

Workers' Compensation Claims

Important: Explanatory notes about the claims data

p Data for 2017–18 is preliminary and will be subjected to upwards revision when new data is available.

Serious claims are defined as accepted workers compensation claims which have resulted in one or more working weeks lost (excluding fatalities and journey claims).

Accepted workers' compensation claims exclude journey claims.

.. Cell combination has zero claims.

n.p. Data suppressed due to confidentiality restrictions.

Claim numbers are rounded to the nearest five to help protect confidential information so totals may be different to the sums of columns.

Lodgement Year is all workers' compensation claims lodged between 1 July and 30 June.

Source: Safe Work Australia's National Data-Set for Compensation-based Statistics

2018-19 data has not been finalised and will not be published until late 2020.

Table 1: Number of accepted workers' compensation claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry in Australia, 2010-11 to 2017-18p

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18p
All accepted workers' compensation claims	5,055	4,710	4,255	3,900	3,785	3,345	3,090	2,930

Table 2: Number of serious claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry in Australia, 2010-11 to 2017-18p

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18p
Serious claims	2,380	2,215	2,005	1,860	1,710	1,515	1,475	1,395

Table 3: Median time lost from work for serious claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry in Australia, 2010-11 to 2017-18p

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18p
Median time lost (working weeks)	4.2	4.5	3.9	4.0	3.9	4.0	5.0	4.8

Table 4: Median compensation paid for serious claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry in Australia, 2010-11 to 2017-18p

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18p
Median compensation paid	\$6,100	\$6,000	\$6,600	\$6,700	\$8,200	\$9,100	\$10,500	\$10,000

Table 5: Number of accepted claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by age-group in Australia, 2017-18p

Age-groups	2017-18p
<20 years	155

20-24 years	420
25-29 years	460
30-34 years	350
35-39 years	320
40-44 years	285
45-49 years	325
50-54 years	235
55-59 years	205
60-64 years	120
65 years and over	60
Total	2930

Table 6: Number of accepted claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by occupation in Australia, 2017-18p

Occupation (Major groups & Sub-major groups)	2017-18p
Clerical and administrative workers	30
Clerical and office support workers	np
General clerical workers	np
Numerical clerks	np
Office managers and program administrators	np
Other clerical and administrative workers	25
Community and personal service workers	105
Carers and aides	np
Health and welfare support workers	10
Hospitality workers	np
Sports and personal service workers	80
Community and personal service workers not stated	10
Labourers	2300
Cleaners and laundry workers	45
Construction and mining labourers	50
Factory process workers	1835
Farm, forestry and garden workers	50
Food preparation assistants	10
Other labourers	315

Machinery operators and drivers	145
Machine and stationary plant operators	20
Mobile plant operators	30
Road and rail drivers	55
Storepersons	35
Machinery operators and drivers not stated	5
Managers	60
Chief executives, general managers and legislators	5
Farmers and farm managers	20
Hospitality, retail and service managers	5
Specialist managers	30
Professionals	10
Business, human resource and marketing professionals	10
Design, engineering, science and transport professionals	np
Ict professionals	np
Sales workers	20
Sales assistants and salespersons	10
Sales representatives and agents	np
Sales support workers	np
Technicians and trades workers	200
Automotive and engineering trades workers	55
Construction trades workers	5
Electrotechnology and telecommunications trades workers	15
Engineering, ict and science technicians	15
Food trades workers	105
Other technicians and trades workers	10
Occupation not stated	55
Total	2930

Table 7: Number of accepted claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by nature of injury or disease in Australia, 2017-18p

Nature of injury or disease	2017-18p
Burn	70
Circulatory system diseases	np

Digestive system diseases	50
Fractures	155
Infectious and parasitic diseases	15
Injury to nerves and spinal cord	np
Intracranial injuries	10
Mental disorders	30
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue diseases	460
Nervous system and sense organ diseases	140
Other claims	np
Other diseases	np
Other injuries	130
Respiratory system diseases	np
Skin and subcutaneous tissue diseases	15
Traumatic joint/ligament and muscle/tendon injury	1050
Wounds, lacerations, amputations and internal organ damage	975
Total	2930

Table 8: Number of accepted claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by bodily location in Australia, 2017-18p

Bodily location (Major groups & Sub-groups)	2017-18p
Head	175
Cranium	25
Ear	45
Eye	45
Face, not elsewhere specified	25
Head - unspecified locations	15
Head- multiple locations	5
Mouth	10
Nose	10
Lower limbs	440
Ankle	70
Foot and toes	90
Hip	15

Knee	165
Lower leg	40
Lower limb - multiple locations	15
Lower limb - unspecified locations	np
Upper leg	45
Multiple locations	75
Head and neck	np
Head and other	5
Neck and shoulder	15
Neck and trunk	5
Other specified multiple locations	20
Trunk and limbs	15
Unspecified multiple locations	np
Upper and lower limbs	5
Neck	30
Neck	30
Non-physical locations	30
Psychological system	30
Systemic locations	10
Circulatory system	np
Genitourinary system	np
Other and multiple systemic conditions	5
Respiratory system	np
Unspecified systemic conditions	np
Trunk	535
Abdomen and pelvic region	65
Back - upper or lower	410
Chest (thorax)	55
Trunk - multiple locations	5
Trunk - unspecified locations	np
Unspecified locations	55
Unspecified locations	55
Upper limbs	1575

