



Accidents in the Primary & Secondary Forest Products Industry in Louisiana: Points to Consider for a Safety Program

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Accidents in Forest Products Industry

✦ Accident Statistics

- ◆ Primary industry
- ◆ Secondary industry
- ◆ Logging

✦ Logging – OSHA Strategic Partnership Agreement in Louisiana

✦ Some recent Research

Forest Products Industry

✦ Primary



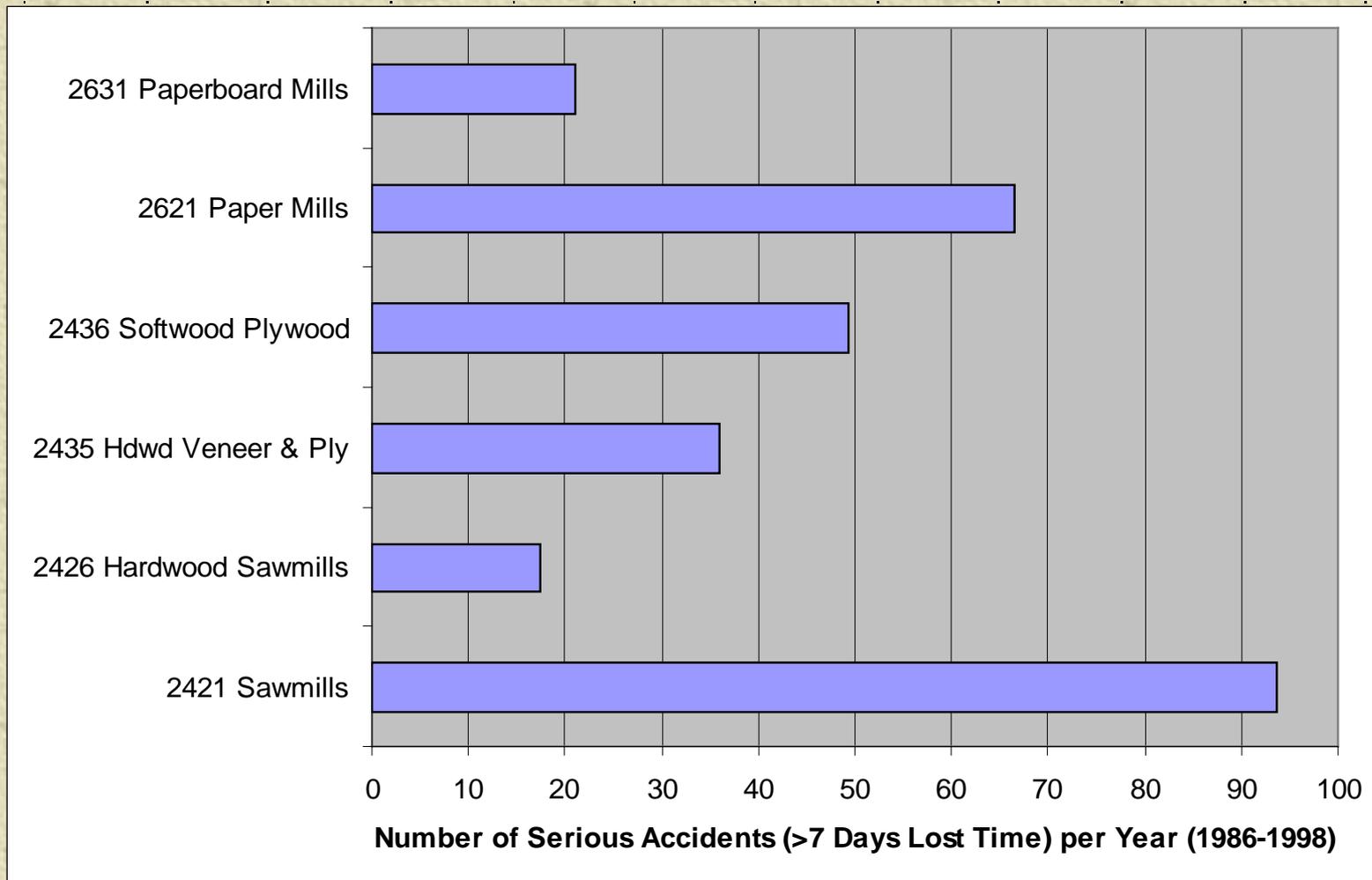
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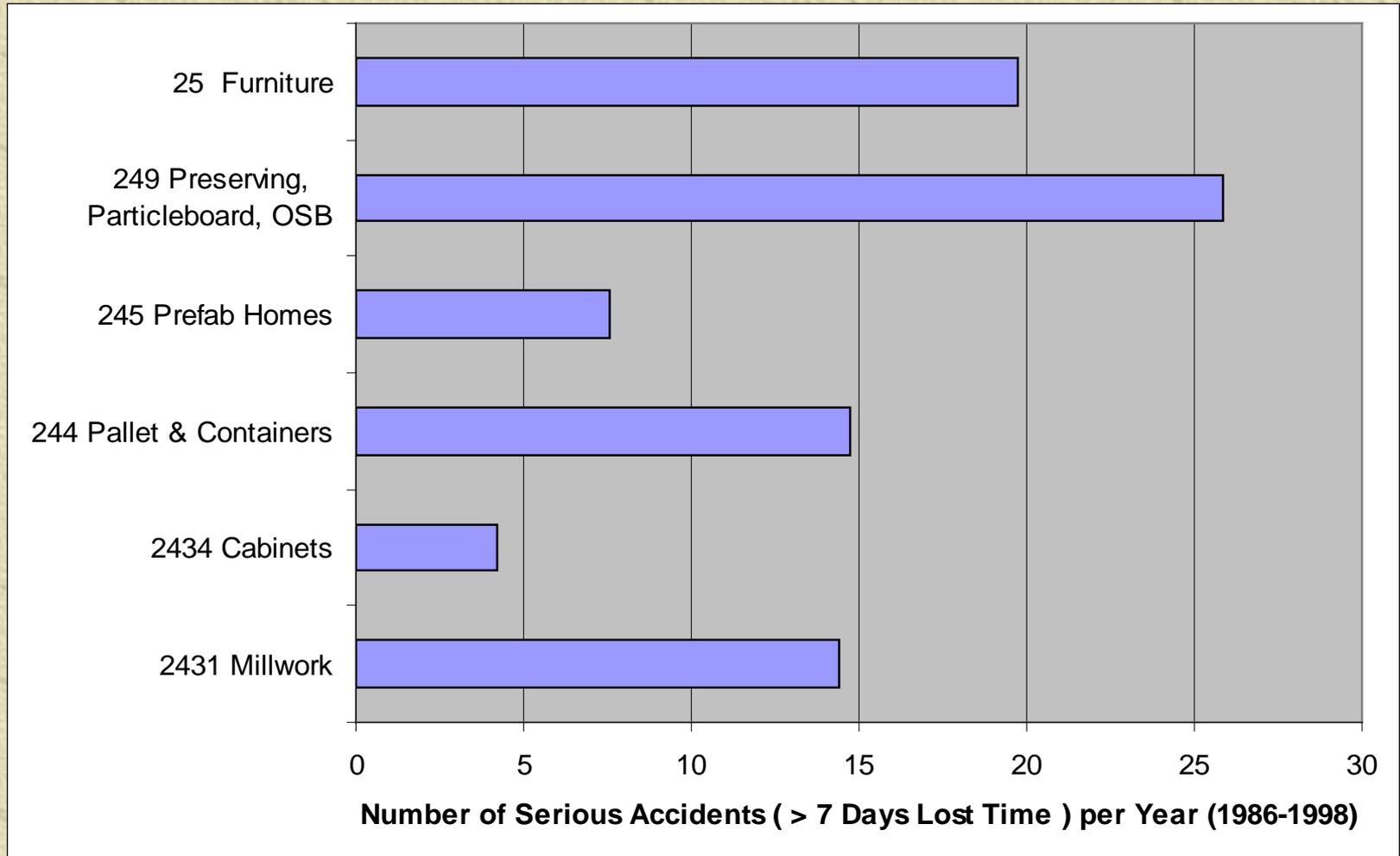
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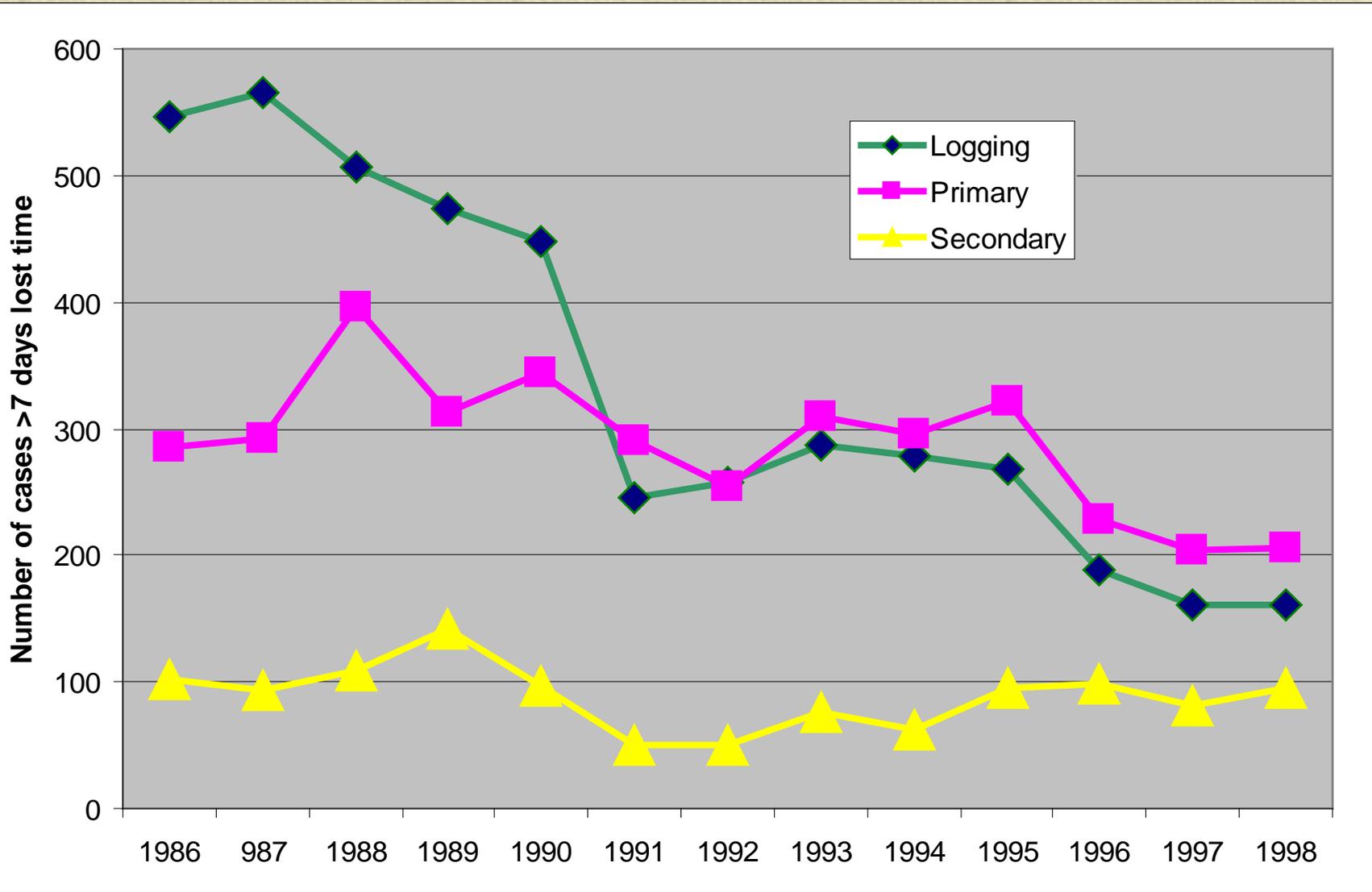
Serious Injuries (Primary Industry)



