

**Chancellor's University Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Quarterly Meeting**  
**July 15, 2008 • 3:00 p.m.**  
**Osborne Athletic Complex**

The meeting was convened by Chair Larry Schmid. Attendees were introduced.

**Present:** Jeff Lamp on behalf of Jim Jackson (BSM), Jeff Hohlen on behalf of Charlotte Evans (UNL PD), Linda Ybarra on behalf of John Ingram (Athletics), Eileen Bergt (Landscape Services), Robin Whisman (Campus Rec), Judy Prochaska (Utilities), Greg Maguire (Housing), Dr. Roger Quiring (UHC), Coleen Huls (Telecom), Don Beermann (Research & Laboratories), Dave Morgan ((UAAD), Chris Cary (UNOPA), Mark Shepherd (EHS), Betsy Howe (EHS), Yoko Smith (EHS).

**2009 PROPOSED MEETING DATES:**

Meeting dates for 2009 were established: January 20, April 21, July 21, and October 20.

**FY 2008 (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter) and 2008 YTD INJURY/ILLNESS REPORT**

Yoko Smith reported injury incidents by department, types of accidents, and types of employees for the months of April through June 2008 and for 2008 year-to-date.

- 24% of incidents reported this quarter were the result of slips, trips and falls. 24% of incidents involved being struck by moving objects or struck against fixed objects.
- The top five high-cost injuries for the quarter were presented. This quarter's high-cost injury range was \$13,000-\$108,000, making this an expensive quarter.
- Yoko reviewed the calendar year accident rates, incidents by department, incidents by cause and incidents by type of employment. It was noted that slips, trips and falls is the major area of injury, accounting for 33% of the incidents so far for 2008.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The May 1, 2008, Campus Safety Walk survey was distributed to members in May. Sergeant Jeff Hohlen asked if there were questions about the findings. The findings this year were minor and Jeff Lamp reported that the items have been addressed. In addition, lighting changes were made near the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery to improve walkway lighting. The lighting plan also addressed ongoing challenges to the original lighting plan resulting from plant growth.

Further discussion addressed trees, warning sign visibility, and pedestrian safety on East Campus near the Veterinary Diagnostic Center. Eileen Bergt is going to investigate trail 'stop' signs. Such signage could be used to make walking trail users aware when there is a particular crossing requiring special attention before proceeding.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Larry Schmid and Mark Shepherd reported on a recent meeting with Brenda Osthus and Kim Phelps concerning changes to the CUSC.

One suggestion that will be implemented immediately is advertising the upcoming CUSC meeting. Once the meetings are on the UNL Calendar, the meeting information will automatically be listed in the Scarlet.

The group agreed that it would be beneficial to include an Open Forum category on the Agenda twice a year. This will first be tried for the October 2008 meeting. Information on this new opportunity for the campus community to share any concerns on campus safety directly with the CUSC will be communicated through a brief article in the Scarlet or the UNL calendar two weeks prior to the meeting. Anyone interested in participating in the Open Forum discussion at the October CUSC meeting will need to contact Chair Larry Schmid at 472-4838 or [lschmid@unl.edu](mailto:lschmid@unl.edu) or Co-Chair Chris Cary at 472-5836 or [ccary2@unl.edu](mailto:ccary2@unl.edu) within one week prior to the meeting. The CUSC meeting location may need to be changed to accommodate the potentially larger meeting attendance. If the Open Forum is conducted in alternating quarters, the venue can move between City Campus and East Campus for the convenience of potential attendees.

A CUSC charter is being developed by Kim Phelps, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, and Brenda Osthus, Director of Environmental Health & Safety. Extensive discussion at a recent meeting, including Larry Schmid and Mark Shepherd, provided input to assist Brenda and Kim in this task.

