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Justification

Sources of Data

Nature and Sources of Injuries

Lost \$\$\$ and Lost Time

Major Findings

Why Bother?

- Reduce Pain, Suffering, Lost wages
- WC Premiums 30-60% of Payroll
- High Hazard Industry
- OSHA
- High Accident Rate = Low Morale

Sources of Data

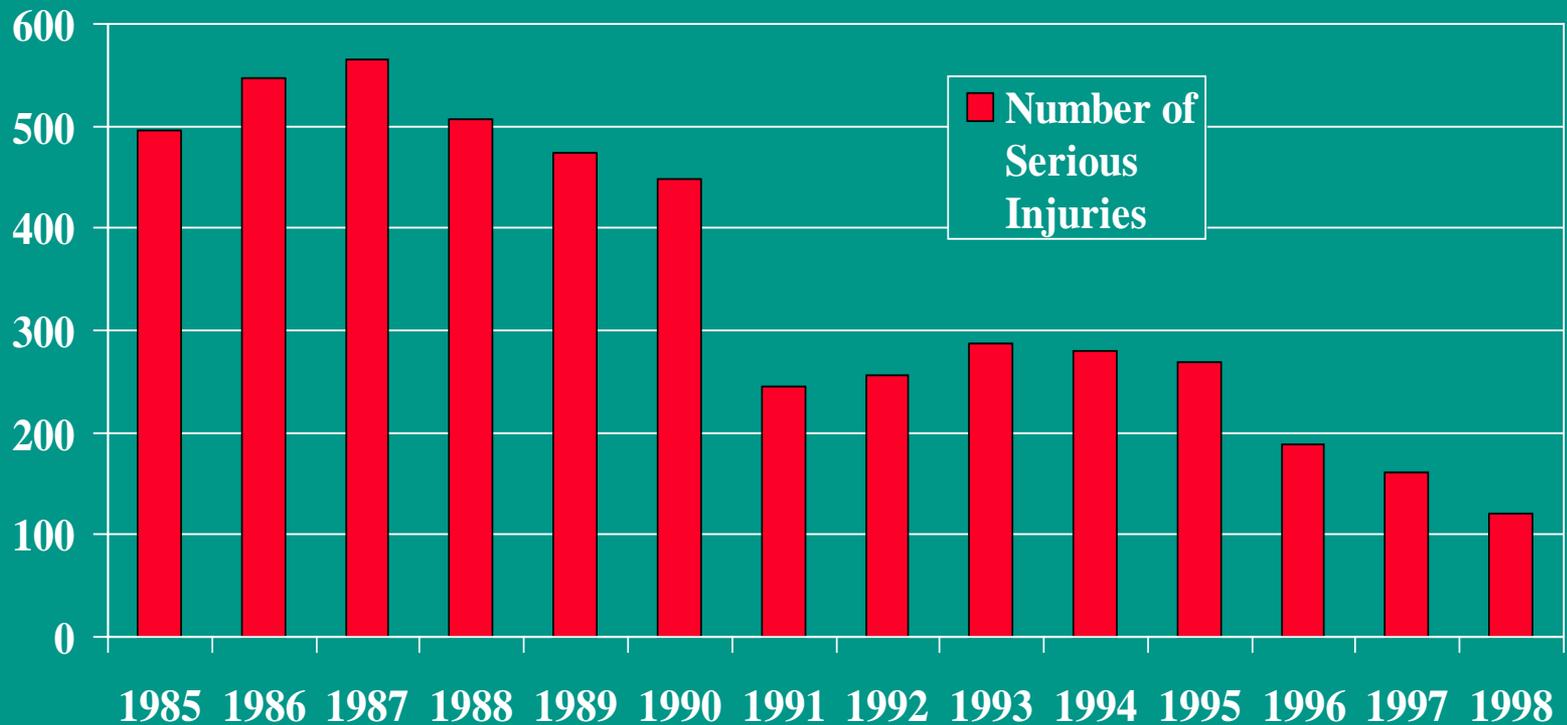
- Louisiana Dept. of Labor
 - Office of Workers' Compensation
- Form 1007, Employer's First Report of Injury
- Form 1003, Notice that Compensation Payments Have Been Stopped
- Form 1011, Request for Compromise or Lump Sum Payment