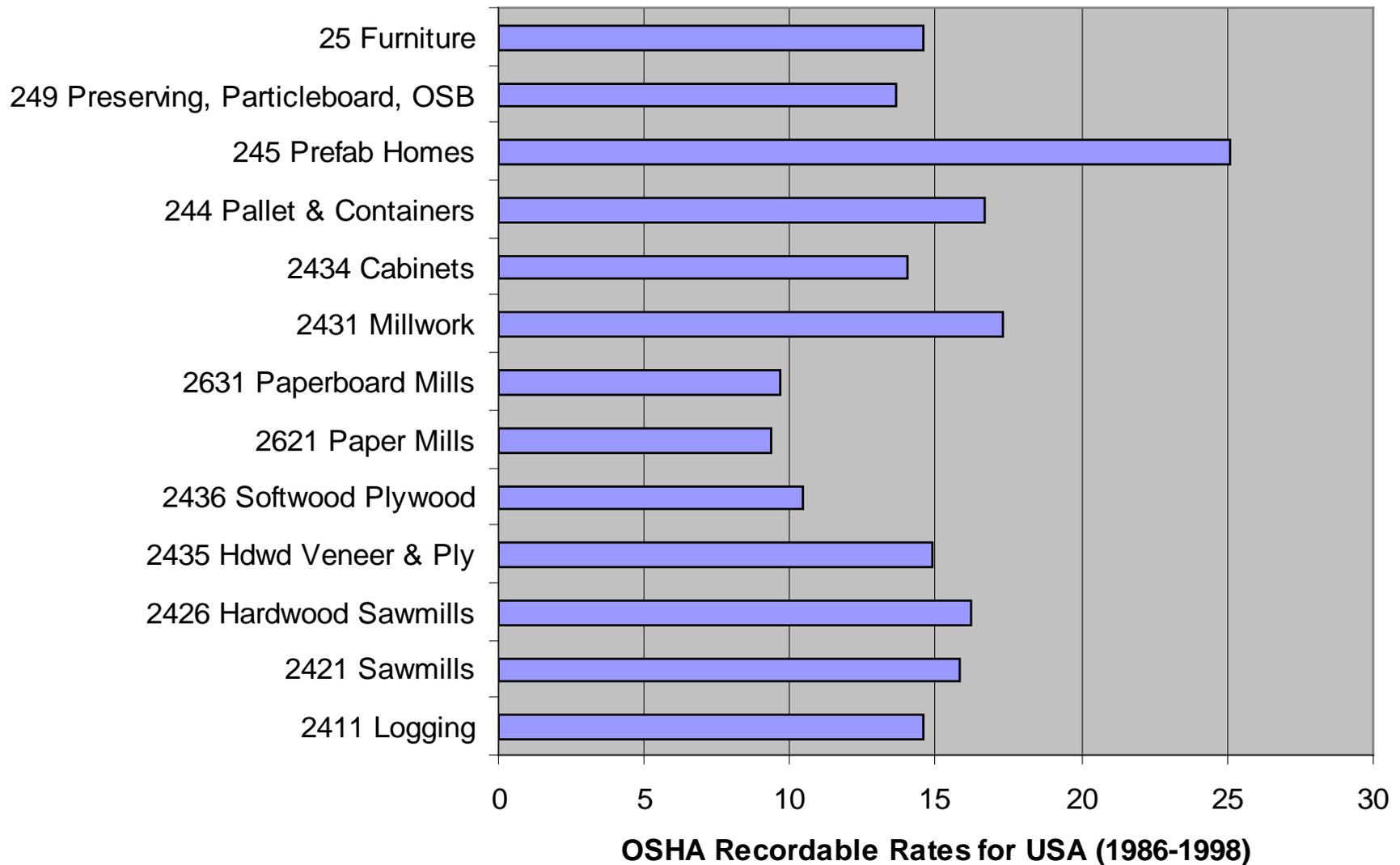
Number of Serious Injuries (Secondary Industry)