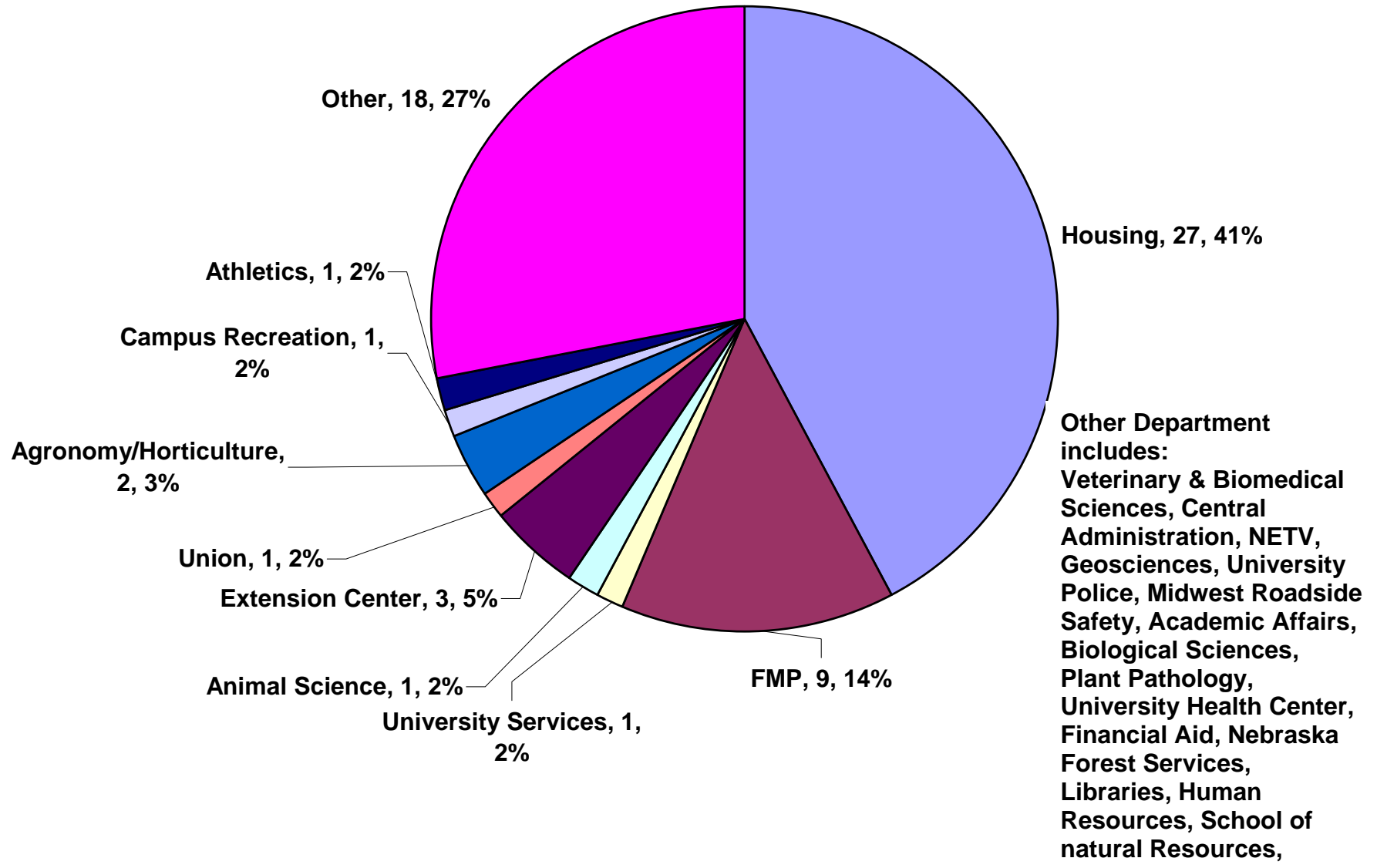
Several topics were raised as possibilities for the CUSC to pursue. A decision on avenues of pursuit was discussed, as related to better defining the role and responsibilities of the CUSC. Following are some possibilities:

- The consensus is that the general campus community is not adequately aware of EHS training offerings. Should the CUSC promote the EHS training and specifically how?
- There was discussion on the interface between Unit Safety Committees and the CUSC.
- Member Don Beermann opened a discussion on AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) and what role, if any, the CUSC should play in this area. The main concern was maintenance: is it occurring and are those tasked with maintenance by a department properly trained? Is there some education about location and use that the CUSC should encourage? Is it desirable to have an overarching process in place such as that which exists for fire extinguishers throughout campus? We will continue this discussion at the October meeting.

