

# Day of MOURNING

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



### Work-related death claims for 2022

There were 181 work-related deaths in 2022. Of those:

- 5 were young workers
- 107 were the result of occupational disease, with 61 as a result of asbestos exposure
- The gender breakdown for work-related deaths is 172 males and 9 females.

### Work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2018–2022

Year	Total work-related deaths	Male	Female
2018	131	125	6
2019	140	135	5
2020	151	146	5
2021	161	149	12
2022	181	172	9

### Young worker work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2018–2022

Year	Young worker work-related deaths
2018	4
2019	2
2020	2
2021	2
2022	5

### In 2022:

- There were more than 117,000 short-term disability, long-term disability, and health-care only claims.
- Workplace injury and illness resulted in about 4 million lost days of work.
- More than 2,800 claims were reported each week and more than 130 long-term disability claims received a first payment each week.
- Almost 4 work-related death claims were accepted each week.

### Work-related death claims by subsector in 2022<sup>2</sup>

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Agriculture	2
Fishing	2
Forestry	9
Oil & Gas or Mineral Resources	3
Food and Beverage Products	0
Metal and Non-Metallic Mineral Products	7
Wood and Paper Products	14
General Construction	48
Heavy Construction	3
Road Construction or Maintenance	3
Warehousing	1
Transportation and Related Services	25
Retail	3
Wholesale	4
Public Administration	20
Tourism and Hospitality	6
Business Services	2
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2
Other Services (not elsewhere specified)	10
Education	2
Health Care and Social Services	4
Utilities	4

## Number of accepted work-related death claims by regional district<sup>3</sup> in 2022

Region	Number of work-related death claims	Region	Number of work-related death claims
Bulkley-Nechako	2	Mount Waddington	3
Capital	4	Nanaimo	4
Cariboo	4	North Okanagan	2
Central Kootenay	3	Okanagan-Similkameen	2
Central Okanagan	6	Peace River	7
Columbia-Shuswap	5	Powell River	2
Comox Valley	3	Haida Gwaii	4
Cowichan Valley	3	Squamish-Lillooet	1
East Kootenay	4	Strathcona	2
Fraser Valley	9	Sunshine Coast	4
Fraser-Fort George	6	Thompson-Nicola	5
Greater Vancouver	51	Unknown or uncoded	13
Kitimat-Stikine	3	Out of province	1
Kootenay Boundary	2	Disease with exposures in multiple regions	26

## Work-related death claims accepted by year, cause of injury, 2018–2022

Category	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Traumatic	40	40	51	47	48
Motor vehicle incident	25	16	12	15	26
Disease	66	84	88	99	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>181</b>

## Work-related death claims accepted by year, asbestos-related and other diseases, 2018–2022

Category of disease	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Asbestosis	3	12	14	9	9	47
Lung cancer	10	15	11	12	17	65
Mesothelioma	34	41	29	30	35	169
Other cancer	7	10	16	16	20	69
Cardiovascular	4	5	9	9	14	41
Other disease	8	1	9	23	12	53
<b>Total asbestos-related</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>271</b>
<b>Total occupational disease</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>444</b>
<b>Percentage of total work-related death claims</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>58%</b>

1 Preliminary statistics as of February 28, 2023.

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

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