Accidents & Injuries

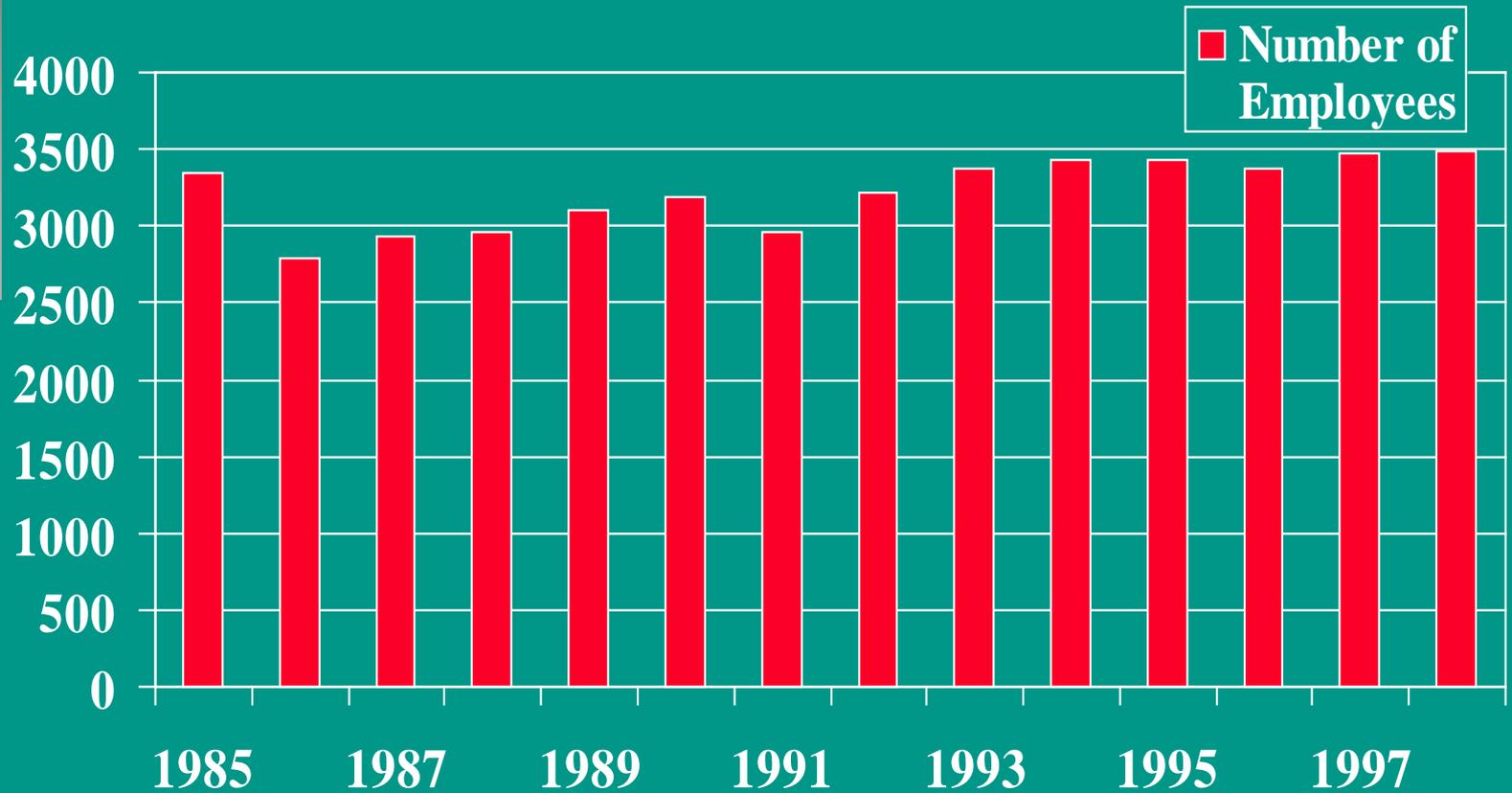


Number of Logging Injuries

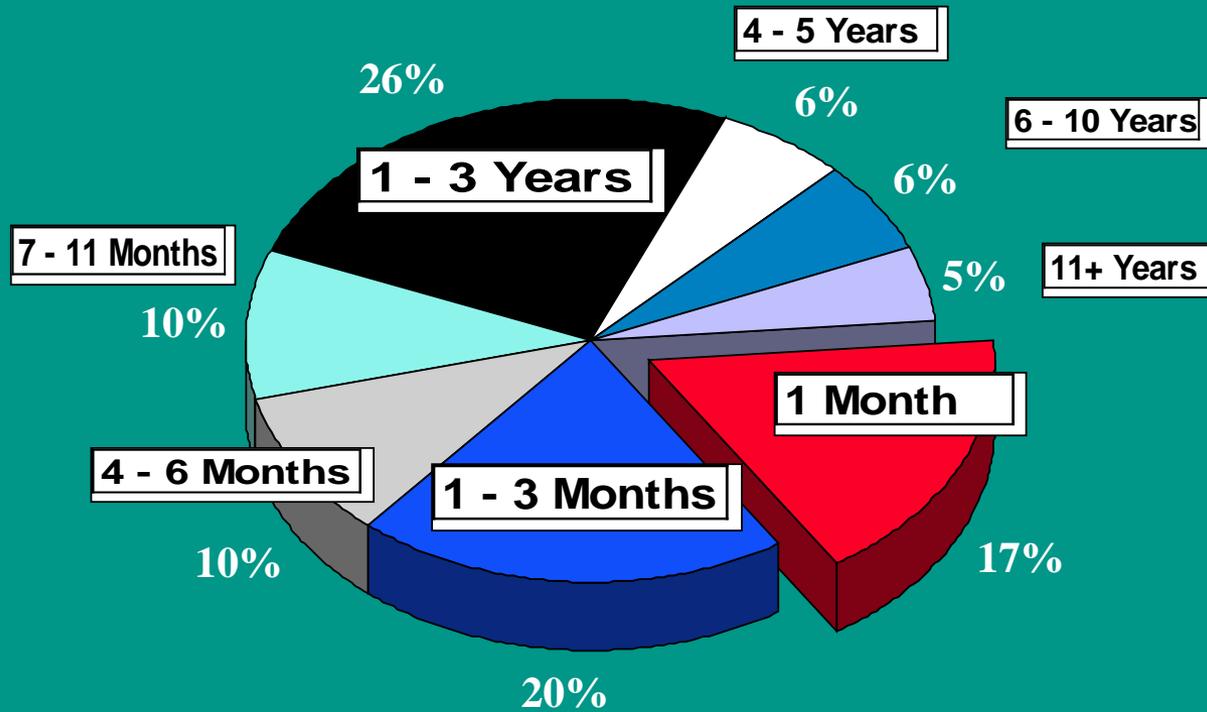
Louisiana 1985-98



Number of Workers Employed in Logging in Louisiana