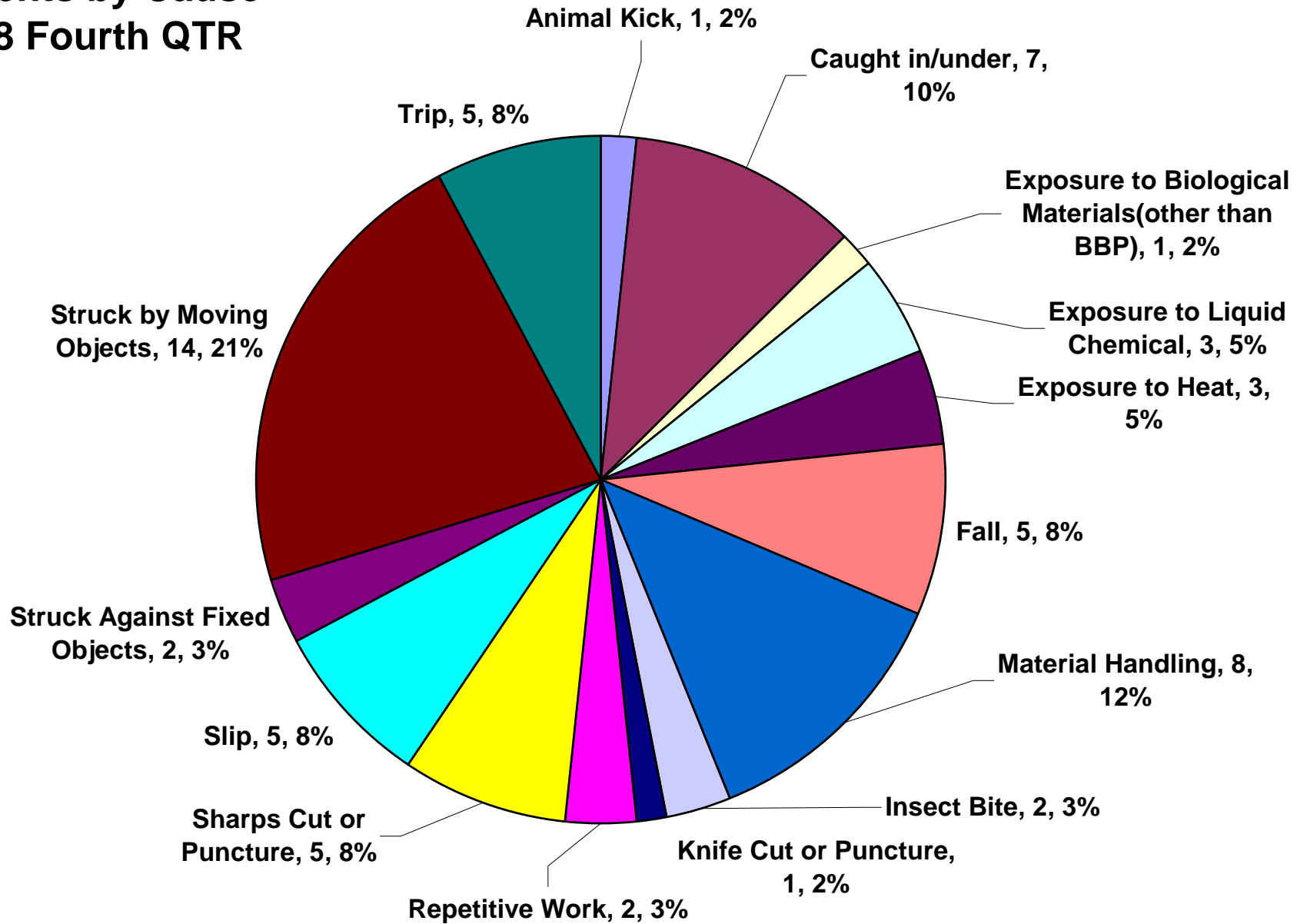
## **CLOSING REMARKS**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. For now the meeting location will remain the Osborne Athletic Complex, fourth floor conference room. The location may be changed, depending on response to an Open Forum invitation. The meeting was adjourned by President Larry Schmid.

