

- Accounted for 10% of all compensable claims in trucking
- Median cost of \$10,700
- Over 162,600 days of time-loss



While drivers have the highest count of fall on the same level injuries (they are the largest occupational group), vehicle service technicians had by far the highest median claim cost and medical portion cost, among the occupational groups. Drivers had the lowest median claim cost among all the occupational groups (Figure 14).

The highest median cost for both claim total (medical and time-loss payments) and medical costs alone were for vehicle service technicians, (\$31,005 and \$13,050 respectively) (Figure 14).

Figure 14. Compensable claim median cost and medical cost for fall on the same level injuries by occupation, 2006-2012

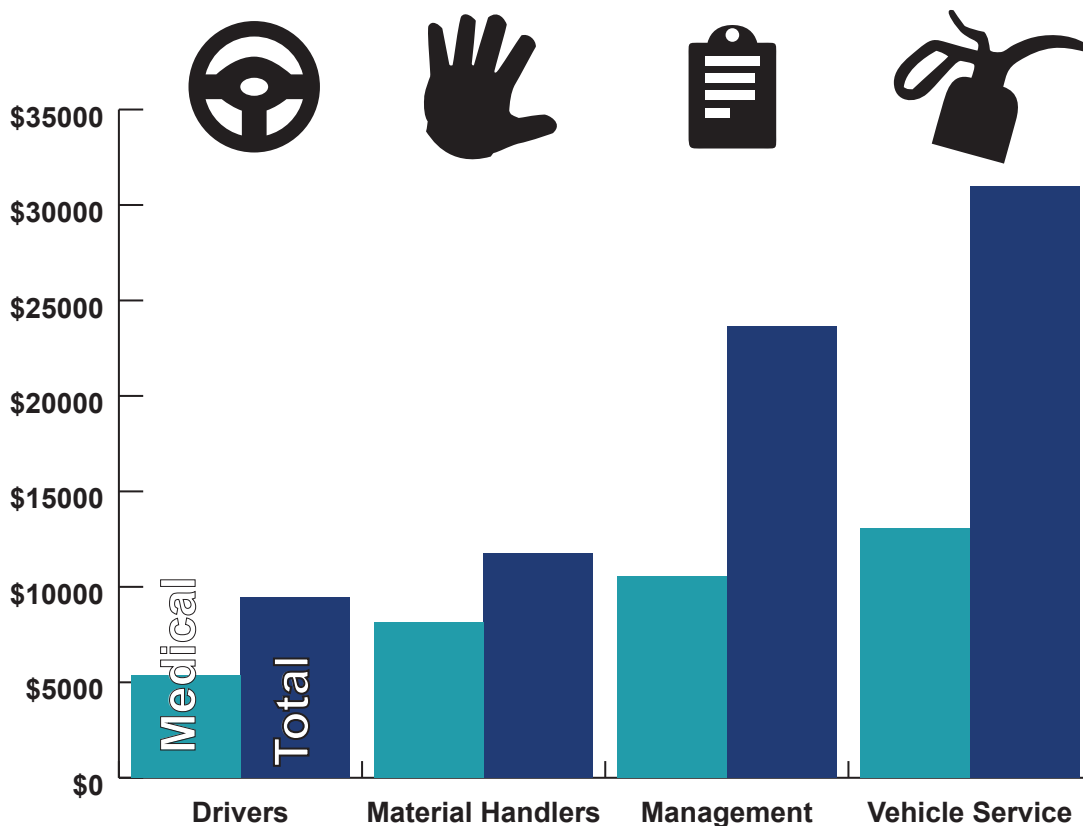
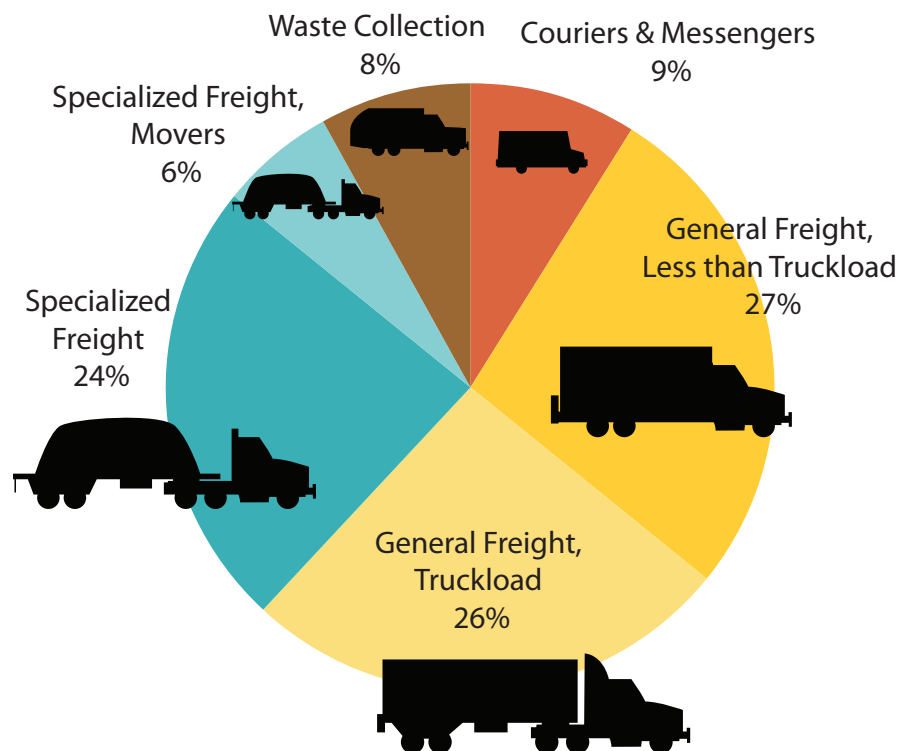


Figure 15. Percent of Fall on the same level injuries by trucking sector



Fall on the same level compensable claims were close to an even split between Specialized Freight, General Freight, Truckload and General Freight, Less than Truckload (Figure 15).

Some of the most common injury activities in this category were:

- Slips and trips around the job site, no inclement weather
- Exiting the cab or trailer – slipping on step or landing on uneven ground
- Slips and trips due to inclement weather while walking around truck or job site
- Slips and falls on walkboards or ramps
- Slips and trips on debris

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I was walking back to unhook the dolly and slipped and fell on the snow and ice.

The cable broke while I was untying bins and I fell on my back.

I tripped over a dock plate and did a face-plant on the steel. My shoulder was injured also.

I slipped while coming down a walk board in wet conditions.

While walking in a dark gravel lot, I stepped in a hole, twisted my ankle and fell.

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