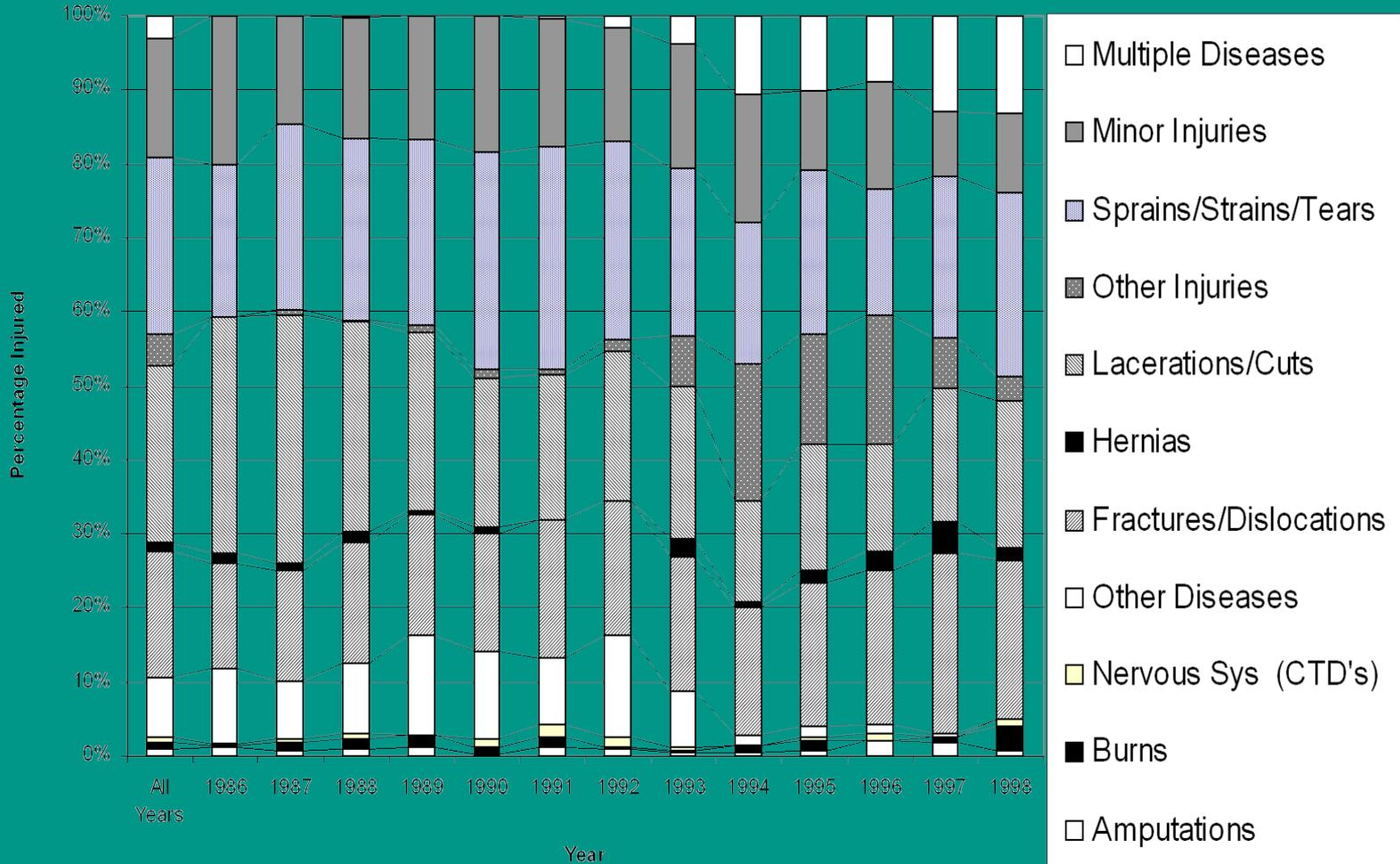


Seniority of Logger



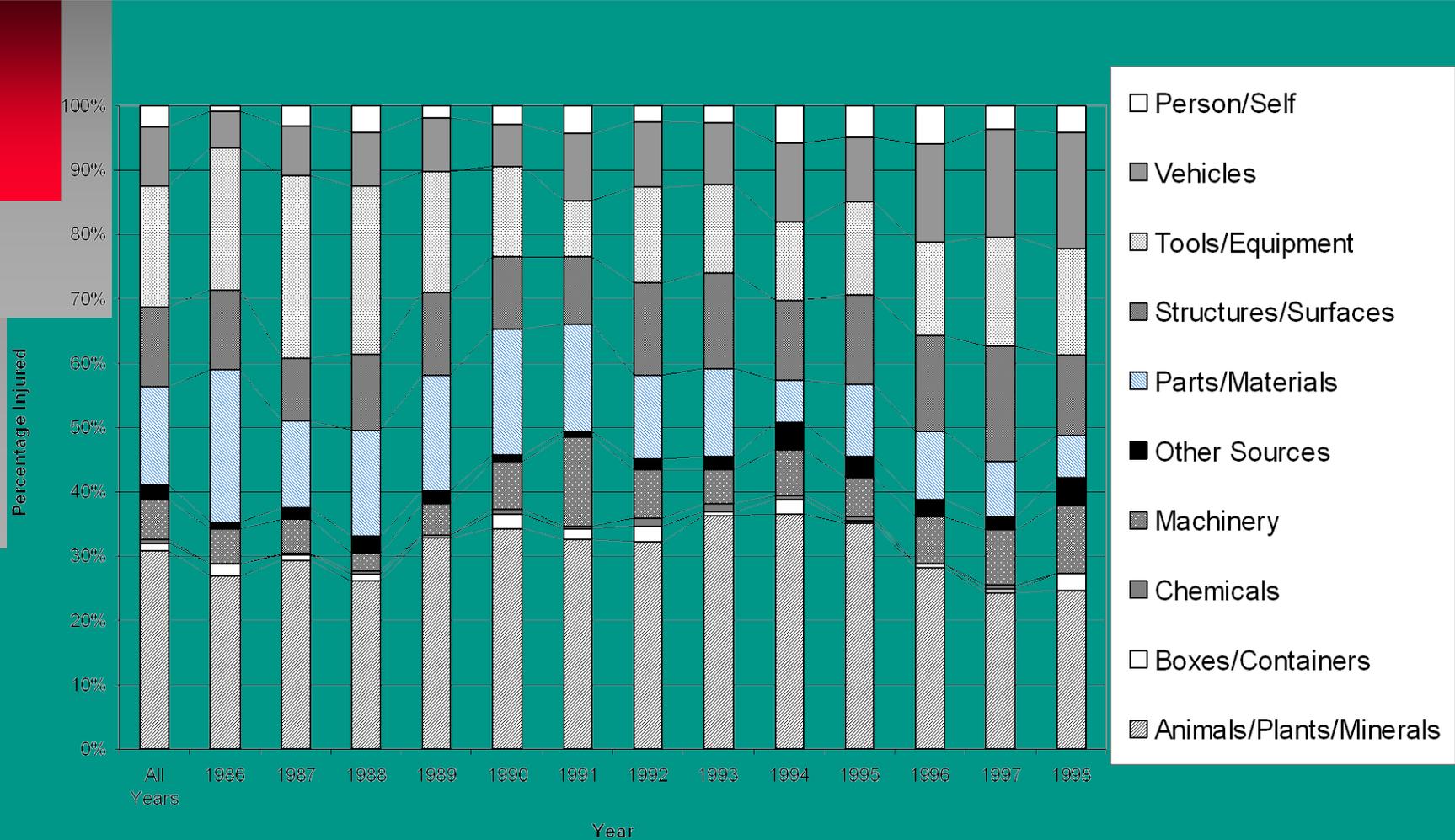
Nature of Injury

Louisiana Loggers

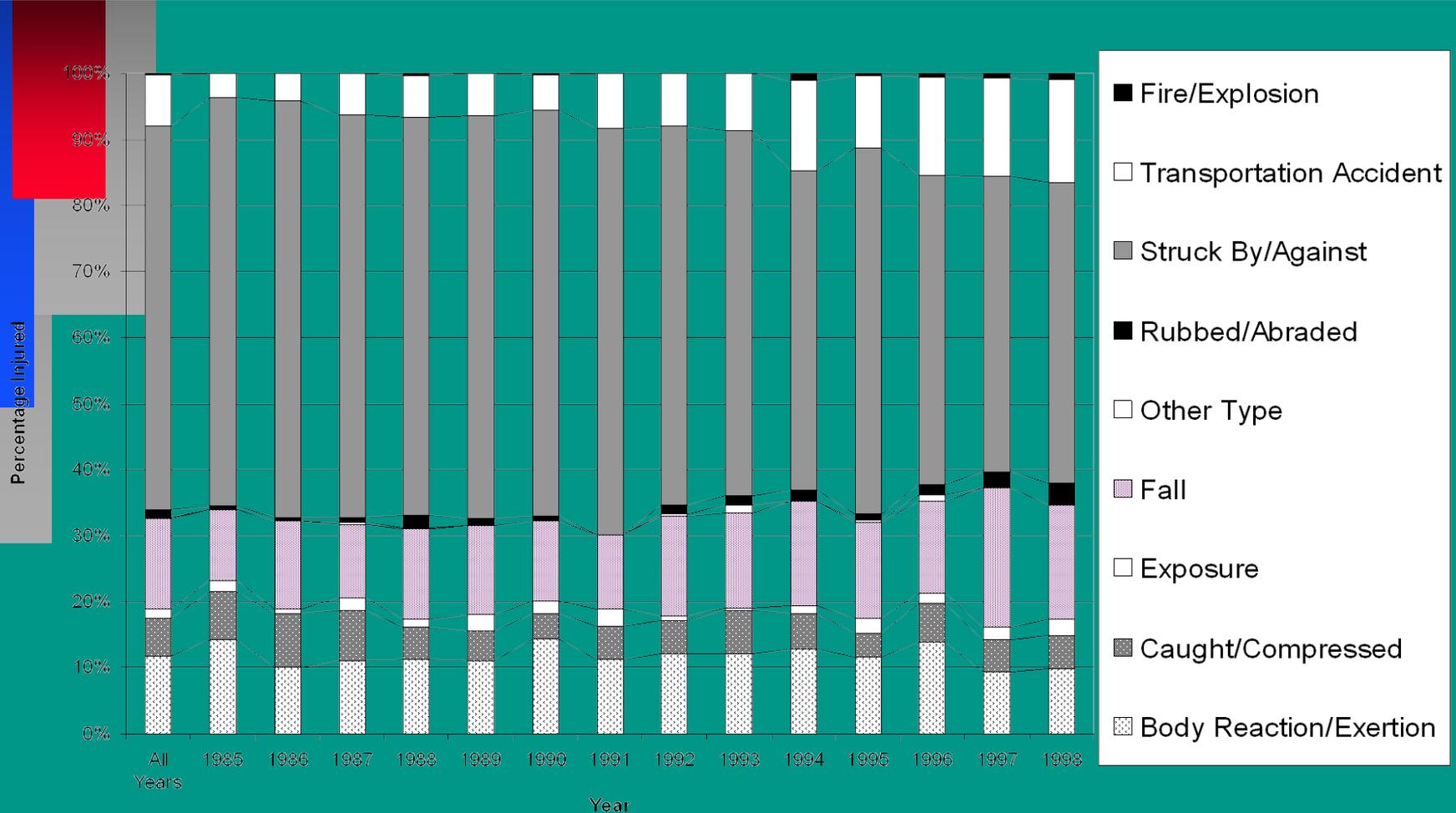