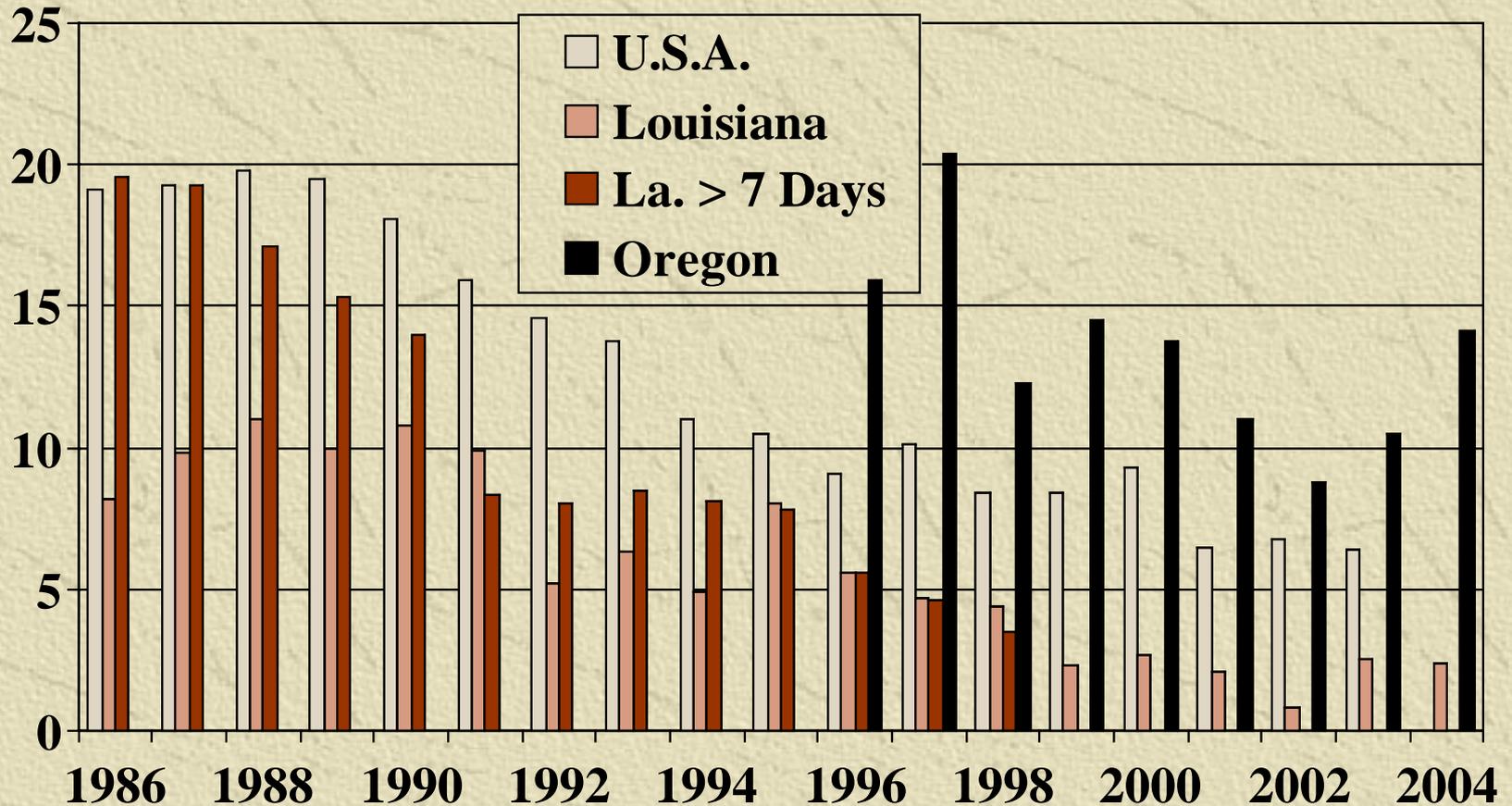
Trends: Number of Accidents



Recordable Accident Rates



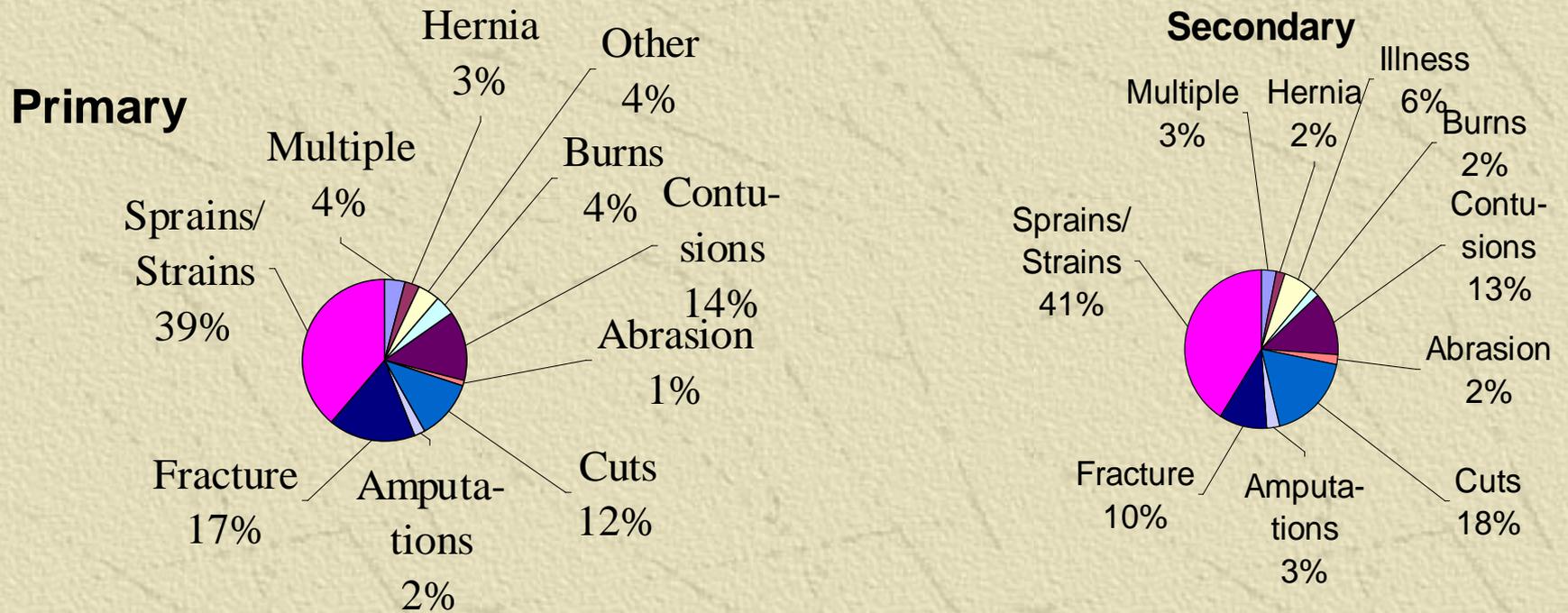
Logging Accident Rates per 100 Employees



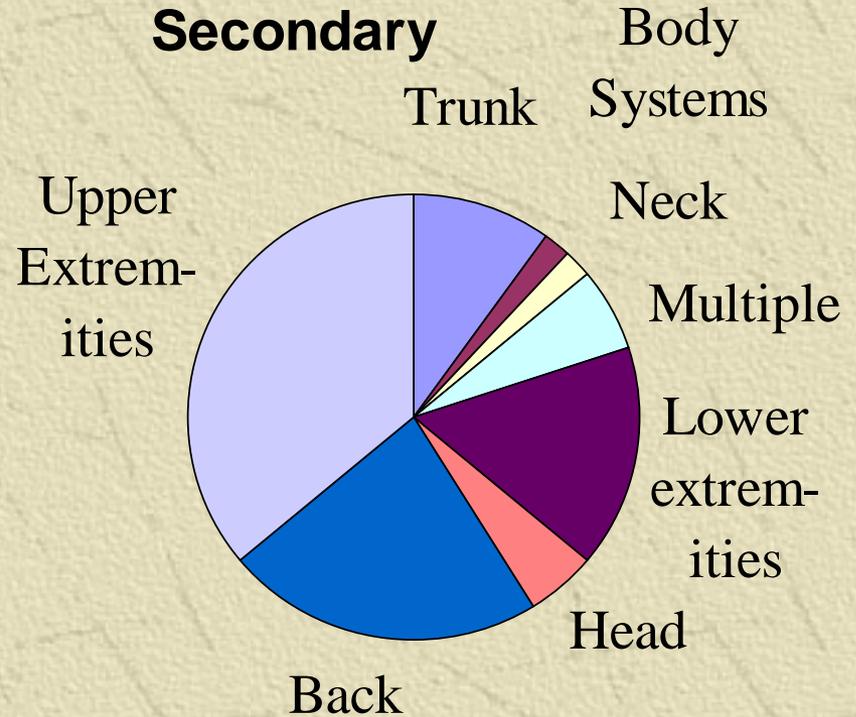
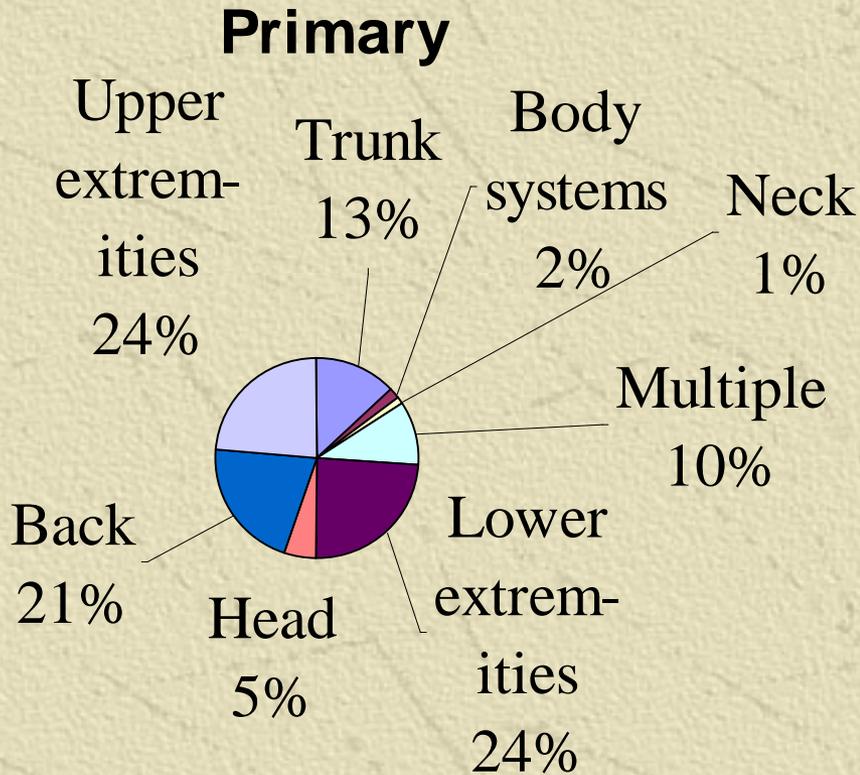
Sources of Data