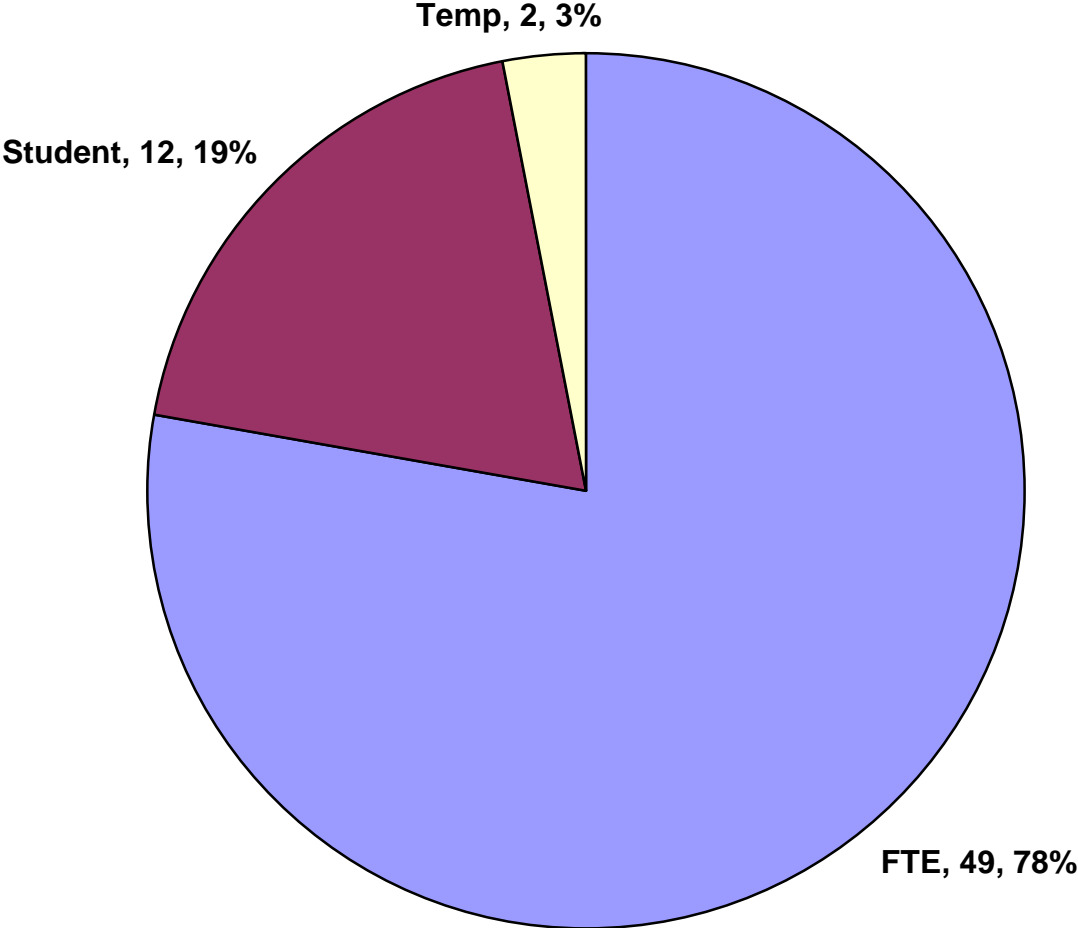
# Incident by Department FY08 Fourth QTR