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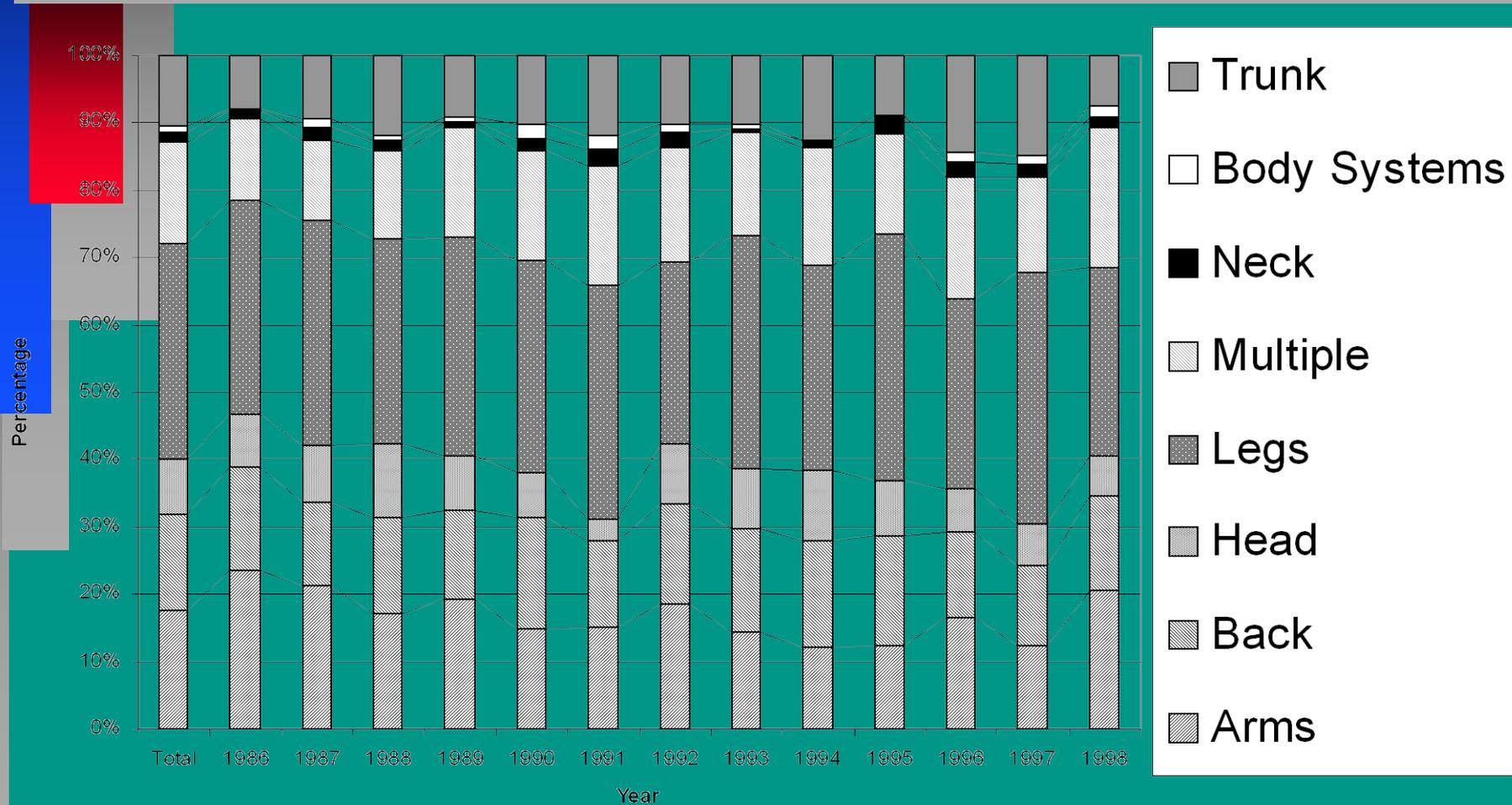
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Type of Accident Louisiana Loggers