- ✦ Louisiana Dept. of Labor
 - ✦ Office of Workers' Compensation
- ✦ Form 1007, Employer's First Report of Injury
- ✦ Form 1003, Notice that Compensation Payments Have Been Stopped
- ✦ Form 1011, Request for Compromise or Lump Sum Payment

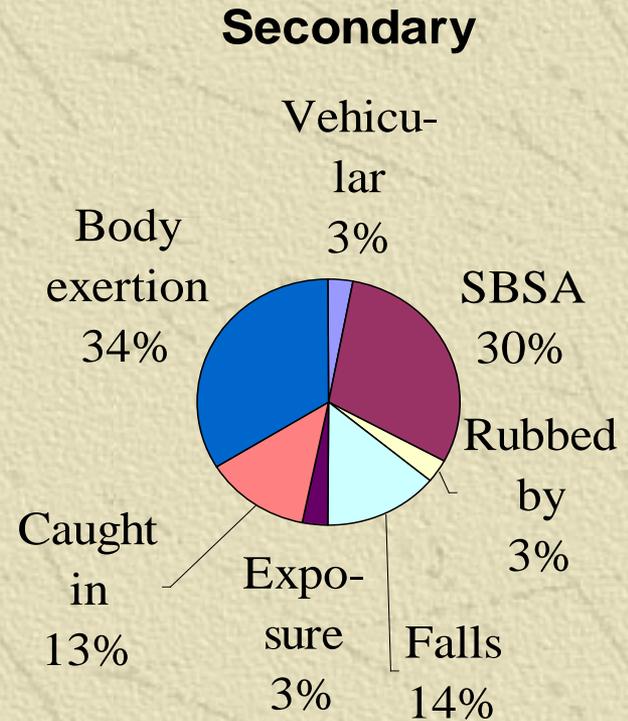
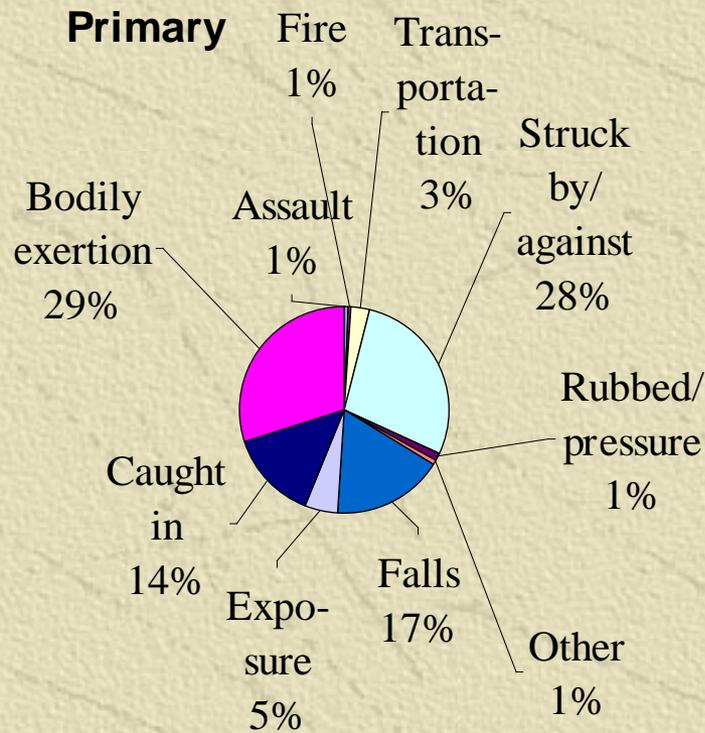
Nature of Injury



What Gets Hurt?

