Asbestos related claims 2010-11 to 2014-15





Asbestos disorders claimed







37%

32%

9%

Mesothelioma

Asbestosis

Exposure to substance without injury or disease apparent

Industries



Construction



24% 20%

Manufacturing

9%

Public administration and safety

Occupations most at risk







44%

Technicians and trades workers (formal qualification)

20%

Labourers

10%

Machinery operators and drivers

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

Note: Broadly disease claims, including asbestos-related diseases, are under-represented because many diseases result from long-term exposure to agents or have long latency periods, which makes the link between the work-related disease and the workplace difficult to establish. In addition many mesothelioma cases are compensated through mechanisms other than workers' compensation.