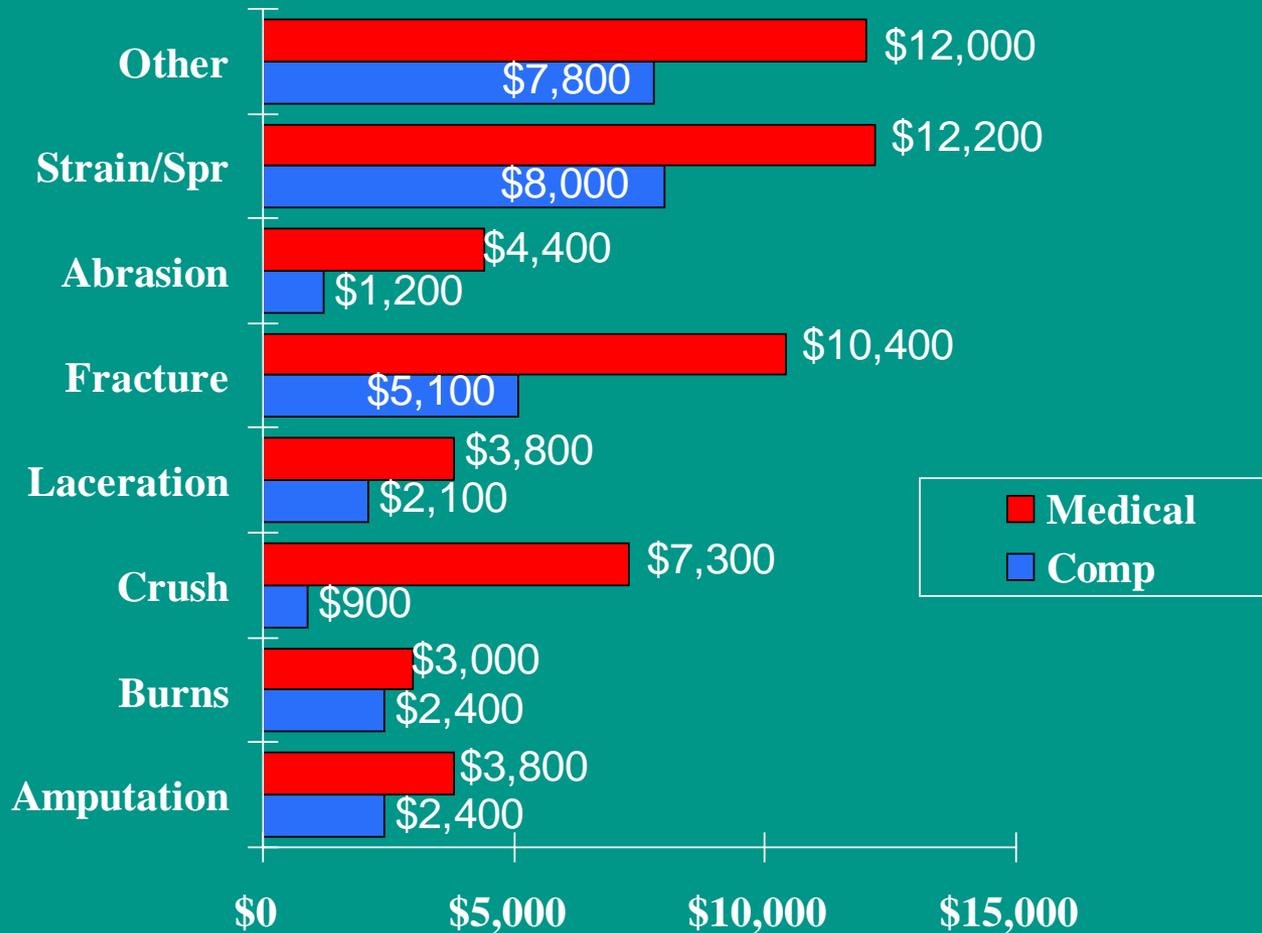
Part of Body Louisiana Loggers



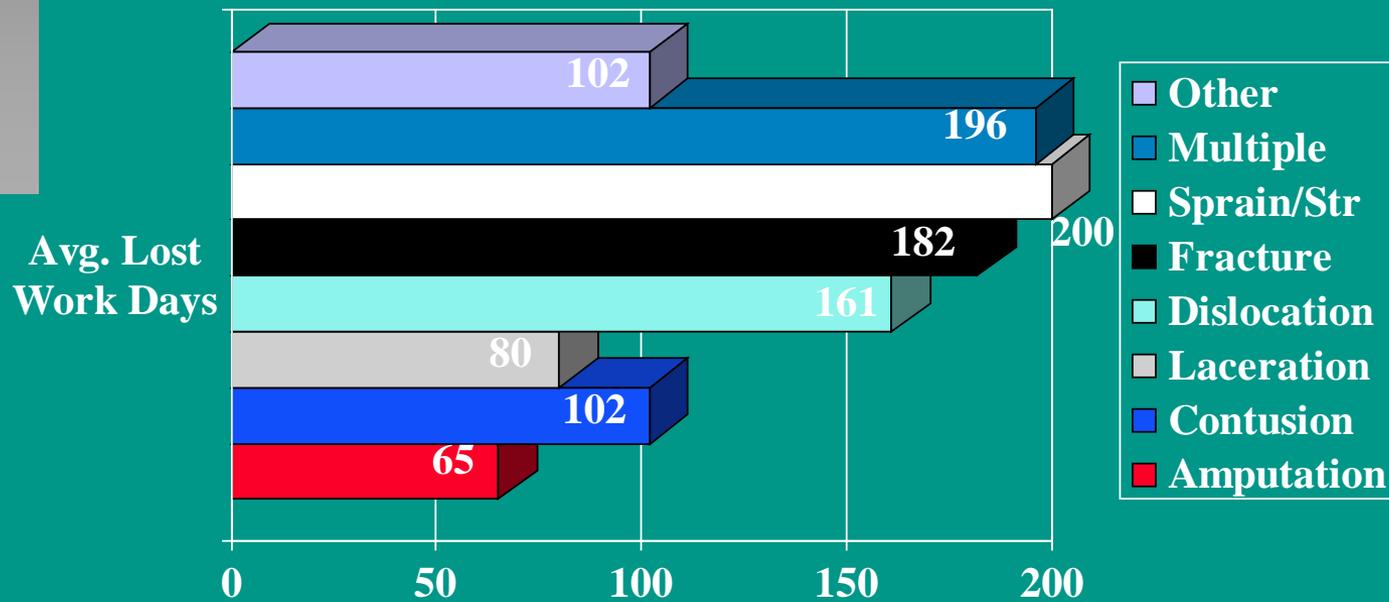
Costs



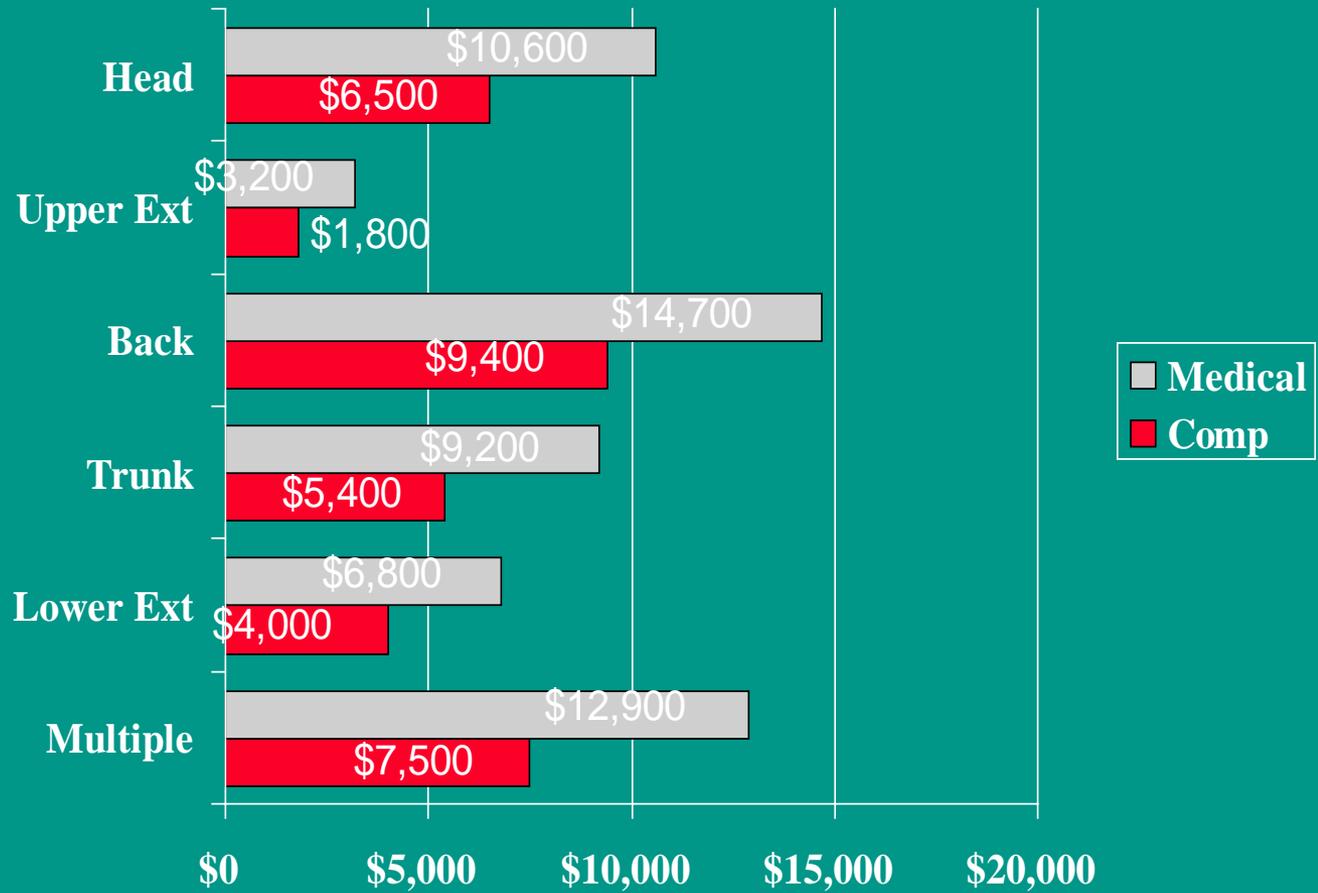
Cost by Nature of Injury