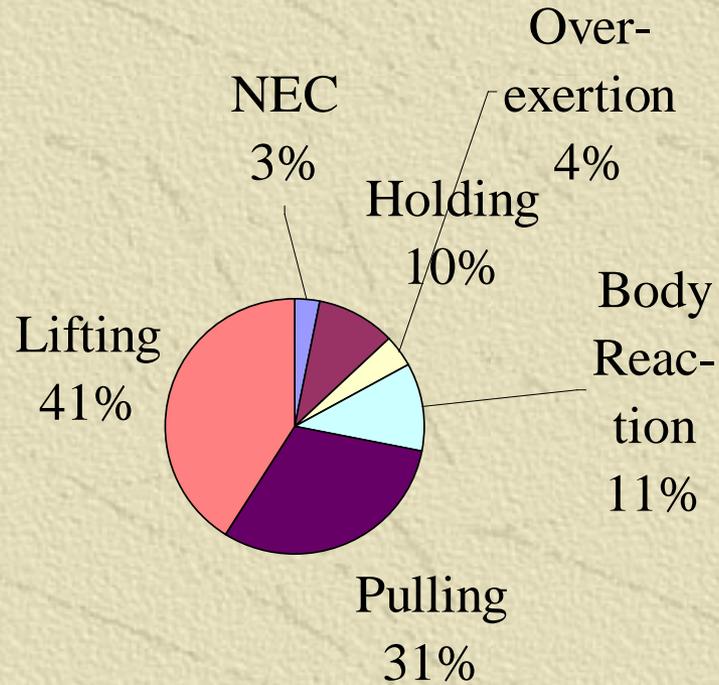


Type of Accident

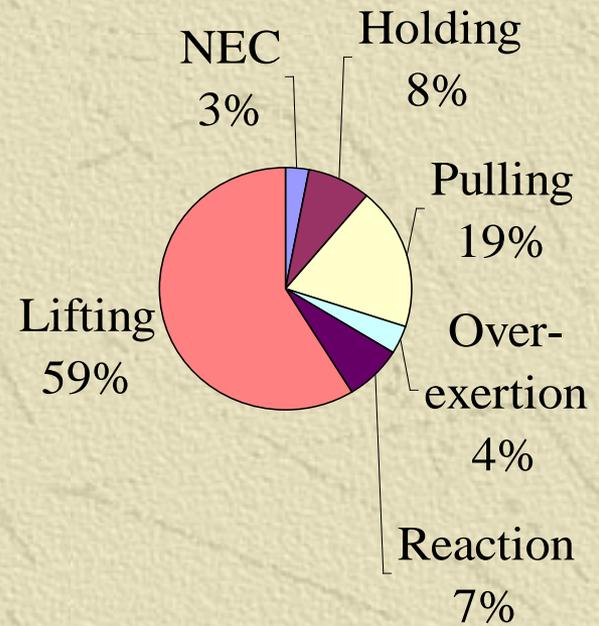


Exertion

Primary

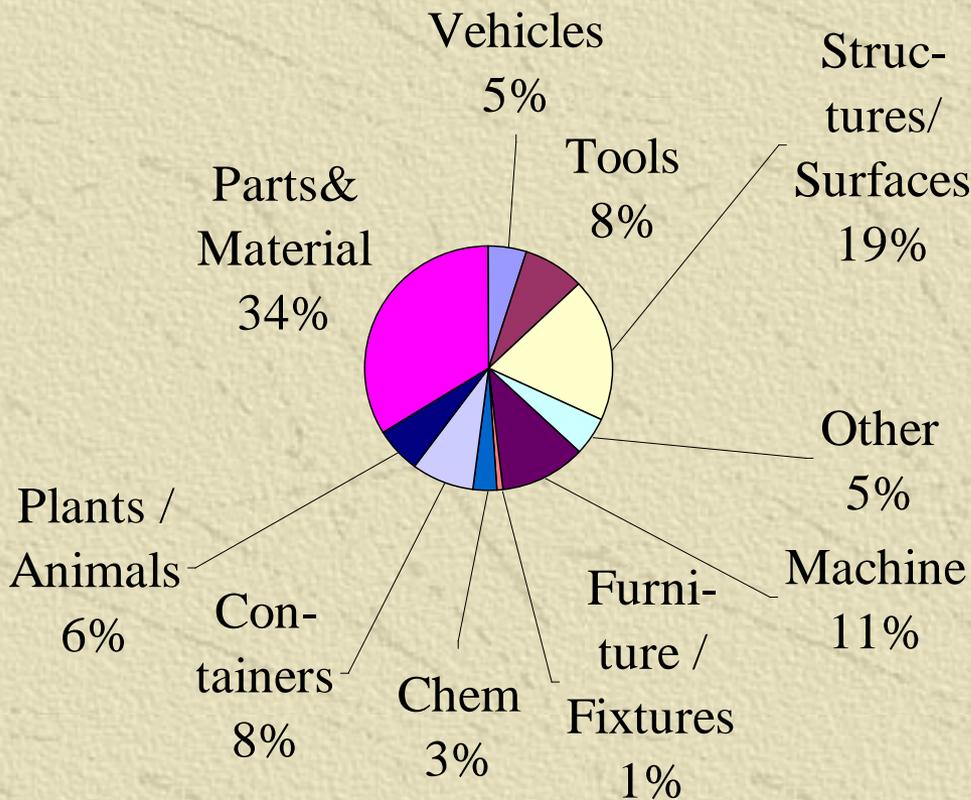


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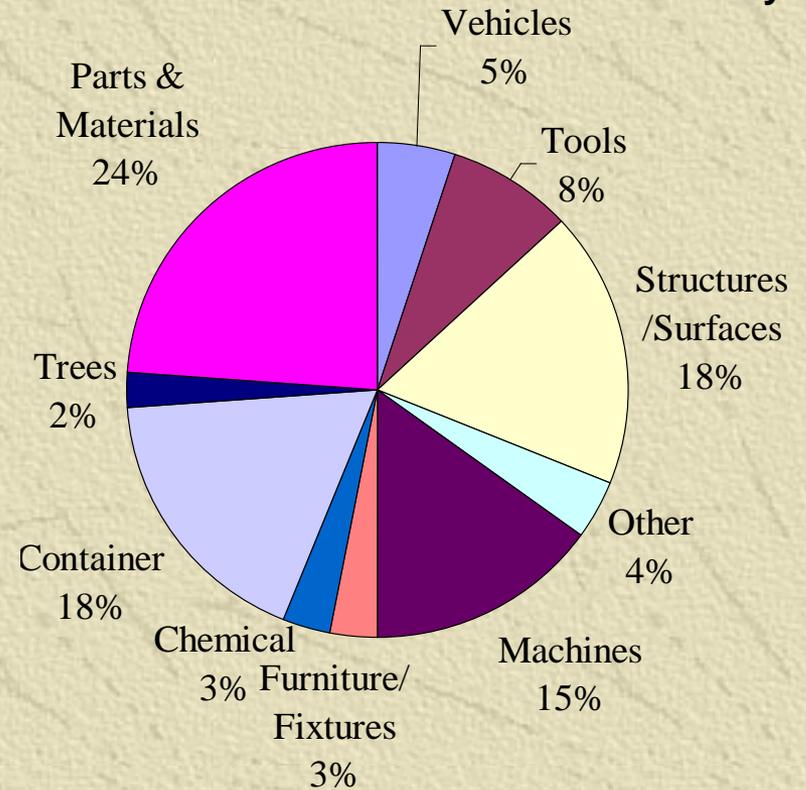


Source of Injury

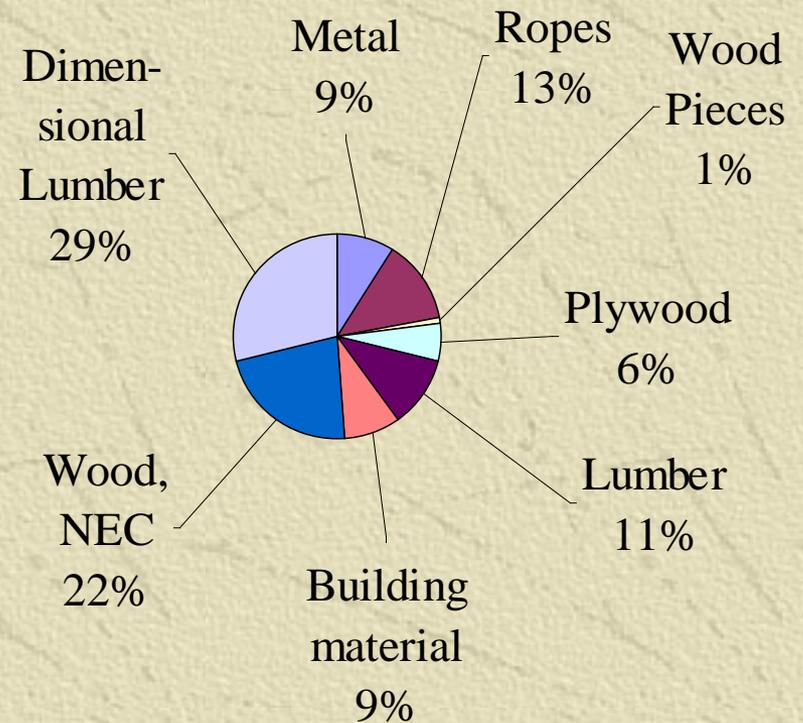
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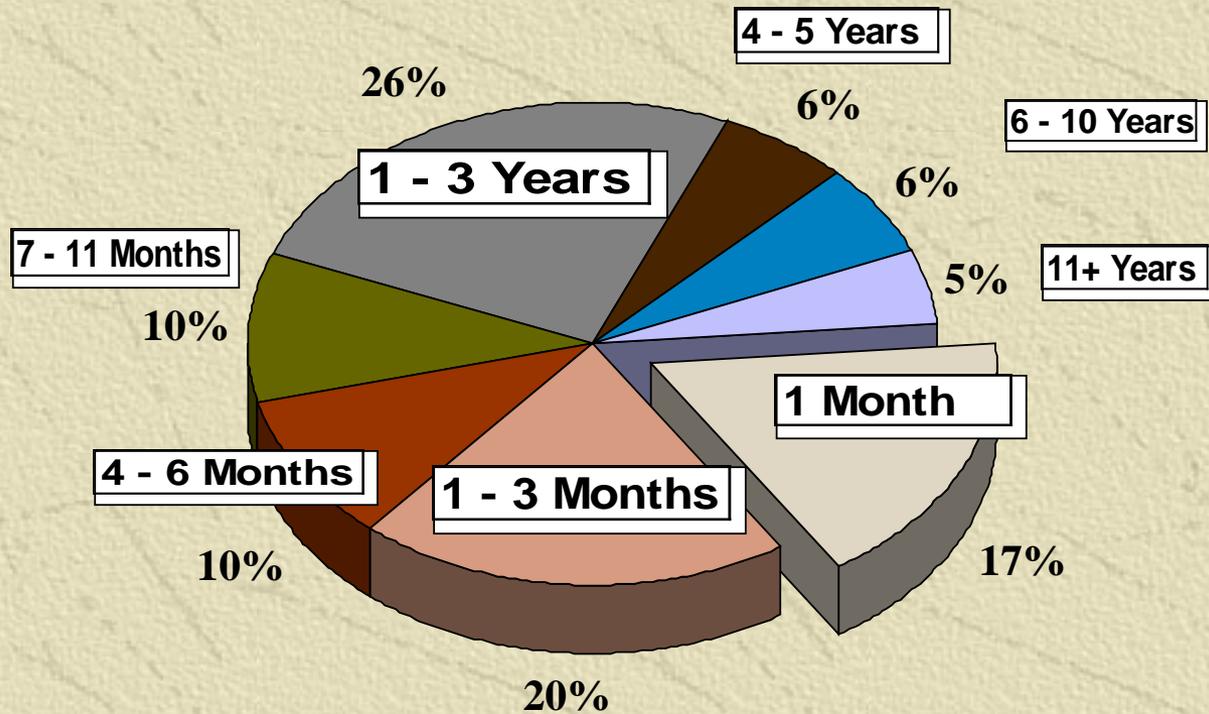
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Parts & Materials (Secondary Industry)

