

# Countrywide Mega Claims—A Multi-Bureau Collaboration

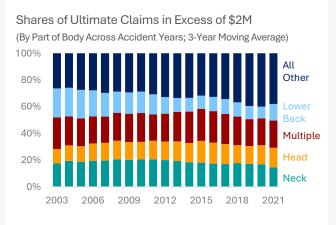
### Have mega claims become more or less frequent in recent years?

Frequency of mega claims is increasing, whether it is estimated relative to premium or indemnity claims. The most notable increase is seen in construction.

# Mega Claim Frequency per \$1M of Premium (By Threshold Across Accident Years; 3-Year Moving Average) 0.025 0.020 >\$2M 0.015 0.005 >\$3M >\$5M >\$10M 2003 2006 2009 2012 2015 2018 2021

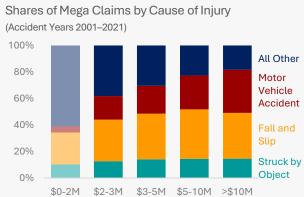
### What are common characteristics of mega claims, and have they shifted over time?

Generally, the distribution of mega claims remains relatively stable. However, the shares of lower back and sprain injuries are decreasing over time.



## Is there a cause of injury that is more likely to result in a mega claim?

Injuries from motor vehicle accidents tend to be more costly. Despite representing 5% of indemnity claims, they account for 33% of claims exceeding \$10M.



### **Contributing Factors to Consider in Frequency Increase**

- Mega claims are being recognized faster in more recent years
- More large claims are being identified earlier and are less likely to emerge over time

This speed-up in emergence is seen across thresholds and industry groups, which could lead to overstated estimates of ultimate claim frequency, particularly for the latest years.

Now available: Countrywide Mega Claims—Accident Years 2001–2021.