THE WORKFORCE

This industry grouping covers a wide range of activities, separated into eight groups:

- Hospitals
- Medical Services
- Pathology and Diagnostic Imaging Services
- Allied Health Services
- Other Health Care Services
- Residential Care Services
- Other Social Assistance Services
- Child Care Services

THE INJURIES

1,615 injuries across the industry in 2018

1 in 5 workers injured in Tasmania in 2018 worked in Health Care and Social Assistance

14.1 serious injuries per million hours worked

HIGHEST OF ALL INDUSTRIES

62% higher than the state average of 8.7

THE PEOPLE

Personal Carers and Assistants accounted for 2 in 5 injured workers

41% Personal Carers and Assistants

13% Health and Welfare Support Workers

11% Midwifery and Nursing Professionals

55-64 year olds reported the highest serious injury frequency rate

54% of serious injuries occur in Residential Care Services

THE CAUSES

The most common causes of injury across the industry:

- Body stressing
- Falls, slips and trips
- Being hit by moving objects
- Mental stress

THE LARGEST EMPLOYING INDUSTRY IN THE STATE

51% of workers are employed full time

5% lower serious injury frequency rate in 2018 than ten years ago

4% increase in hours worked in the last three years

THE CAUSES

Musculoskeletal disorders
Hazardous manual tasks
Slips, trips and falls
Mental health conditions

ACTION AREAS

Priority conditions and causes identified in the WorkSafe Strategic Plan 2018-2023 relevant to the industry

Hazardous manual tasks
Slips, trips and falls
Mental health conditions

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