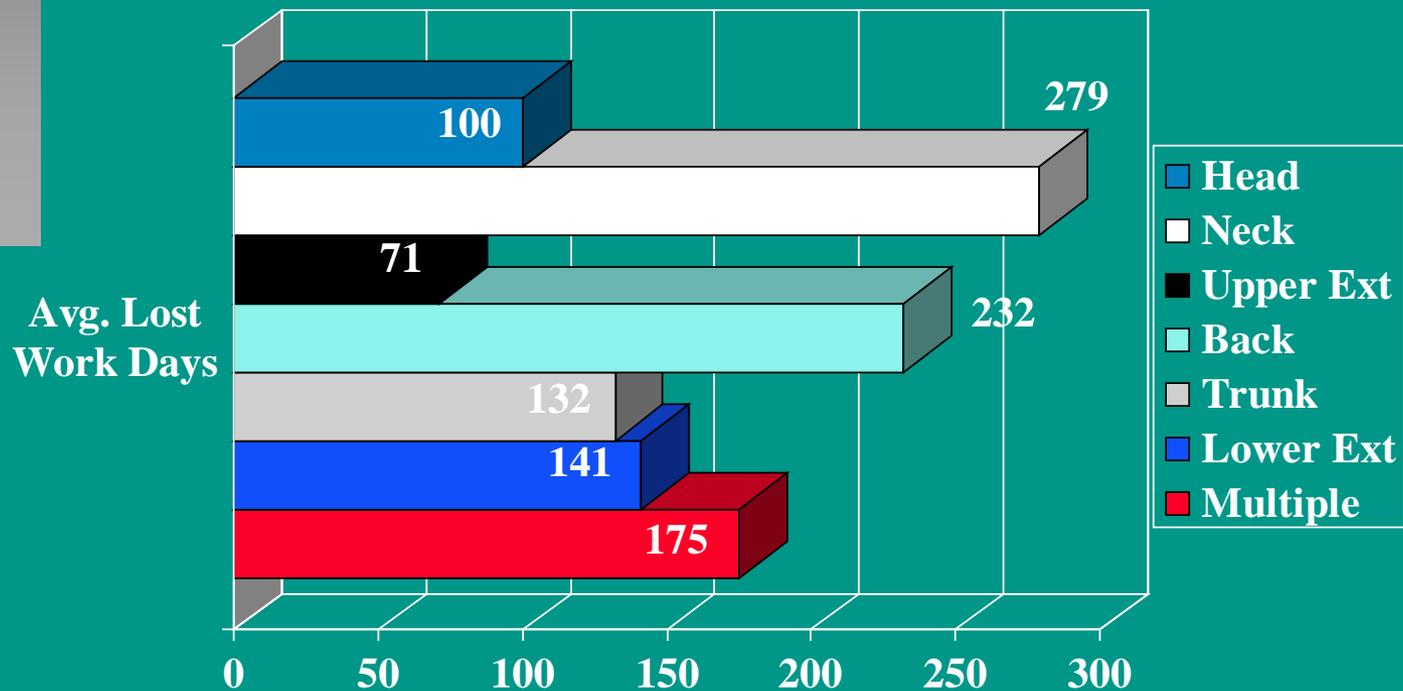
Lost Workdays by Nature of Injury



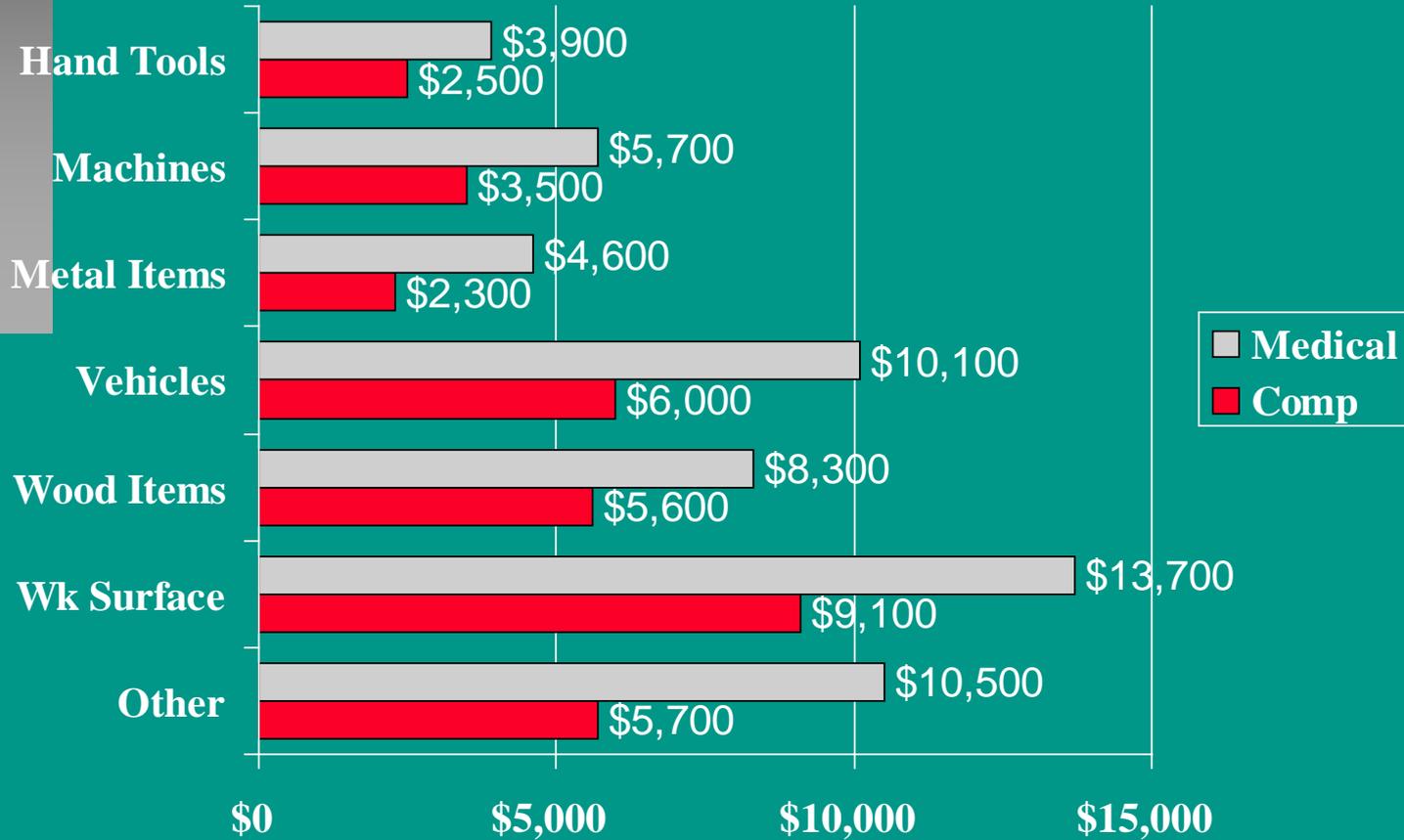
Cost by Body Part



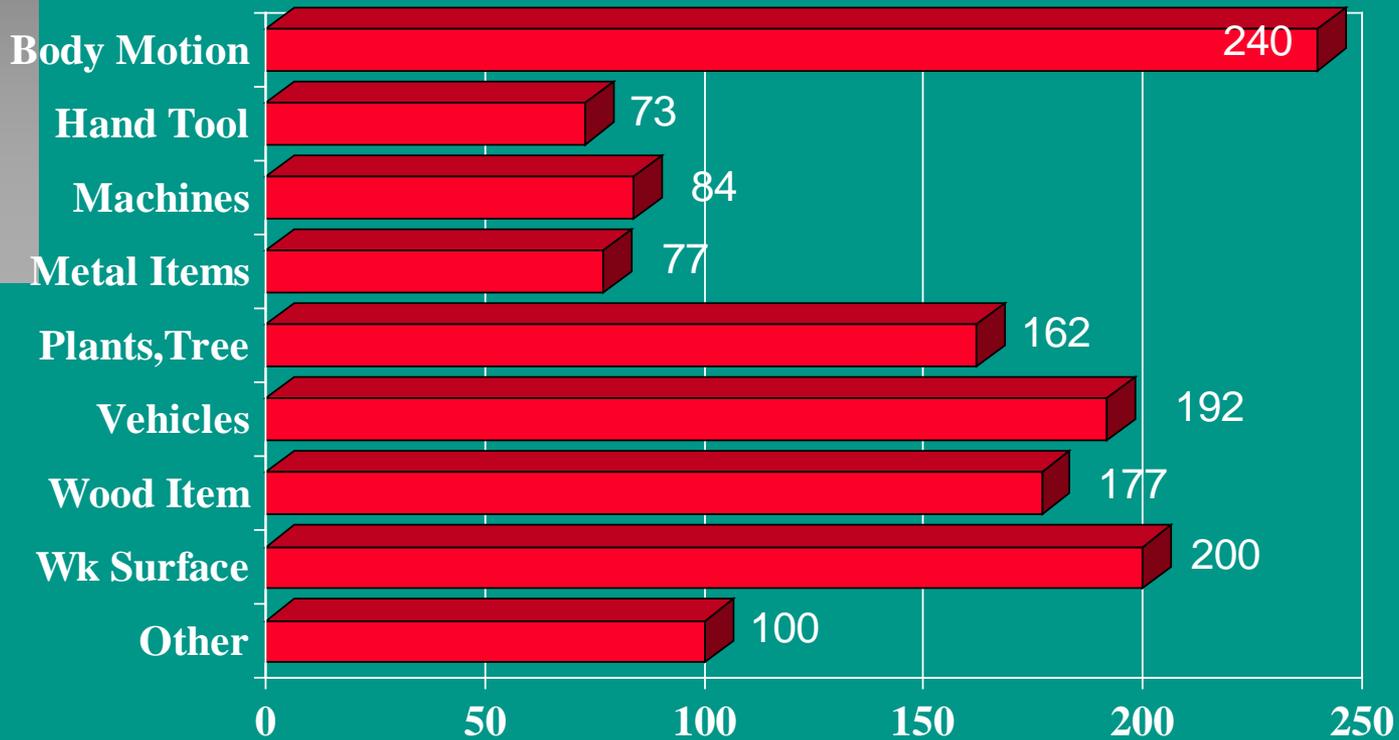
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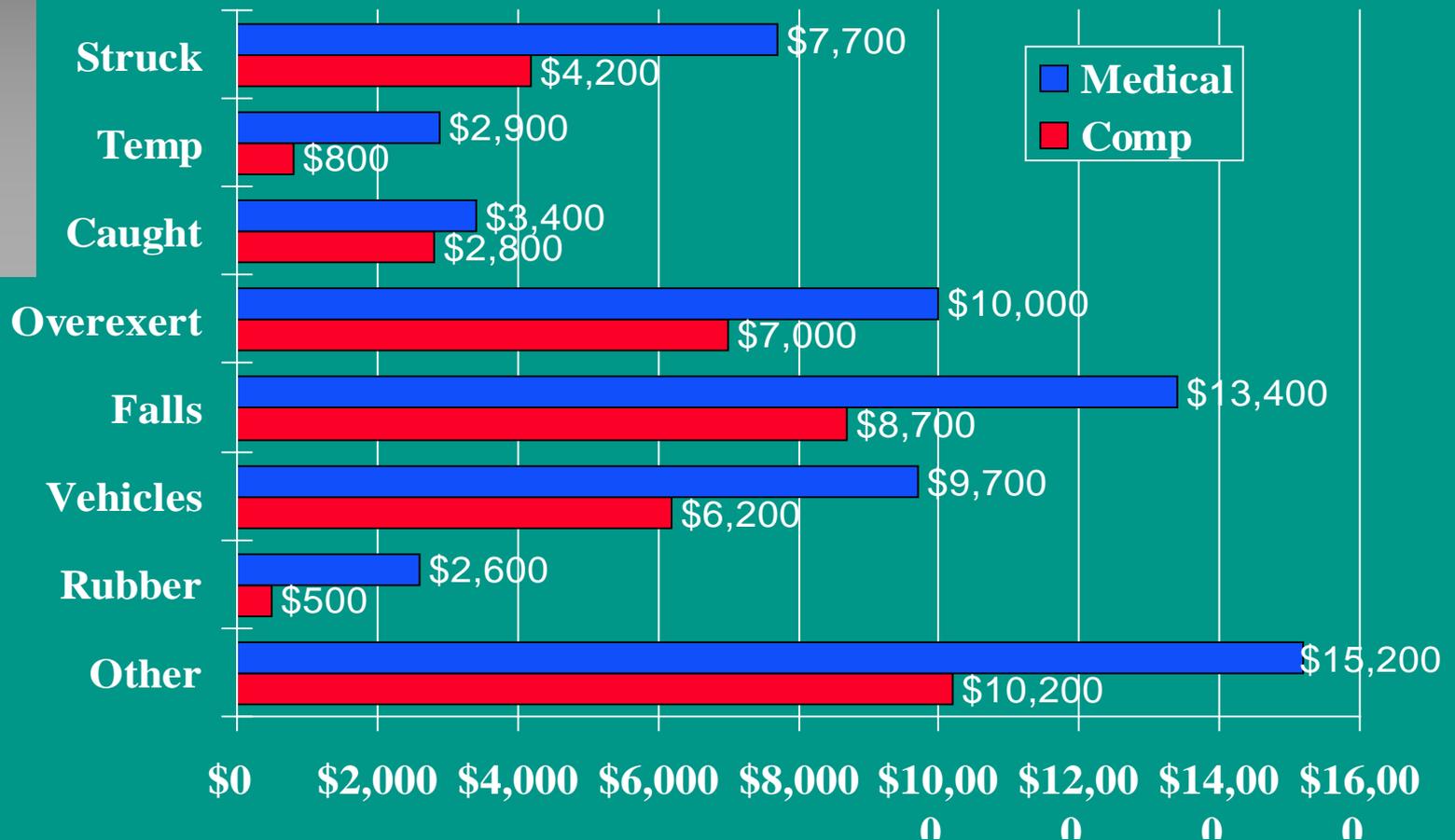
Cost by Source of Injury



Lost Workdays by Source of Injury



Cost by Type of Accident



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.
- Mount/Dismount Equipment

Conclusions (cont'd)

- Truck drivers get hurt a lot, too.



Conclusions (cont'd)

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

