

Day of MOURNING

British Columbia Facts¹



Accepted claims for 2016

- A total of 103,548 short-term disability, long-term disability, and health-care only claims.
- There were 144 work-related deaths.
- Workplace injury and illness resulted in nearly 2.6 million lost days of work.

Breakdown of accepted claims for 2016

Health care only	51,901
Short-term disability	45,891
Long-term disability	5,756
Work-related deaths	144

Note: Accepted claims for health care only, short-term disability, and long-term disability benefits are based on the first payment of benefits on the claim. Claims accepted for work-related death benefits are determined using the adjudication decision on the claim.

Work-related death claims for 2016

- Of the 144 accepted work-related deaths, 85 were the result of occupational disease.
- The gender breakdown for work-related deaths is 138 males and 6 females.

Work-related death claims by subsector in 2016

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Fishing	1
Forestry	7
Oil and Gas, or Mineral Resources	6
Metal and Non-Metallic Mineral Products	13
Petroleum, Coal, Rubber, Plastic & Chemical Products	1
Wood and Paper Products	11
General Construction	27

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Heavy Construction	1
Road Construction and Maintenance	2
Transportation and Related Services	25
Retail	2
Wholesale	2
Public Administration	19
Accommodation, Food, and Leisure Services	3

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Other Services (not elsewhere specified)	10
Education	2
Health Care and Social Services	4
Utilities	3
Food and Beverage Products	4
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1

Work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2012-2016

Year	Work-related deaths	Rate per 10,000 person-years of employment
2012	151	0.7
2013	130	0.6
2014	175	0.8
2015	122	0.5
2016	144	0.6

Young worker work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2012-2016

Year	Young worker work-related deaths
2012	3
2013	6
2014	4
2015	0
2016	5

In 2016, an average of...

- More than 2,800 claims were reported each week.
- 110 long-term disability claims were accepted each week.
- 2.8 work-related death claims were accepted each week.

Number of accepted work-related death claims by regional district² in 2016

Region	Number of work-related death claims
Bulkley-Nechako	1
Capital	5
Cariboo	6
Central Coast	1
Central Okanagan	1
Columbia-Shuswap	1
Comox Valley	1
Cowichan Valley	3
East Kootenay	2
Fraser Valley	4
Fraser-Fort George	4
Greater Vancouver	41
Kitimat-Stikine	3
Kootenay-Boundary	2

Region	Number of work-related death claims
Mount Waddington	2
Nanaimo	3
North Okanagan	2
Northern Rockies	1
Okanagan-Similkameen	1
Peace River	4
Squamish-Lillooet	1
Stikine	1
Strathcona	6
Thompson-Nicola	1
Unknown or uncoded	2
Out of province	5
Disease with exposure in multiple jurisdictions	40

Work-related death claims accepted by year, asbestos-related and other diseases, 2012-2016

Category of disease	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Totals
Asbestosis	10	8	9	7	9	43
Lung cancer	16	13	24	10	14	77
Mesothelioma	42	38	42	32	44	198
Other cancer	3	5	14	11	9	42
Cardiovascular	6	4	7	8	6	31
Other disease	5	2	3	4	3	17
Total occupational disease	82	70	99	72	85	408
Percentage of total work-related death claims	54%	54%	57%	59%	59%	57%

1 Preliminary statistics as of March 31, 2017

2 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