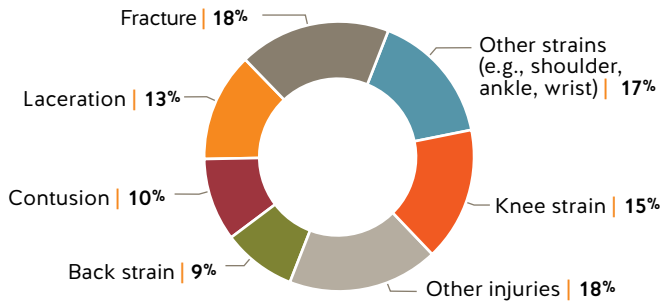


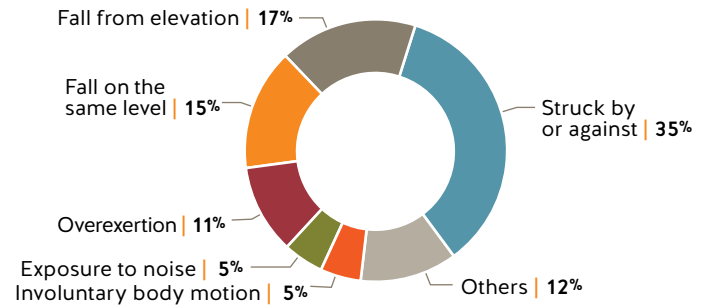
# Manual Tree Falling and Bucking (CU 703013)

## Time-loss claims 2014–2018

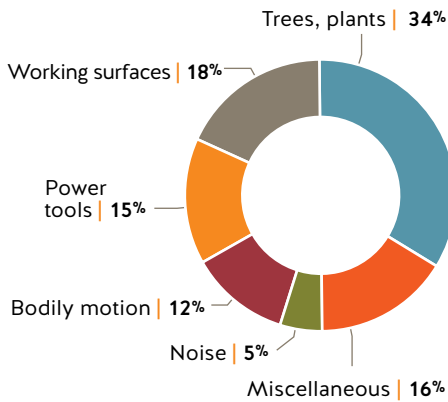
### Nature of injury



### Mechanism of injury



### Source of injury



### Quick facts

**671**  
total time-loss claims

**\$61,527**  
average claim cost

**94 days**  
average work days lost



**28%**  
are serious injury claims<sup>1</sup>

**20%**  
are long-recovery strains and sprains<sup>2</sup>

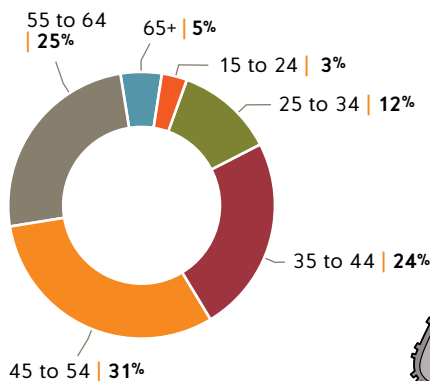
**\$117,736**  
average claim cost

**\$87,156**  
average claim cost

**144 days**  
average work days lost

**181 days**  
average work days lost

### Worker age at injury



## Incident description

	Claim cost	Work days lost
While falling a cedar snag, the faller was struck by part of the stem, which resulted in life-altering injuries.	\$1,712,437	181
A worker was walking along felled timber, stepping from one log to another. When one of the logs shifted, the worker lost balance and fell onto a log at a lower level, which resulted in multiple fractures to the upper body.	\$687,525	2,358
A worker was in the process of falling a tree when a small broken limb fell from above, striking the worker, and causing multiple fractures to the head.	\$624,309	1,048
After the falling cuts were completed, a tree started to fall. As the faller started to move toward the designated escape route, they lost their footing and fell. The butt of the tree struck the faller, resulting in multiple fractures to the lower body.	\$571,225	1,034
A worker was walking along a steep slope in a forested area. The worker lost footing, fell down the slope, and struck a log. This incident resulted in fractures to the upper torso.	\$400,821	502
As a worker was bucking a felled tree, their chainsaw was pinched and pulled by the log as it separated from the main stem. The downward pull exerted a force on the worker's arm resulting in a shoulder strain.	\$44,968	448
After being exposed to excessive noise for a prolonged period, a faller was diagnosed with hearing loss and tinnitus.	\$33,050	—

- 1 Serious injury claims:** The number of time-loss claims that represent either a serious medical diagnosis, or a potentially-serious medical diagnosis with a long recovery period of 50+ days paid (10+ weeks off work). Includes all work-related death claims.
- 2 Long-recovery sprains and strains:** The number of short-term or long-term disability claims that represent a sprain, strain, carpal tunnel or rheumatism medical diagnosis with a long recovery period (10+ weeks). Excludes work-related death claims.