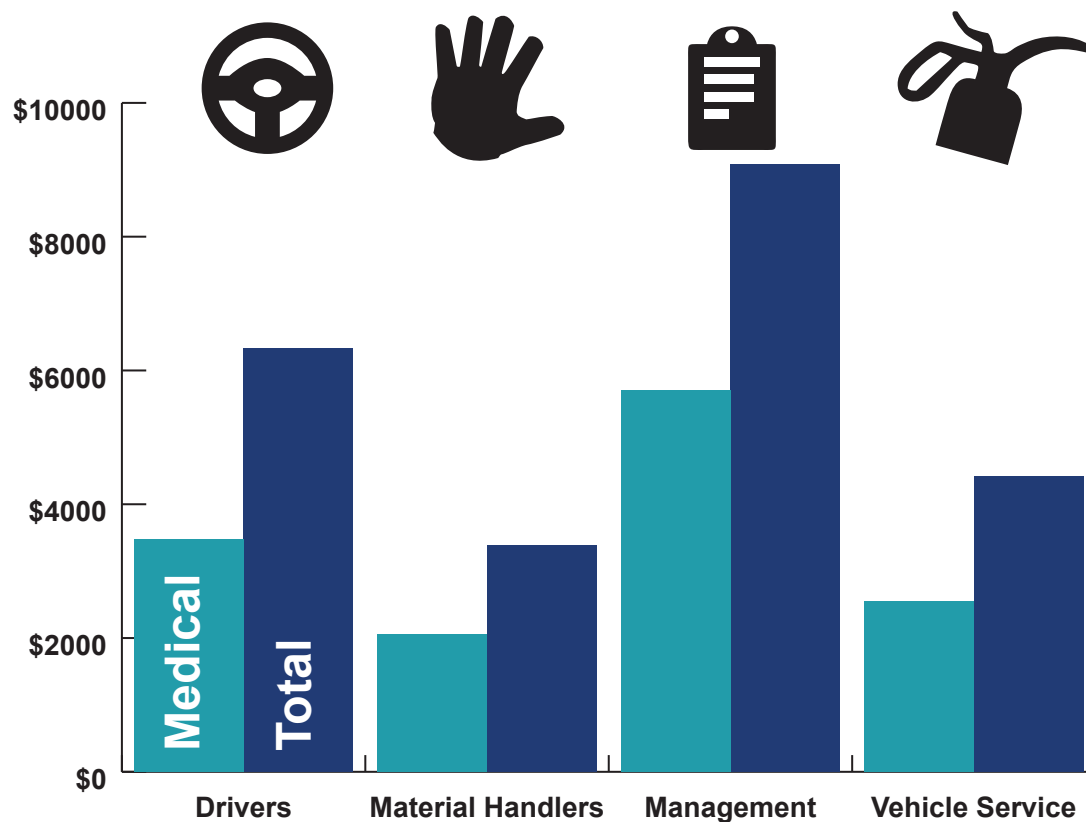
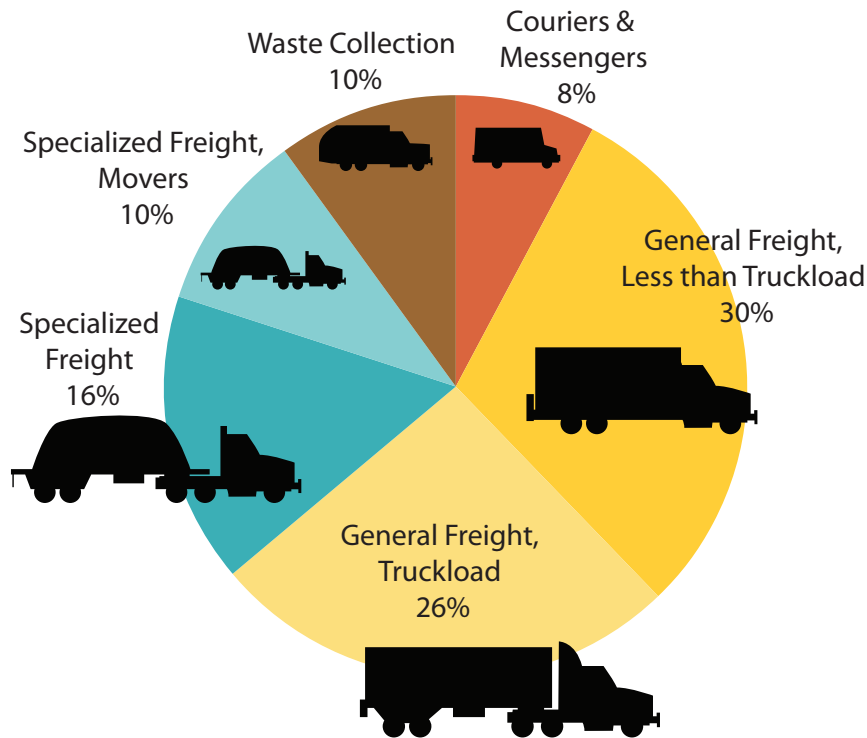


Figure 17. Percent of struck by or against injuries by trucking sector



Struck by or against injuries were pretty evenly divided between Less than Truckload and Truckload, with Less than Truckload having the highest proportion (30%).

The most common injury activity in this category was:

- **Unloading cargo – either pallets fell on workers or other unsecured cargo fell on workers.**

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I was unloading the trailer at a customer site when a case of heavy product fell from the top of the load hitting me in the shoulder.

I was unloading freight. As I turned to put a box on the rollers the wall of boxes behind me fell on top of me.

As I opened the rear door on the trailer the top pallet fell out on top of me.

While delivering boxes I slipped and fell dropping boxes that weighed about 100 lbs. on my hand. Bones in my hand were fractured.

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