# Incidents by Cause FY08 Fourth QTR



**Types of Employment  
FY08 Fourth QTR**



## Summary of High Cost Incidents

Department	Date	Description of Event	Investigation and Corrective Action	Projected Cost
Agronomy/Horticulture	6/11/08	Employee was planting soybeans. As the employee was adjusting the planter height in a new field, the employee was caught between the tractor and the planter. The employee's lung collapsed.	The injured employee positioned themselves between the planter and tractor to move the tri-point bar, which controls the height of the planter. While in that position the employee asked the tractor operator to adjust the planter hydraulically. The planter moved up diagonally, pushing the employee against the override button. The employee was pinned between the tractor and the planter for about 5 minutes. The injured employee could have adjusted the planter themselves by using the override button. The department provided an all-department training session for all technicians who work with and around tractors, and will develop a SOP.	\$108,130
West Central REC	5/25/08	Employee was moving horses out of a corral when a horse bucked the employee off. The employee fractured their hip.	The employee was riding their own horse for herding horses out of a pen when their horse started bucking. The employee fell off and fractured their hip. The supervisor stated the animals behaved unexpectedly and there was not much the employee could have done. EHS suggested catching and moving horses on foot, not on horseback, but the supervisor thought it would not have made a difference.	\$53,579.57
Abel Sandoz Facilities	5/30/08	Employee twisted their knee when helping carry a heavy item up stairs. The employee's foot landed	The residence hall is being renovated. The employee worked with about a dozen others to carry a refrigeration	\$44,519.35

		in awkward way resulting in a twisted knee.	unit for a sandwich station manually. The unit was too big to fit into the elevator. The supervisor estimated the unit weighed about 1500 pounds. The employees moved the item up two flights of stairs from the first to the second floor. The employee apparently twisted their knee as they were carrying the unit. The supervisor stated they would probably hire contactors who specialize in moving heavy equipment if they have to move heavy equipment in the future.	
Plant Pathology	5/22/08	Employee tripped over uneven ground at the entrance to a Plant Pathology greenhouse. The employee tried to break their fall by bracing with their hands. The employee scraped their left palm and fractured their right wrist.	The employee was working in a greenhouse for some time, began to feel ill and proceeded to leave the greenhouse. The employee tripped and fell, fracturing their wrist. The supervisor stated the workers are encouraged to take breaks as needed to prevent overheating, but the employee might have spent too much time in the greenhouse.	\$18,750.00
Midwest Roadside Safety	6/9/08	Employee stepped off the back of a truck and rolled their right ankle.	EHS is visiting the site on July 15, 2008 for investigation.	\$13,900.54

### Incident Rate 2008 YTD (Jan, Feb. Mar. Apr. May. Jun.)

Dept. Name	Hours Worked	# of Total Accidents	# of OSHA Recordable Accidents	# of Lost Time Accidents	Accident Rate (Includes all accidents)	OSHA Recordable Accident Rate	Lost Time Accident Rate*
Housing	1184592.36	40	13	5	6.75	2.19	0.84
Facilities Management	944136.96	13	6	2	2.75	1.27	0.42
University Services	347250.72	2	1	1	1.15	0.58	0.58
Animal Science	263740.56	3	2	1	2.27	1.52	0.76
Extension Centers	1186203.12	9	2	2	1.52	0.34	0.34
Student Union	218508.96	3	0	0	2.75	0.00	0.00
Agronomy/Horticulture	527821.20	2	2	1	0.76	0.76	0.38
Campus Recreation	194289.72	2	1	1	2.06	1.03	1.03
Athletics	674088.12	4	1	0	1.19	0.30	0.00
Other Units/Departments	11179306.20	32	9	6	0.57	0.16	0.11
Total Hours Worked	16719937.92	110	37	19	1.32	0.44	0.23

