

## KEY FINDINGS FROM RESEARCH



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- Older construction workers led a small percentage of the total workers' compensation claims; however, when they did file a claim the associated costs were greater. This was especially true for the indemnity cost of a claim where the indemnity cost of a claim increased 3.5% for each year increase in age, where the medical cost increased 1.1%.
- 29% of all claims filed by workers over the age of 65 were the result of a fall or trip. A fall, slip or trip resulted in a 2.5% increase in the indemnity cost of a claim for each year increase in age. Falls to the same level or on ice or snow, specifically, were more common among older workers. Yet, the average cost of a fall to a lower level was more costly, regardless of age.
- Strains, especially from lifting, were the most common cause of injury among workers aged 35-64. A strain resulted in a 3.8% increase in the cost of a claim for each year increase in age.
- A repetitive motion cause of injury resulted in the greatest increase in cost for each year increase in age (6.8%) but was not cited frequently as cause of injury or illness among claimants.
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