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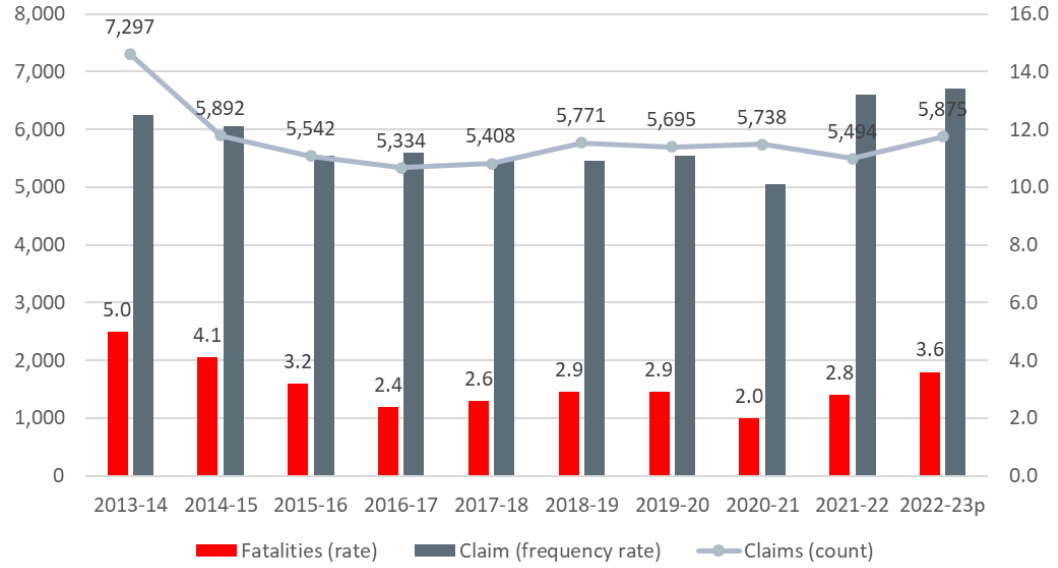
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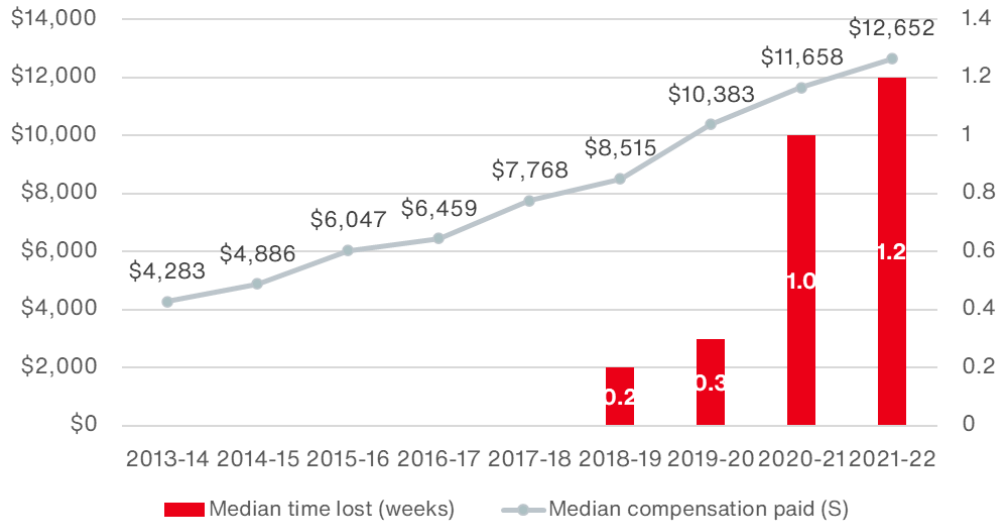
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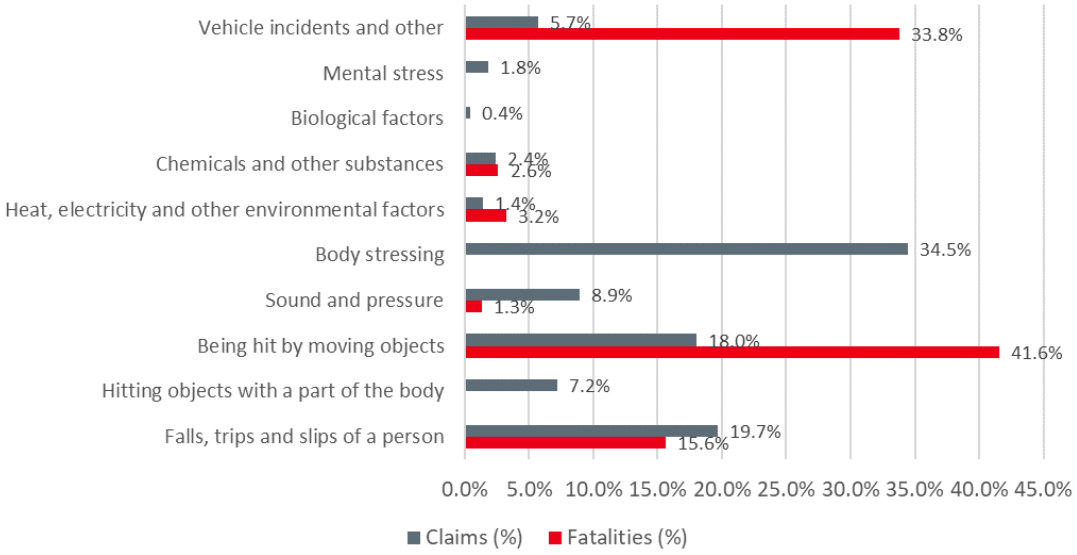
