

Other injuries include a mixed bag of non-specific injury occurrences. While they account for almost 23% of the injuries during this study period, there is little to say about these injuries because the causes were so varied.

In general though, other injuries occurred mostly as “bodily motion” injuries such as being jarred or jerked around or painful tweaks from lifting, pushing or pulling too hard on objects.

Drivers accounted for about 73% of ‘Other’ injuries with a median cost of about \$7,700 per claim (Figure 20).

Figure 20. Compensable claim median cost and medical cost for other injuries by occupation, 2006-2012

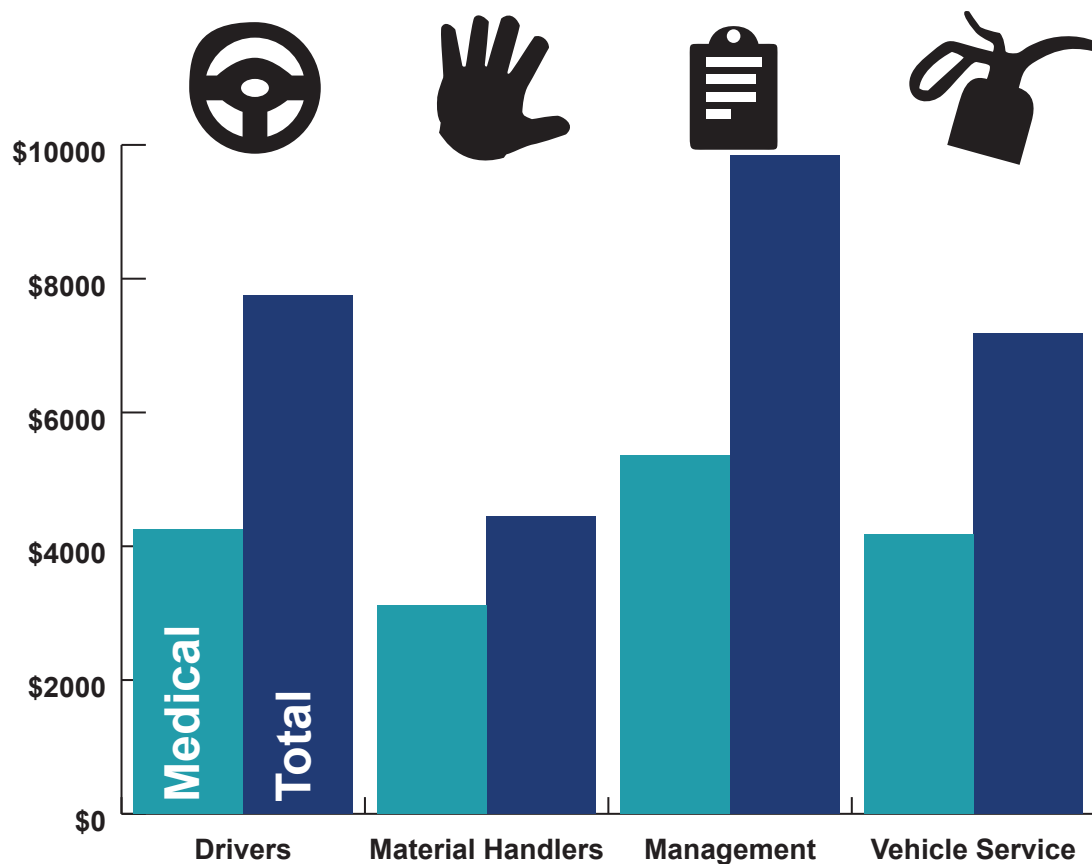


Figure 21. Percent of other injuries by trucking sector

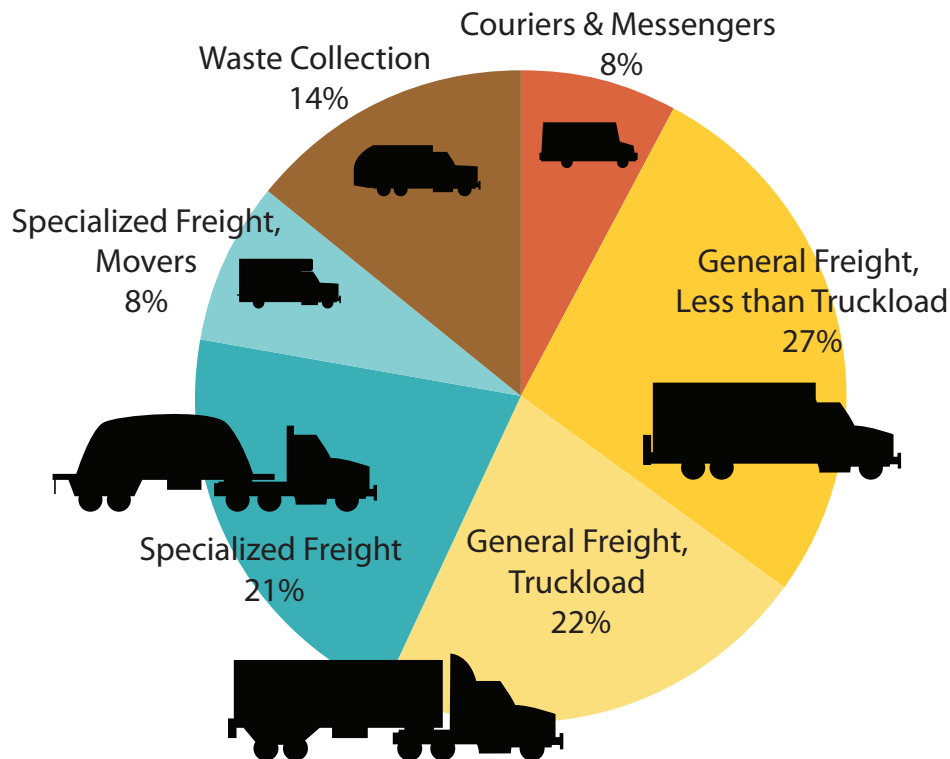


Figure 21 depicts General Freight, Less than Truckload at the highest percentage of other injury types at 27%. At 14%, Waste Collection claimed the highest percentage of injury types for its sector, just nosing out strain, sprain or overexertion which was shown at 13% (p. 27, Figure 11).

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Bent down to open door on the back of the trailer, it would not open. Then I used the hook to try to pull the door. I immediately felt something in my lower back pull.

Driving flatbed truck and handling winch bar and straps loading and unloading injured back.

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