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What's up with Mondays? An investigation into the "Monday Effect" for on- and off-the-job injury claims

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Research consistently finds a higher number of workers' compensation claims for injury on a Monday. One theory is that workers claim off-the-job weekend injuries as occurring on the Monday at work to receive workers' compensation. I test this using data from New Zealand, where compensation is identical for both on- and off-the-job injuries. I find that there are excess claims on a Monday compared to other weekdays for both on- and off-the-job injury, although it is smaller in magnitude than that found elsewhere. These results indicate that moral hazard is only part of the explanation for the "Monday Effect".



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