

## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT BLURBS

Table (source of blurb data)

- 1,2 From 2002 to 2011, Colorado's average annual employment increased by about 2% yet the number of lost-time claims filed has decreased by about 26%.
- 4 Injuries to the lower back area are the highest percentage (14.9%) of lost-time claims.
- 5 Strains and sprains are approximately 49% of the lost-time claims filed.
- Fig 9 The percentage of claims caused by all types of sprains, or injuries by strain, rose 9% from 2002-2011, while the rate of claims for sprains, or injuries by strain, decreased by 0.2 per 1000 employed.
- 8 Accidents involving a motor vehicle are the cause of injury in about 3% of the lost-time claims.
- 8 Lifting, the most frequent cause of sprains, or injuries by strain, contributes to the greatest number of lost-time claims filed.
- 9 The Transportation and Warehousing NAICS sector has the highest rate of lost-time claims per 1000 employed.
- 10 The NAICS sub-sector, Air Transportation, has the highest rate of claims at 38.7 per 1,000 employed.
- 11 Females file claims at a higher rate than males for injuries to: the wrist, multiple body parts, and multiple upper extremities and nonclassifiable body parts.
- 13 The greatest percentage of claims for females is in the Health Care and Social Assistance sector, while for males it is a tie between the Public Administration and Retail Trade sectors. This difference may merely reflect the gender distribution of the work force.
- 16 Both males and females, aged 40-49 years, file the greatest percentage of lost-time claims.
- 17 Approximately 28% of lost-time claims were denied in 2011.
- 22,7 Accidents involving motor vehicles were the cause of death in 33% of fatal claims filed, but were only about 3% of all lost-time injury claims filed.
- 23 Public Administration is the industry sector with both the highest number of fatal claims and the highest rate of fatal claims in 2011. (See Table 10 for job classifications included under this category.)
- 24 In 2011, the greatest percentage of fatal claims was for workers 50-59 years.
- 28 In 2011, Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance occupations had the highest number of fatal claims filed. This is a different coding system than that used for industry sectors (NAICS).

- 31 On average, claimants represented by attorneys receive larger settlements. This difference is due to a number of factors, including the fact that attorneys are more likely to represent claimants with more serious injuries.