

# Day of MOURNING

## British Columbia Facts<sup>1</sup>



### Work-related death claims for 2020

- There were 151 work-related deaths in 2020. Of those:
  - 2 were young workers
  - 88 were the result of occupational disease, with 51 as a result of asbestos exposure
- The gender breakdown for work-related deaths is 146 males and 5 females.

### Work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2016-2020

Year	Total work-related deaths	Male	Female
2016	144	138	6
2017	158	152	6
2018	131	125	6
2019	140	135	5
2020	151	146	5

### Young worker work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2016-2020

Year	Young worker work-related deaths
2016	5
2017	6
2018	4
2019	2
2020	2

### In 2020:

- There were a total of 90,685 short-term disability, long-term disability, and health-care only claims.
- Workplace injury and illness resulted in more than 3.5 million lost days of work.
- More than 2,400 claims were reported each week and more than 110 long-term disability claims received a first payment each week.
- Almost 3 work-related death claims were accepted each week.

### Work-related death claims by subsector in 2020<sup>2</sup>

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Agriculture	1
Fishing	3
Forestry	6
Oil and Gas or Mineral Resources	6
Food and Beverage Products	2
Metal and Non-Metallic Mineral Products	13
Petroleum, Coal, Rubber, Plastic, and Chemical Products	2
Wood and Paper Products	8
Other Products (not elsewhere specified)	1
General Construction	29
Heavy Construction	1
Road Construction or Maintenance	1
Warehousing	0
Transportation and Related Services	17
Retail	5
Wholesale	1
Public Administration	21
Accommodation, Food, and Leisure Services	2
Business Services	2
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	3
Other Services (not elsewhere specified)	10
Education	3
Health Care and Social Services	3
Utilities	4

## Number of accepted work-related death claims by regional district<sup>3</sup> in 2020

Region	Number of work-related death claims	Region	Number of work-related death claims
Alberni-Clayquot	3	Mount Waddington	0
Bulkley-Nechako	4	Nanaimo	0
Capital	10	North Okanagan	1
Cariboo	1	Northern Rockies	0
Central Coast	0	Okanagan-Similkameen	1
Central Kootenay	1	Peace River	4
Central Okanagan	3	Powell River	0
Columbia-Shuswap	4	Skeena-Haida Gwaii	1
Comox Valley	1	Squamish-Lillooet	3
Cowichan Valley	2	Stikine	0
East Kootenay	1	Strathcona	4
Fraser Valley	4	Sunshine Coast	0
Fraser-Fort George	2	Thompson-Nicola	5
Greater Vancouver	56	Unknown or uncoded	1
Kitimat-Stikine	2	Out of province	4
Kootenay-Boundary	2	Disease with exposures in multiple regions	31

## Work-related death claims accepted by year, cause of injury, 2016-2020

Category	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Traumatic	36	43	40	40	51
Motor vehicle incident	22	28	25	16	12
Disease	86	87	66	84	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>151</b>

## Work-related death claims accepted by year, asbestos-related and other diseases, 2016-2020

Category of disease	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Totals
Asbestosis	9	6	3	12	14	44
Lung cancer	14	12	10	15	11	62
Mesothelioma	44	47	34	41	29	195
Other cancer	9	10	7	10	16	52
Cardiovascular	6	4	4	5	9	28
Other disease	4	8	8	1	9	30
<b>Total asbestos-related</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>290</b>
<b>Total occupational disease</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>411</b>
<b>Percentage of total work-related death claims</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>57%</b>

1 Preliminary statistics as of February 28, 2021.

2 Seven work-related deaths are counted in deposit class subsectors.

3 Single-incident work-related death claims are primarily coded based on accident location.