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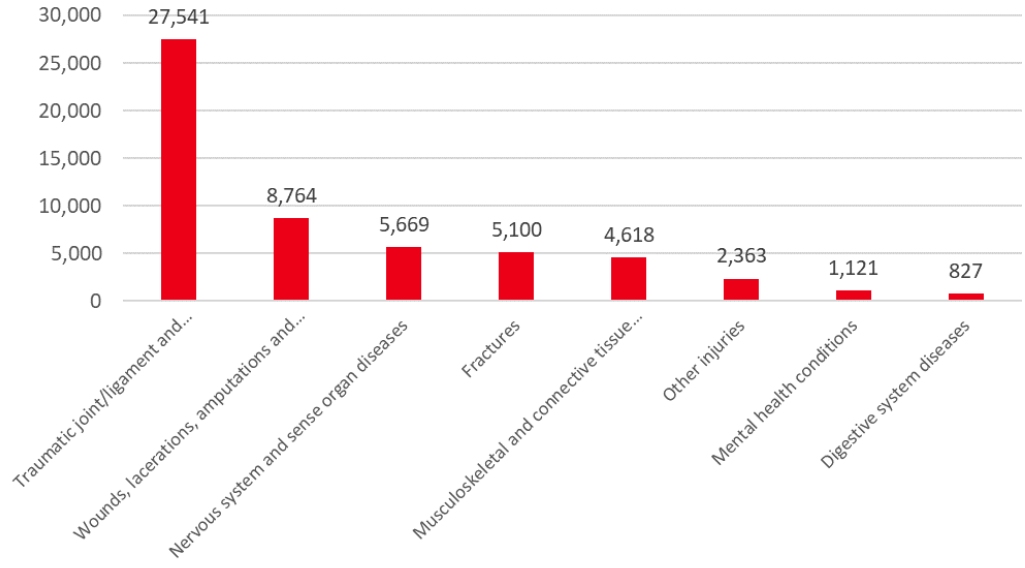
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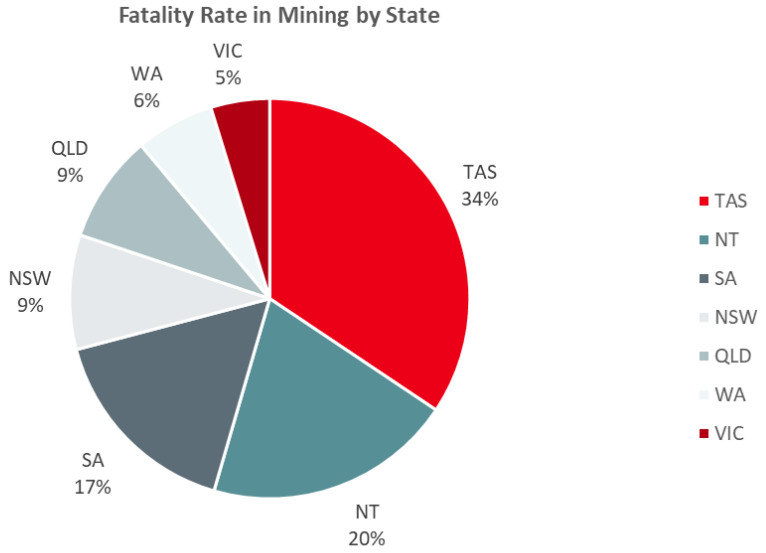
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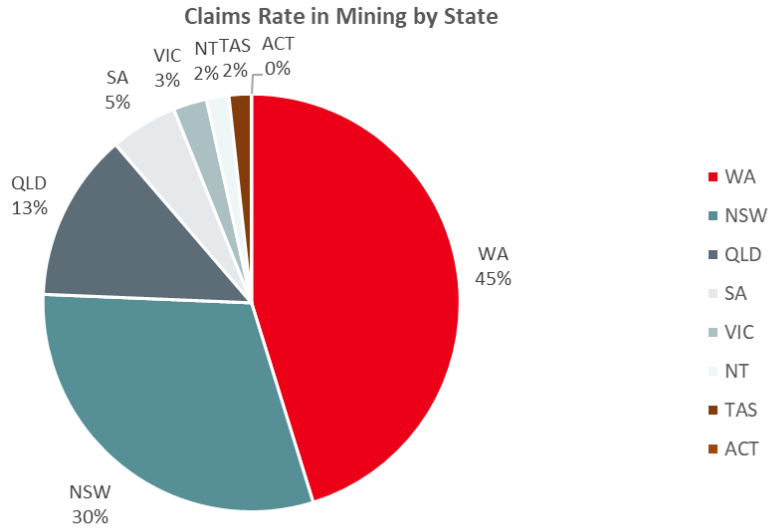


