

HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT 2021

► The workforce

This industry covers a wide range of activities, separated into eight groups. The three largest employing groups are:


1. Hospitals
2. Other Social Assistance Services
3. Residential Care Services



► The injuries

1,734 injuries across the industry in 2021

16.7 serious injuries per million hours worked  59% higher than the state average—the highest of all industries

13% higher serious injury frequency rate in 2021 than ten years ago 

► The people

2 in 5

serious injuries occurred in Residential Care Services



Occupations with the highest percentage of serious injuries

33%

Personal Carers and Assistants



15%

Health and Welfare Support Workers

► The causes

1 Body stressing

2 Mental stress

3 Falls, slips and trips

► Action areas

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



MUSCULO-SKELETAL DISORDERS



HAZARDOUS MANUAL TASKS



SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS



MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS