

- Accounted for 8% of all injuries in trucking
- Cost over \$42 million dollars
- Made up 13% of compensable injuries in trucking
- Accounted for over 164,000 days of time-loss

As depicted in Figure 18, drivers, as expected, make up the largest occupation with the vehicle-related compensable claims. But management occupations had much higher median claim costs than any other occupational group for their few, but expensive claims (median cost \$34,110).

Figure 18. Compensable claim median cost and medical cost for vehicle injuries by occupation, 2006-2012

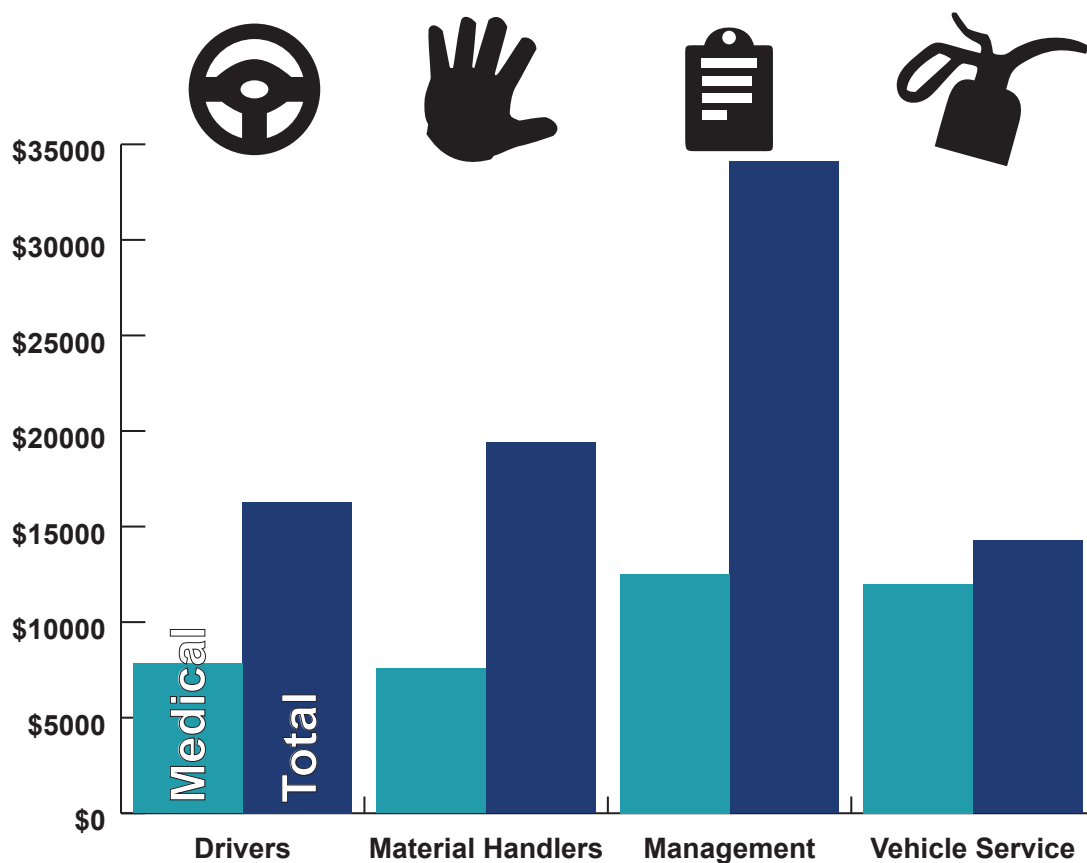
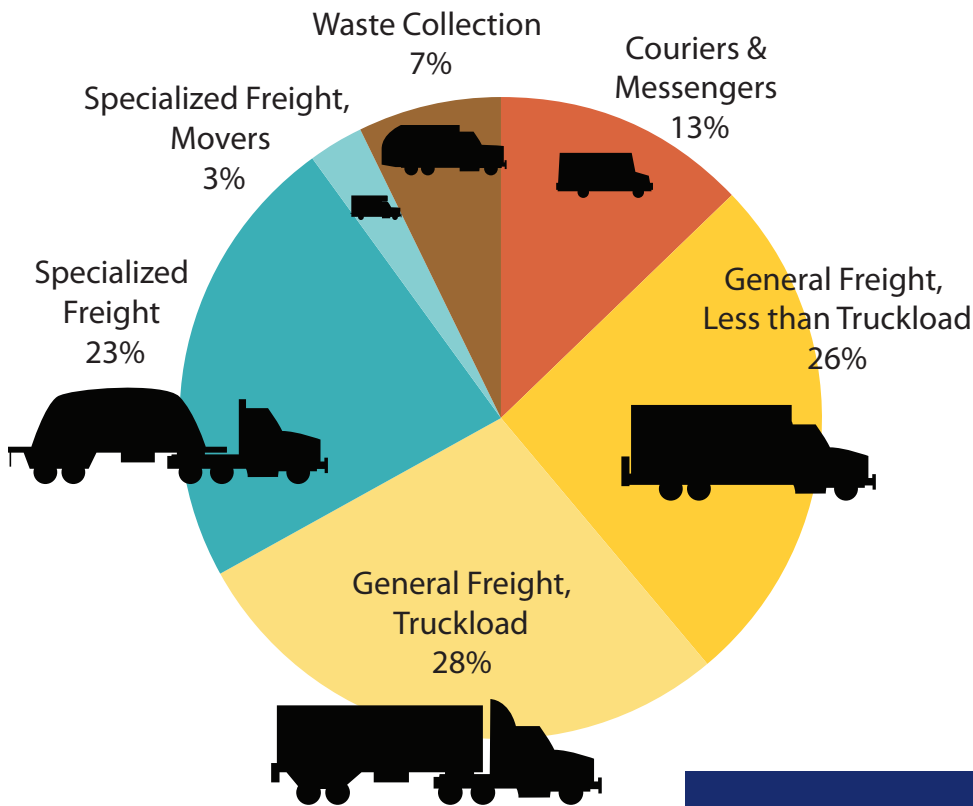


Figure 19. Percent of vehicle injuries by trucking sector



Less than Truckload, Truckload and Specialized Freight all had similar percentages for vehicle-related injuries. These three sectors made up 77% of the vehicle-related injuries during 2006-2012 in the trucking industry.

The highest ranked injury activities for vehicle injuries were:

- **Crash, no other vehicle**
- **Being hit by another truck**

## TRUE STORIES

**Jack-knifed semi on black ice.**

**A deer jumped out in front of me on the highway, I swerved to miss it and rolled my truck.**

**Because of the heavy fog I didn't see the stop sign until the last minute and hit a dirt pile.**

**It was really bad, windy weather when the truck started rolling over on right side.**

**A gust of wind picked up and tipped over the trailer and truck onto the driver's side then it skid for about 50 yards.**

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