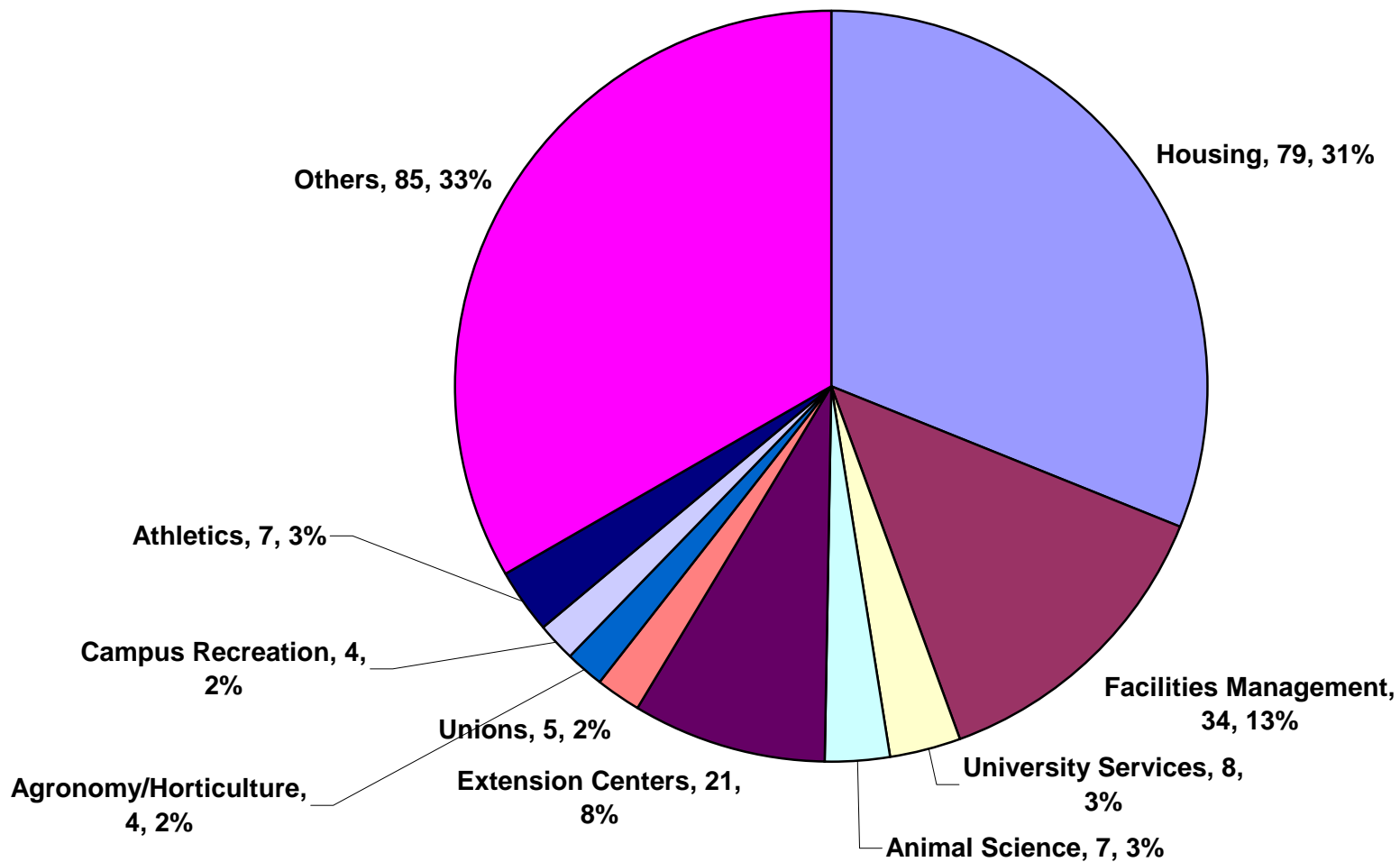
\*Lost time accidents include lost work time accidents and accidents that caused workers to be on modified duties or to move to a different position.

