

Workplace Injury Fact Sheet

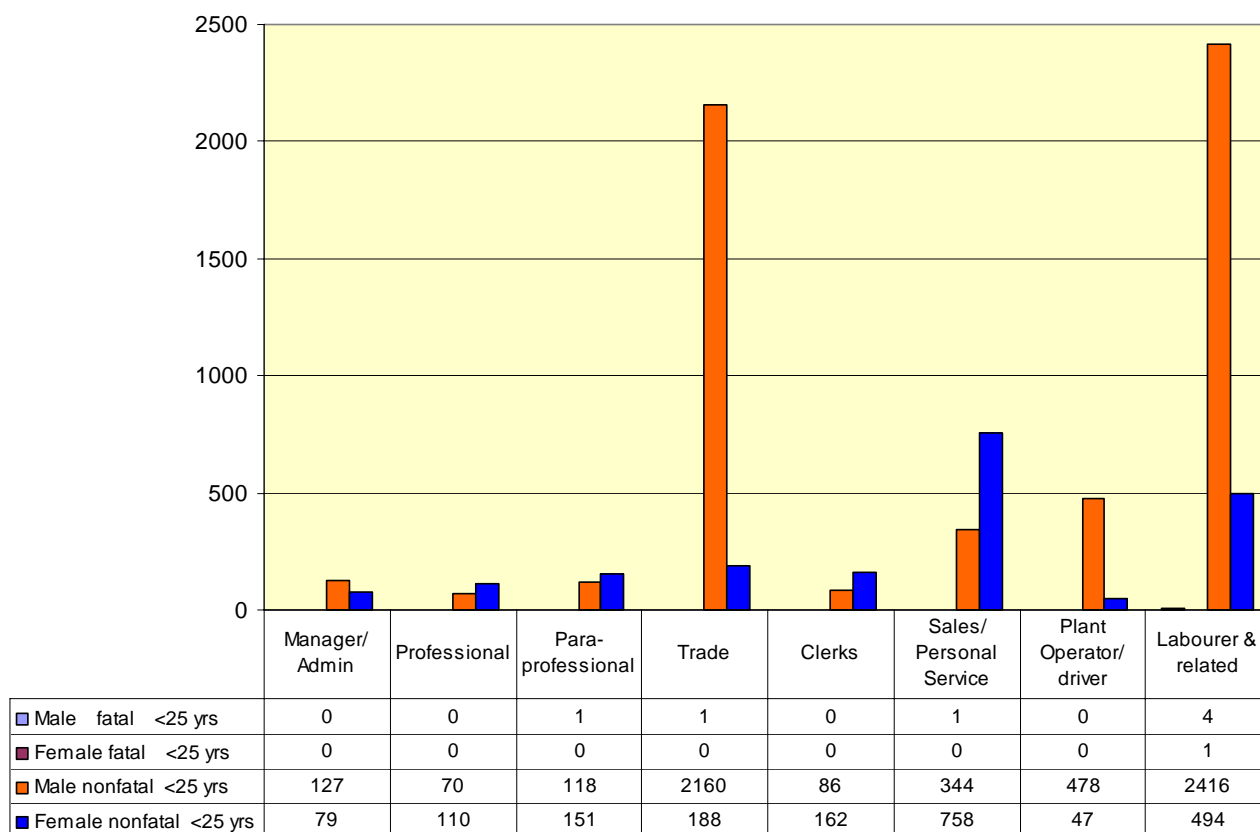


Figure 1. NSW Workers' Compensation Statistics, 1999-2000, all claims by occupation, excluding commuting. *Source: NOHSC Database, 2004*

- 7,796 claims were recorded for workers aged up to 24 years of age who were killed or injured during the 12 month period 1999-2000 (excluding commuting claims).
- 7 fatalities are recorded for men and one for women, a fatality rate of 0.1% of claims.
- The occupation that recorded the highest number of injuries for young men was labouring and trades.
- For young women, sales/personal service and labouring were the occupations in which most injury claims occurred.
- For both male and female workers, approximately twice as many injuries occurred in the older age group, 20-24 years, as in the younger age group, under 20 years. Much of this difference is explained by the higher number of workers in the older age group, however, an injury rate is not available through the National Worker's Compensation statistics database.
- Male workers are significantly overrepresented and make up 75% of compensated injuries in the workplace.