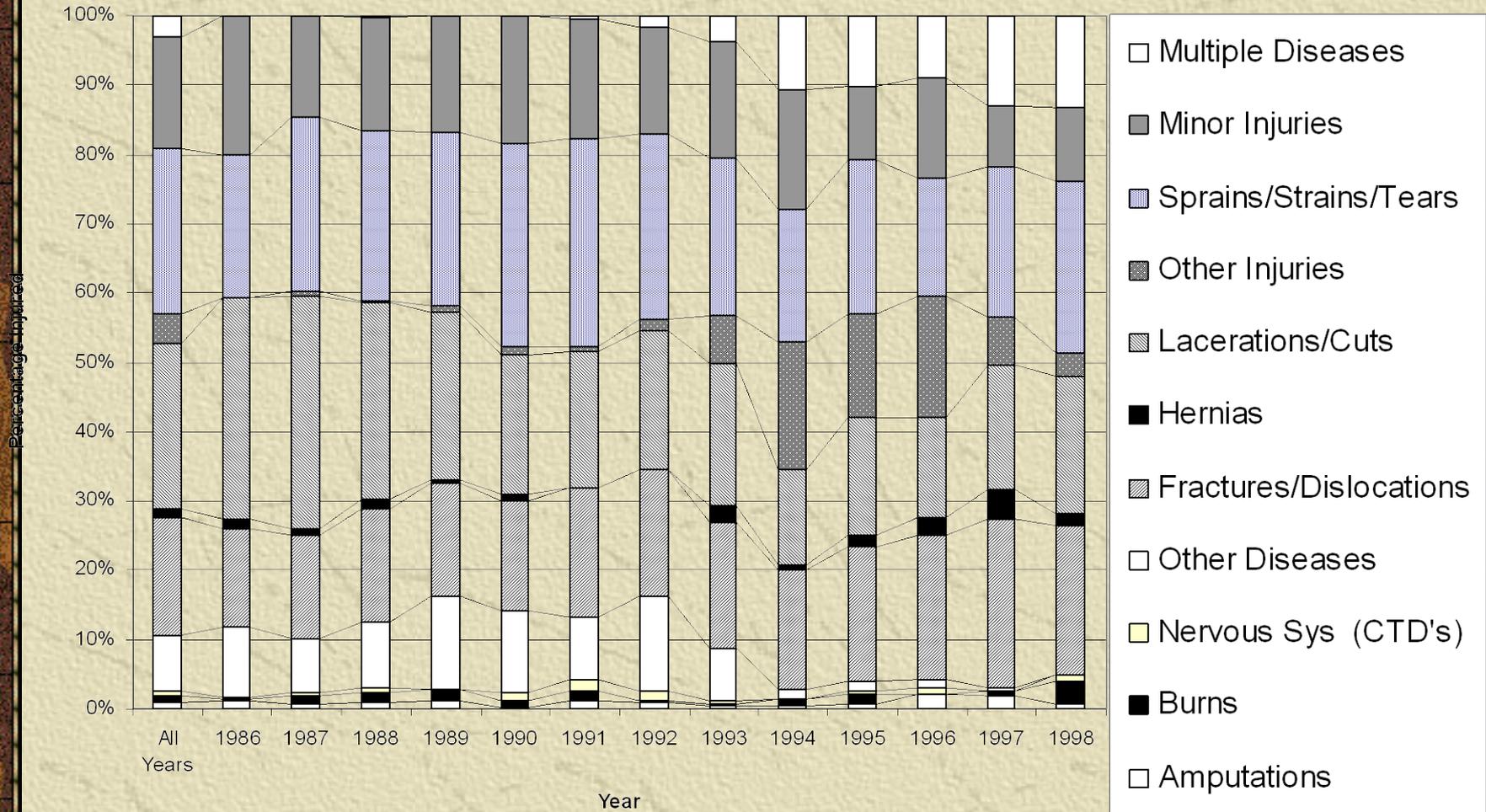


Seniority of Logger



Nature of Injury

Louisiana Loggers



Extra Caution



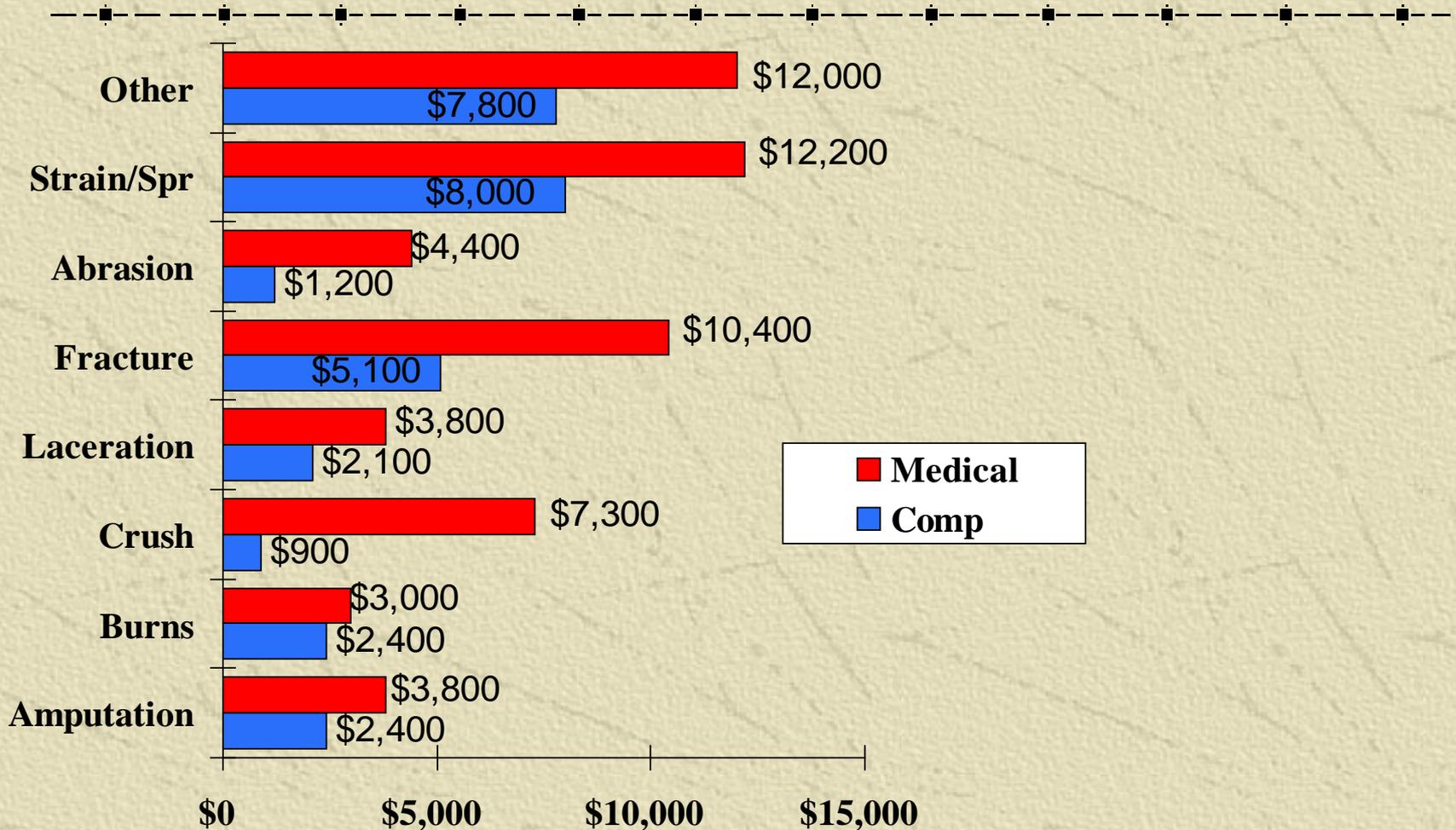
✦ Unusual Situations

✦ Maintenance

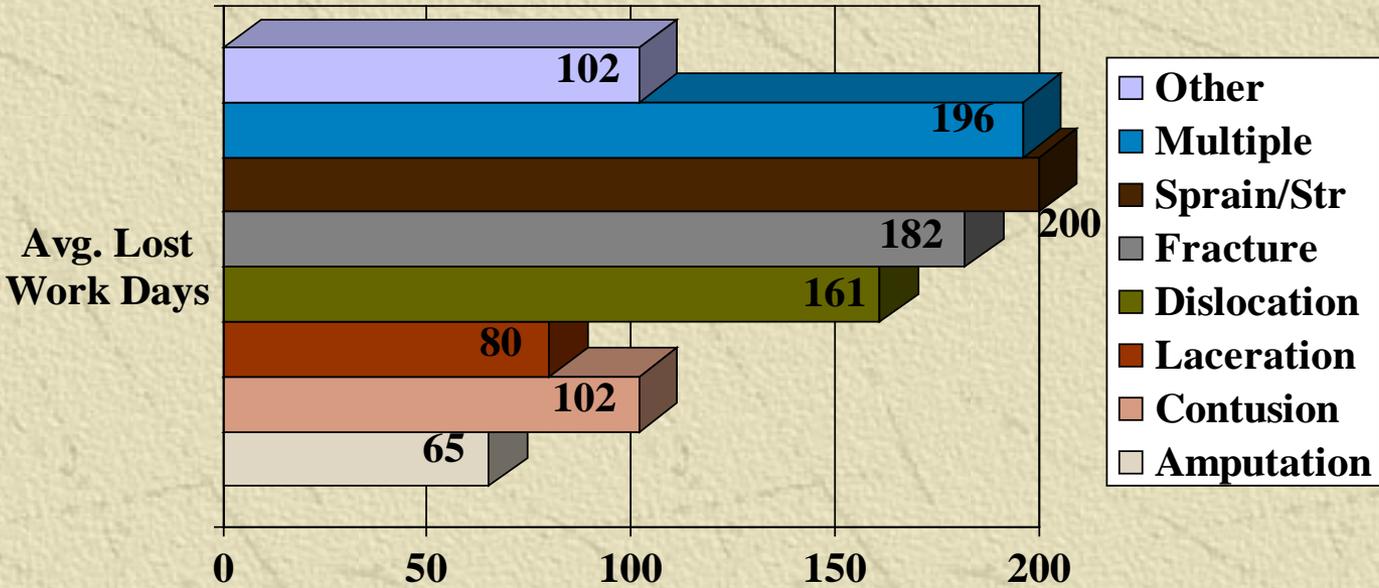
Costs



Cost by Nature of Injury



Lost Workdays by Nature of Injury



Conclusions

✦ *Newest workers have the most injuries.*

✦ *New worker training is very important.*

✦ *Fractures & Strains/Sprains = most common*

✦ *Fractures & Strains/Sprains = most expensive & longest recovery time.*

Conclusions (cont'd)

✦ *The rate of serious accidents is decreasing, but the injuries are getting more serious.*



Conclusions (cont'd)