Rate=(Number of incident X 200,000)/Hours worked

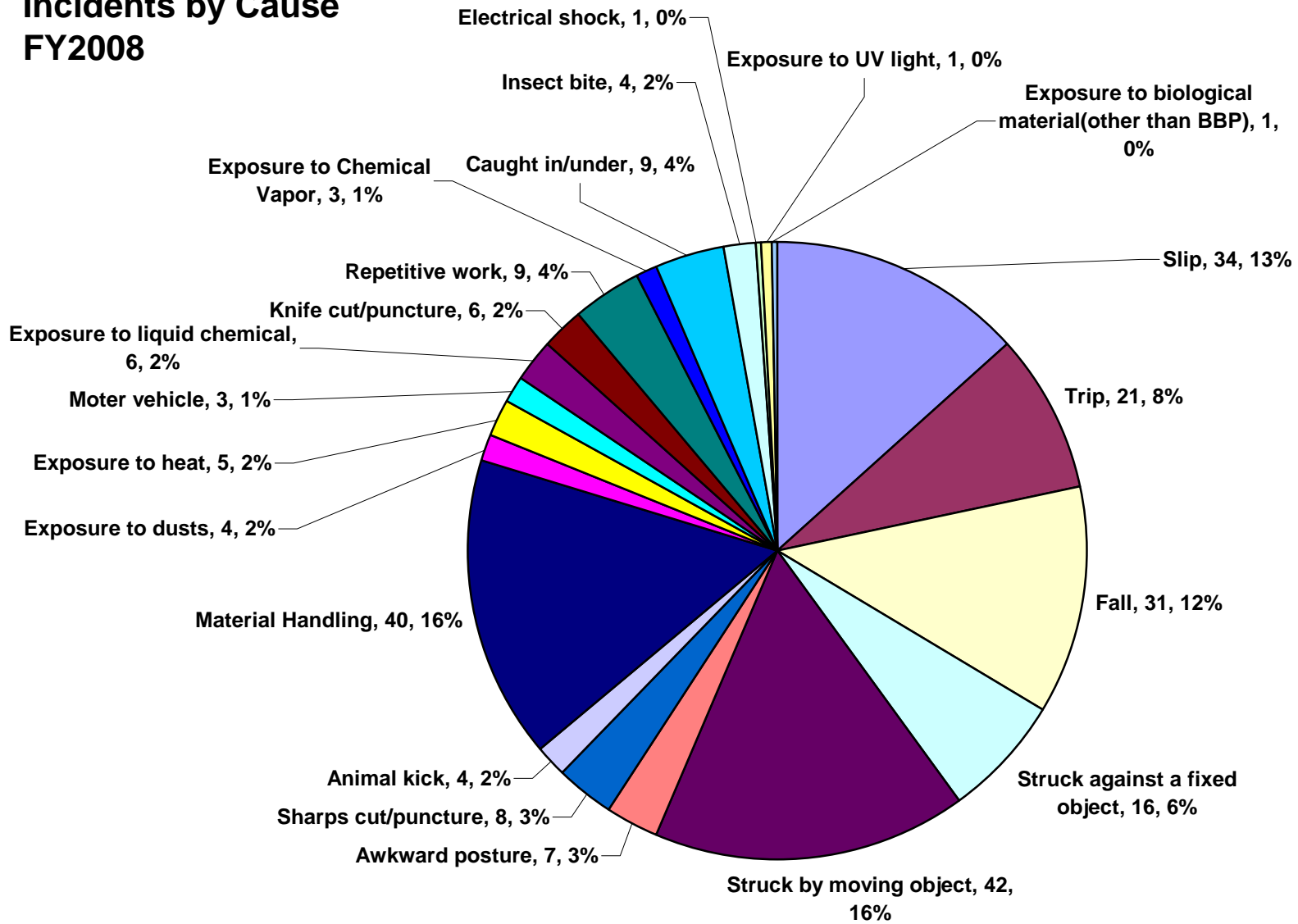
Following are the rates for comparable industries in 2006. (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics News)  
OSHA does not keep records of all-accident rates.

Industry	Recordable case rate	Lost-time accident rate
Agricultural production - crops	5.8	3.1
Agricultural production - livestock	8.1	3.9
Building Equipment Contractors (electrical, plumbing, etc)	6.4	3.1
Food Service and drinking places	4.2	1.4
Services to buildings	4.5	2.7
Colleges and universities	2.5	1

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