Elbow	115
Forearm	110
Hand, fingers and thumb	705
Shoulder	320
Upper arm	35
Upper limb - multiple locations	50
Upper limb - unspecified locations	10
Wrist	230
Total	2930

Table 9: Number of accepted claims in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by mechanism of injury or disease in Australia,-2017-18p

Mechanism (Major groups & Sub-groups)	2017-18p
Being hit by moving objects	530
Being assaulted by a person or persons	5
Being bitten by an animal	np
Being hit by a person accidentally	20
Being hit by an animal	45
Being hit by falling objects	95
Being hit by moving or flying objects	255
Being trapped between stationary and moving objects	70
Being trapped by moving machinery or equipment	45
Biological factors	15
Contact with, or exposure to, biological factors of non-human origin	10
Contact with, or exposure to, biological factors of unknown origin	np
Body stressing	1200
Muscular stress while handling objects	545
Muscular stress while lifting, carrying, or putting down objects	380
Muscular stress with no objects being handled	80
Repetitive movement, low muscle loading	190
Chemicals and other substances	25
Long term contact with chemicals or substances	np
Other and unspecified contact with chemical or substance	5
Single contact with chemical or substance	15

Falls, trips and slips of a person	330
Falls from a height	70
Falls on the same level	235
Stepping, kneeling or sitting on objects	25
Heat, electricity and other environmental factors	65
Contact with cold objects	np
Contact with electricity	10
Contact with hot objects	50
Exposure to environmental cold	np
Exposure to other and unspecified environmental factors	np
Hitting objects with a part of the body	460
Hitting moving objects	335
Hitting stationary objects	120
Rubbing and chafing	5
Mental stress	25
Exposure to a traumatic event	np
Exposure to workplace or occupational violence	np
Other harassment	np
Other mental stress factors	np
Work pressure	np
Work related harassment and/or workplace bullying	10
Mental stress not stated	5
Sound and pressure	45
Explosion	np
Long term exposure to sounds	40
Vehicle incidents and other	240
Other and multiple mechanisms of incident	55
Unspecified mechanisms of incident	165
Vehicle accident	20
Total	2930

Worker fatalities

Important: Explanatory notes about this data

The fatality data includes all persons:

- who were traumatically fatally injured, and
- whose injuries resulted from work activity or exposures, and
- whose injuries occurred in an incident that took place in Australian territories or territorial waters.

The data in this document has been restricted to the workers who were employed in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry (as classified under the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification, 2006 (ANZSIC). For more information about this industry or the ANZSIC classification system, please refer to the [Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification](#).

.. Cell combination has zero fatalities.

Source: Safe Work Australia's Work-Related Traumatic Injury Fatalities data set. The data set currently includes data from 2003 to 2018.

For explanatory notes on the TIF, please refer to the [Explanatory notes for Safe Work Australia datasets](#).

Table 1: Number of worker fatalities in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry in Australia, 2003 to 2018

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
No. of fatalities	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	..	17

Due to the small numbers of fatalities in the industry, the following tables have been provided as a combined total for the period (2003 to 2018)

Table 2: Number of worker fatalities in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by location of death in Australia, 2003 to 2018 (combined)

State/Territory	No. of fatalities
Queensland	5
Victoria	5
New South Wales	3
Western Australia	3
South Australia	1
Northern Territory	..
Tasmania	..
Australian Capital Territory	..
Total	17

Table 3: Number of worker fatalities in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by age group in Australia, 2003 to 2018 (combined)

Age Group	No. of fatalities
15-24	5
25-34	3
35-44	5
45-54	3
55-64	1
Total	17

Table 4: Number of worker fatalities in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by Occupation in Australia, 2003 to 2018 (combined)

ANZSCO (Major groups)	No. of fatalities
Labourers	11
Machinery Operators and Drivers	3
Technicians and Trades Workers	3
Total	17

Note: For more information on the occupations please refer to the [Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations \(ANZSCO\)](#)

Table 5: Number of worker fatalities in the Meat and meat product manufacturing industry by mechanism of incident in Australia, 2003 to 2018 (combined)

Mechanism (Major groups)	No. of fatalities
Vehicle incident	5
Being trapped by moving machinery	4
Being hit by falling objects	2
Rollover of non-road vehicle	1
Hitting moving objects	1
Falls on the same level	1
Falls from a height	1
Being trapped between stationary and i	1
Being assaulted by a person or persons	1
Total	17

Note: The mechanism of incident classification identifies the overall action, exposure or event that best describes the circumstances that resulted in the most serious injury. More information can be found in the [Type of Occurrence Classification System \(TOOCS\), 3rd Edition](#).