Workers' Compensation Commuting Claims, NSW, 1999-2000

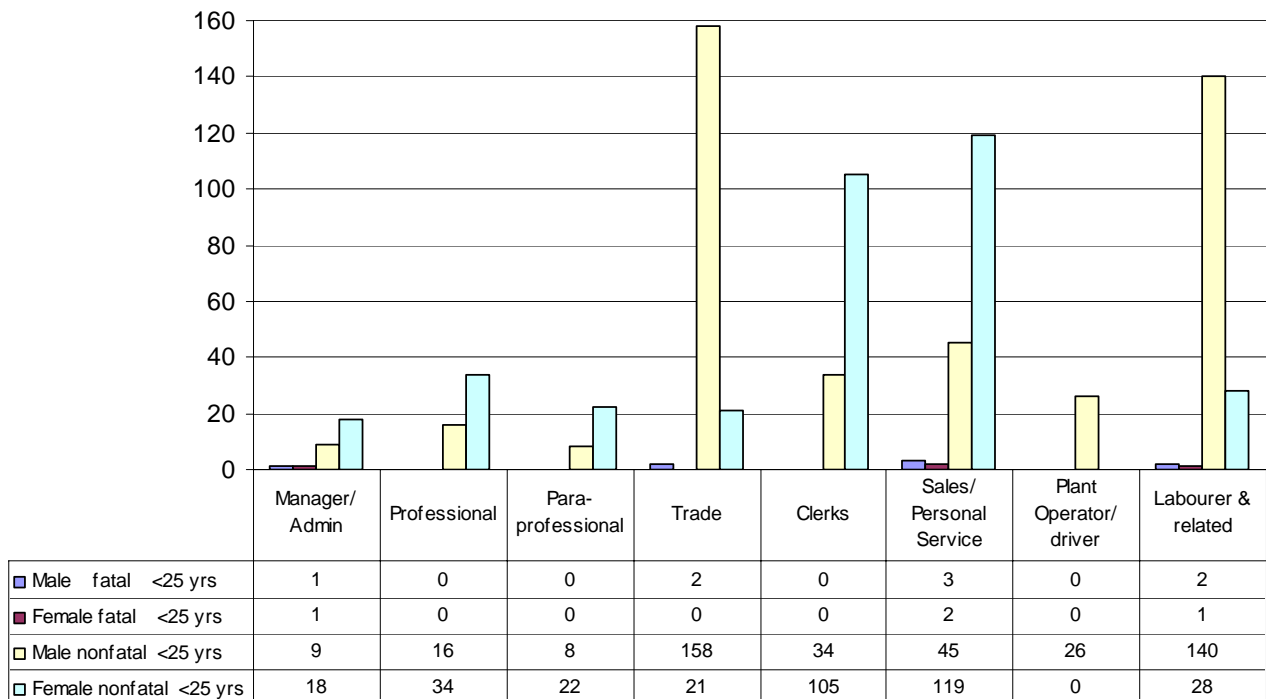


Figure 2. NSW Workers' Compensation Statistics, 1999-2000, all commuting claims by occupation. *Source: NOHSC Database, 2004*

- 829 claims were recorded for workers aged up to 24 years of age who were killed or injured whilst commuting during the 12 month period 1999-2000.
- 7 fatalities are recorded for men and one for women, a fatality rate of 0.1% of claims.
- 12 of those claims represent fatalities, 8 for men and 4 for women, indicating a fatality rate of 1.4%.
- Most fatalities occurred among Sales and Personal Service workers, perhaps reflecting driving distance between home and work.
- Males account for 54% of commuting claims, indicating that there is less differentiation among commuting claims than claims for injuries at work.
- Most workplace injuries are for temporary disability (Workers' Compensation paid for less than 6 months), with much higher numbers of injuries occurring among 20-24 year old workers than among 15-19 year olds.