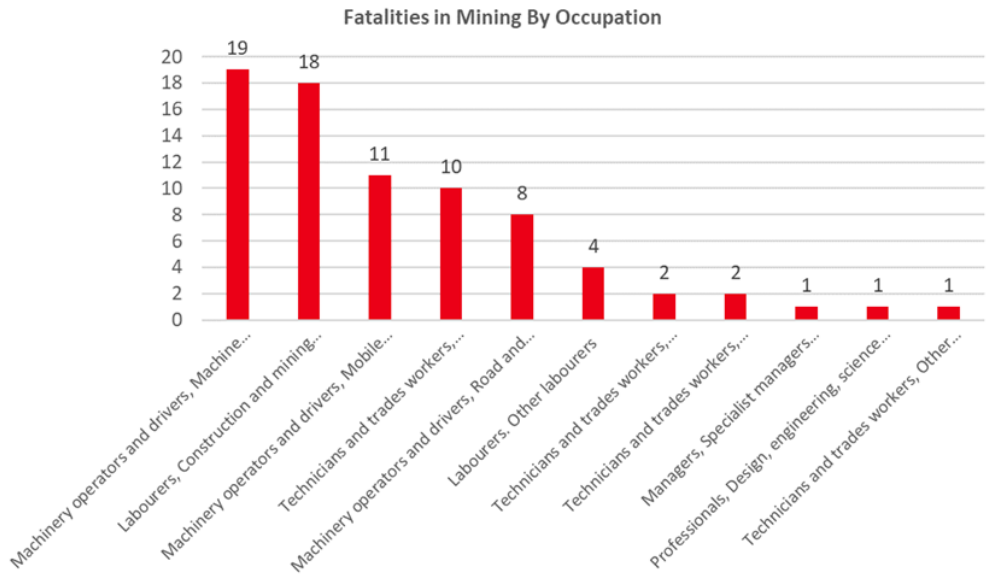
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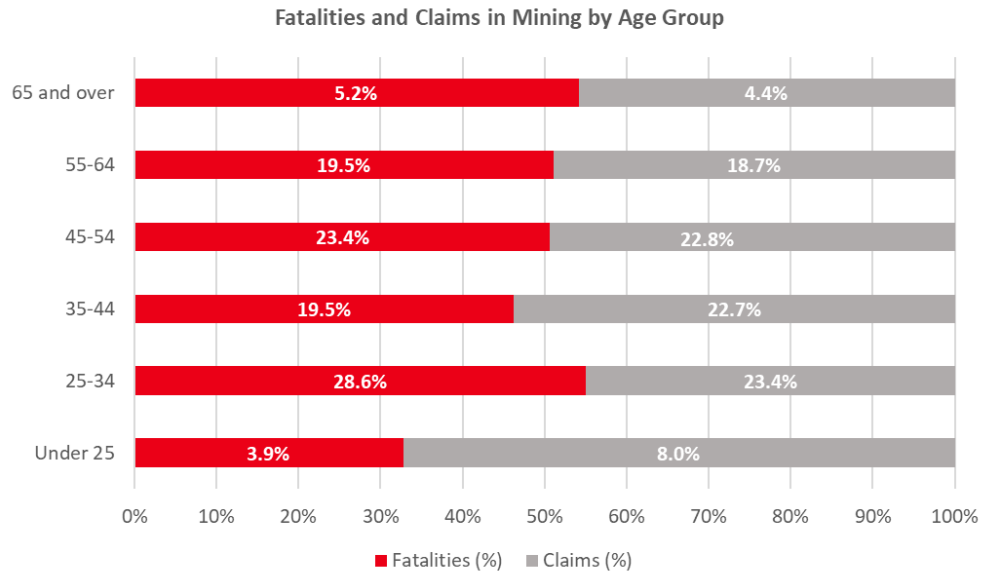


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Key observations

The mining industry is facing an escalating workers' compensation pressures that demand urgent attention. Recent data reveals that labour-intensive roles, especially machinery operators, drivers, and labourers in construction and mining, are experiencing high injury rates. The most common risks include being struck by moving objects, vehicle incidents, and slips, trips and falls. Traumatic joint and ligament injuries are by far the most common type of injury, around 3 times higher than wounds and lacerations.

The data around fatalities in the industry are sobering, with a recent rise in the frequency of fatalities, most commonly arising from being hit by moving objects and vehicle incidents. Tasmania alone contributes to 34% of all national mining fatalities. Financial consequences are increasing, and the impacts can be devastating. The median compensation paid per claim has nearly tripled in the past decade, rising from $4,283 in 2013/14 to $12,652 in 2022/23. This upward trend in costs is directly impacting organisational premiums and overall financial performance.

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