✦ *Truck drivers get hurt a lot, too.*



Cooperation – Award from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA

- ✦ US Gov't
- ✦ State Gov't
- ✦ Industry
- ✦ Association
- ✦ Academia



FATALITIES

Louisiana Logging

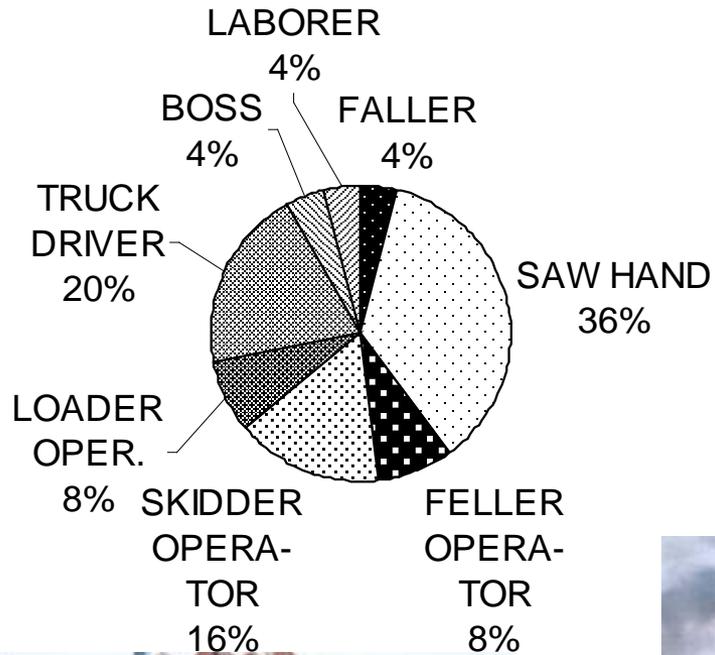
- ✦ 1999-2000 – 8 deaths
- ✦ 2001 – 1 death
- ✦ 2002 – 1 death
- ✦ 2003 – 3 deaths
- ✦ 2004 – 1 death
- ✦ 2005 – 3 deaths

OSHA -- LA Logging Council Strategic Partnership Agreement

- ✦ 2004 – 242 logging companies signed up.
- ✦ 82% reported no accidents.

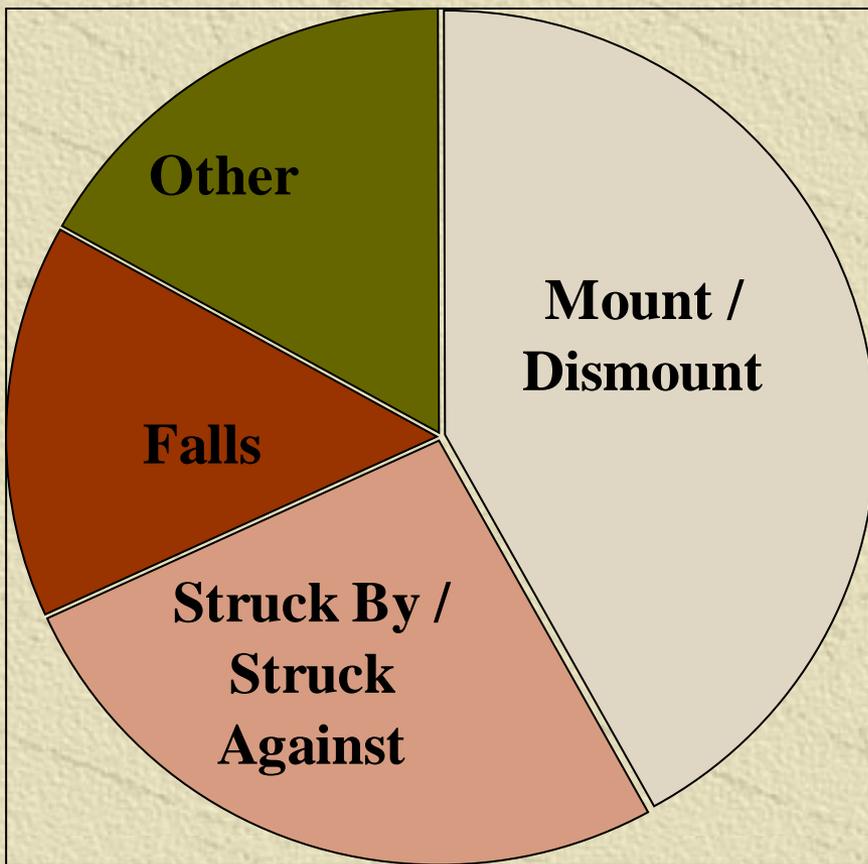
Occupation

OCCUPATION 2004



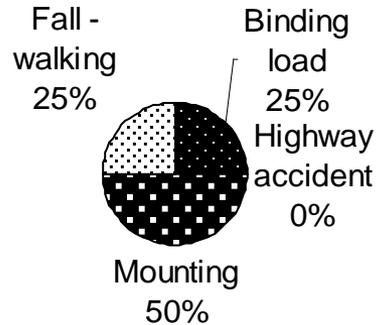
Event

1998-1999

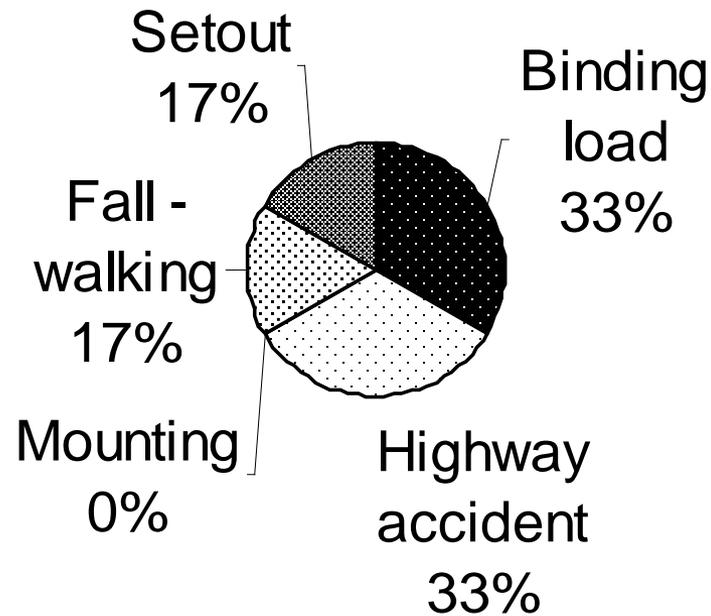


Falls:
Mostly Mounting &
Dismounting

Event - Truck Drivers Only - 2003



Event - Truck Drivers Only - 2004



Summary from Strategic Partnership

- ✦ Repair & Maintenance
- ✦ Uncommon tasks -- Repair, grab saw.
- ✦ Age
- ✦ Improvement in mounting/dismounting equipment.
- ✦ Load binders
- ✦ Highway Accidents



Partnership Summary, Cont'd

- ✦ PPE
- ✦ Workspace
- ✦ Communication

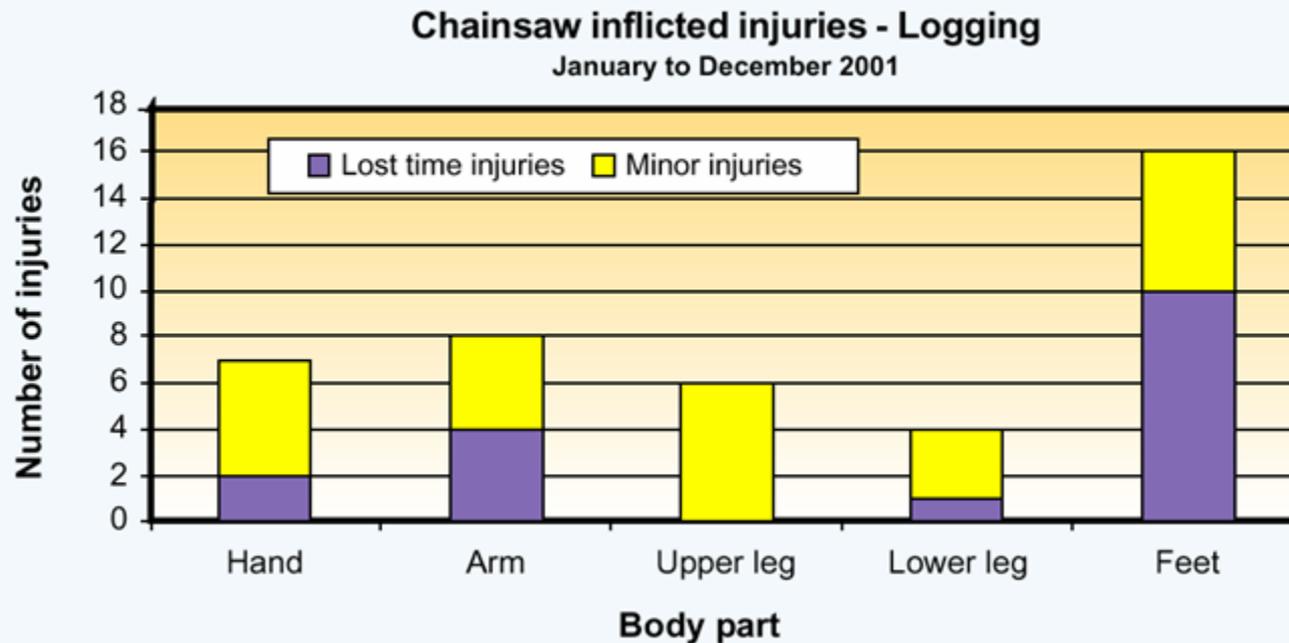


Partnership Summary, Cont'd.

- ✦ Training, Training, Training
- ✦ Safety Meetings
- ✦ Safety Inspections & Improvements
- ✦ Defensive Driving



Foot Injuries – New Zealand



In the year January to December 2001 there was a large increase in the number of lost time and minor injuries due to chainsaw lacerations. Most were lacerations to the feet while trimming. Protective leg wear continues to do its job in preventing lacerations to the legs - there was only one lost time chainsaw cut to the legs. There were nine chainsaw cuts to the legs which were minor and many near misses reported where the chaps or pants were cut but no injury resulted. There were also many near miss events reported to the silviculture ARS, where protective chaps or pants prevented injury.

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Research in New Zealand



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Research in New Zealand

✦ Rear Vision Camera



190 tonne dump truck with video reversing camera and 6000 tonne dragline in the background

Rear Vision in Bell Loggers – Improving Productivity

The versatile Bell Logger commonly works in close proximity to skid workers and other machines. Mirrors have had limited success in providing rear vision for the operator because they get damaged or covered in mud in the demanding operational conditions. A closed circuit video system has been trialed as an effective means of providing operator rear vision and increasing the safety of workers in close proximity to the machine.



Video monitor LCD mounted in the cab of the Bell Logger with camera

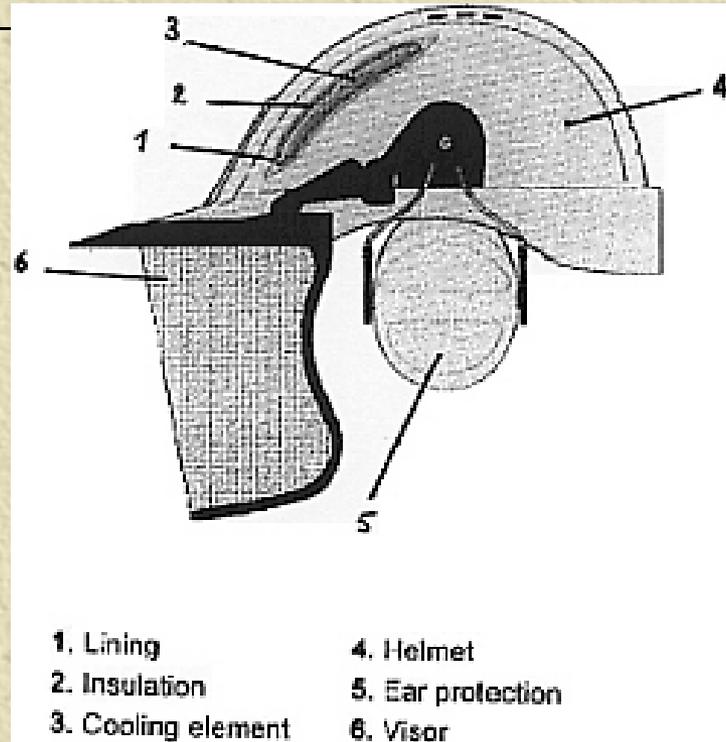


Prototype video camera mounted in protective metal tube on the diesel tank of the Bell Logger.



Video still image from rear-view video monitor in cab of Bell Logger.

Research in Germany

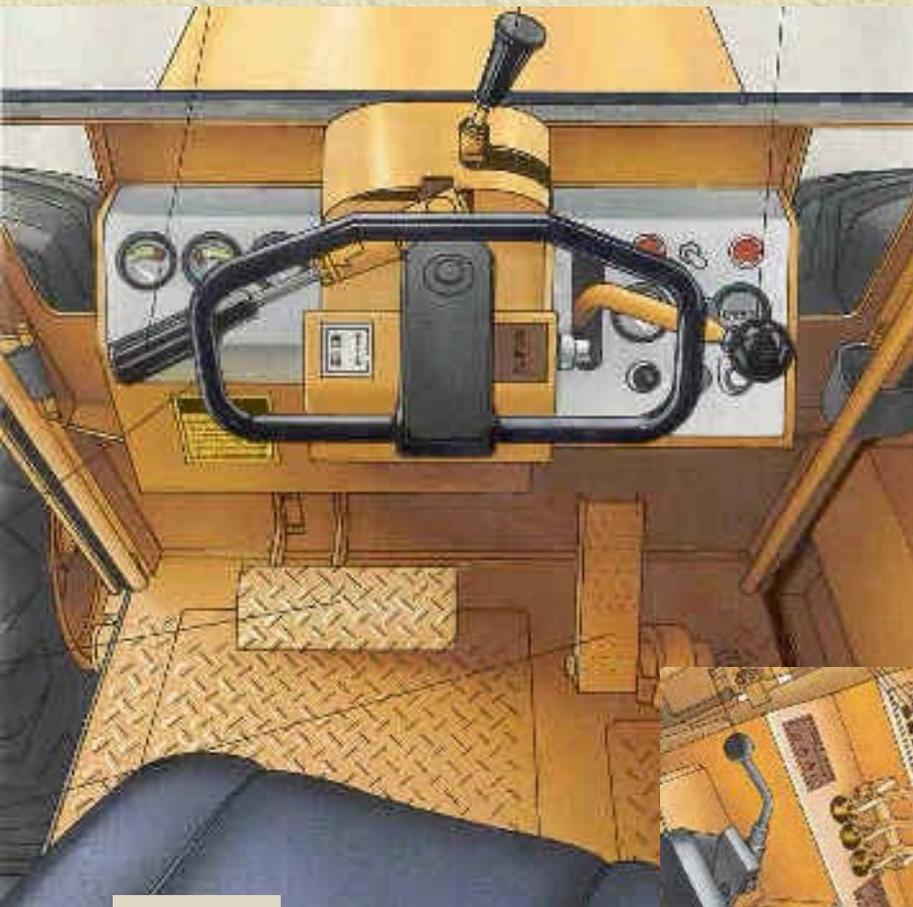


Research at Auburn (USFS)

- ✦ Chain Shot
- ✦ Flung
Tooth



ERGONOMICS



1986



1996

Ergonomics



(a) Seat A



(b) Seat B



Figure 5 Experimental setup for measuring whole-body vibration

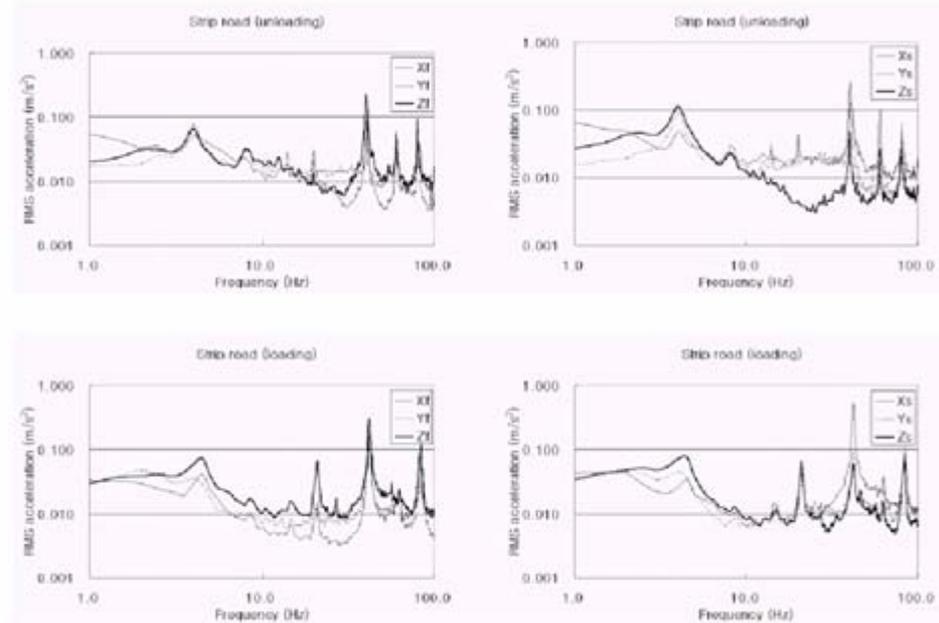


Figure 7 6-axis vibrations level on strip road.

CONCLUSION

- ✦ New Technology
- ✦ Better Products
- ✦ Acceptance by the Industry

**✦ BUT IT'S WORTHLESS IF
YOU DON'T USE IT!**

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