

Day of MOURNING

British Columbia Facts¹



Work-related death claims for 2018

- There were 131 work-related deaths in 2018. Of those:
 - 4 were young workers
 - 66 were the result of occupational disease
 - 46 percent were in a high-risk industry
- The gender breakdown for work-related deaths is 125 males and 6 females.

Work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2014-2018

Year	Total work-related deaths	Male	Female
2014	175	167	8
2015	122	115	7
2016	144	138	6
2017	158	152	6
2018	131	125	6

Young worker work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2014-2018

Year	Young worker work-related deaths
2014	4
2015	0
2016	5
2017	6
2018	4

In 2018:

- There were a total of 109,834 short-term disability, long-term disability, and health-care only claims.
- Workplace injury and illness resulted in more than 2.9 million lost days of work.
- Almost 3,000 claims were reported each week and approximately 106 long-term disability claims were accepted each week.
- More than 2 work-related death claims were accepted each week.

Work-related death claims by subsector in 2018²

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Agriculture	0
Fishing	1
Forestry	5
Oil & Gas or Mineral Resources	7
Food and Beverage Products	1
Metal and Non-Metallic Mineral Products	7
Petroleum, Coal, Rubber, Plastic, and Chemical Products	2
Wood and Paper Products	8
Other Products (not elsewhere specified)	1
General Construction	30
Heavy Construction	1
Road Construction or Maintenance	3
Warehousing	0
Transportation and Related Services	20
Retail	2
Wholesale	1
Public Administration	14
Accommodation, Food, and Leisure Services	6
Business Services	1
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	4
Other Services (not elsewhere specified)	6
Education	4
Health Care and Social Services	2
Utilities	1

Number of accepted work-related death claims by regional district³ in 2018

Region	Number of work-related death claims	Region	Number of work-related death claims
Alberni-Clayquot	0	Mount Waddington	0
Bulkley-Nechako	4	Nanaimo	2
Capital	3	North Okanagan	1
Cariboo	2	Northern Rockies	0
Central Coast	0	Okanagan-Similkameen	4
Central Kootenay	0	Peace River	4
Central Okanagan	1	Powell River	1
Columbia-Shuswap	1	Skeena-Queen Charlotte	1
Comox Valley	1	Squamish-Lillooet	3
Cowichan Valley	1	Stikine	0
East Kootenay	5	Strathcona	2
Fraser Valley	4	Sunshine Coast	1
Fraser-Fort George	4	Thompson-Nicola	5
Greater Vancouver	39	Unknown or uncoded	1
Kitimat-Stikine	6	Out of province	5
Kootenay-Boundary	0	Disease with exposures in multiple regions	30

Work-related death claims by year, cause of injury, 2014-2018

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Traumatic	50	41	37	43	40
Motor vehicle incident	26	9	22	28	25
Disease	99	72	85	87	66
Total	175	122	144	158	131

Work-related death claims accepted by year, asbestos-related and other diseases, 2014-2018

Category of disease	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Totals
Asbestosis	9	7	9	6	3	34
Lung cancer	24	10	14	12	10	70
Mesothelioma	42	32	44	47	34	199
Other cancer	14	11	9	10	7	51
Cardiovascular	7	8	6	4	4	29
Other disease	3	4	3	8	8	26
Total occupational disease	99	72	85	87	66	409
Percentage of total work-related death claims	57%	59%	59%	55%	50%	56%

1 Preliminary statistics as of March 31, 2019.

2 Four work-related deaths claims are counted in deposit class and other subsectors.

3 Single-incident work-related death claims are primarily coded based on accident location; when accident location is unavailable, employer operating location followed by head office location is used.