

# Day of MOURNING

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



### Work-related death claims for 2023

There were 175 work-related deaths in 2023. Of those:

- 3 were young workers (ages 15-24)
- 93 were the result of occupational disease, with 48 as a result of asbestos exposure
- Gender breakdown for work-related deaths is 163 males and 12 females

### Work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2019–2023

Year	Total work-related deaths	Male	Female
2019	140	135	5
2020	151	146	5
2021	161	149	12
2022	181	172	9
2023	175	163	12

### Young worker work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2019–2023

Year	Young worker work-related deaths
2019	2
2020	2
2021	2
2022	5
2023	3

### In 2023

- There were a total of 110,877 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 2,700 claims were reported each week and more than 150 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 2023<sup>2</sup>

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Agriculture	1
Fishing	2
Forestry	11
Oil & Gas or Mineral Resources	6
Food and Beverage Products	4
Metal and Non-Metallic Mineral Products	22
Petroleum, Coal, Rubber, Plastic, and Chemical Products	1
Wood and Paper Products	11
General Construction	34
Heavy Construction	2
Road Construction or Maintenance	3
Transportation and Related Services	20
Retail	1
Wholesale	2
Public Administration	22
Tourism and Hospitality	4
Business Services	1
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7
Other Services (not elsewhere specified)	9
Education	2
Health Care and Social Services	3
Utilities	2

## Number of accepted work-related death claims by regional district<sup>3,4</sup> in 2023

Region	Number of work-related death claims
Alberni-Clayoquot	1
Bulkley-Nechako	3
Capital	12
Cariboo	1
Central Coast	1
Central Kootenay	2
Central Okanagan	3
Columbia-Shuswap	3
Cowichan Valley	3
East Kootenay	2
Fraser Valley	4
Fraser-Fort George	7
Greater Vancouver	48
Kitimat-Stikine	6

Region	Number of work-related death claims
Kootenay Boundary	1
Mount Waddington	3
Nanaimo	2
North Okanagan	5
Peace River	5
Skeena-Haida Gwaii	2
Squamish-Lillooet	2
Stikine	1
Strathcona	2
Thompson-Nicola	9
Unknown or uncoded	10
Out of province	2
Disease with exposures in multiple regions	35

## Work-related death claims accepted by year, cause of injury, 2019–2023

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Traumatic	40	51	47	48	60
Motor vehicle incident	16	12	15	26	22
Disease	84	88	99	107	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>175</b>

## Work-related death claims accepted by year, asbestos related and other diseases, 2019–2023

Category of disease	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Asbestosis	12	14	9	9	14	58
Lung cancer	15	11	12	17	7	62
Mesothelioma	41	29	30	35	27	162
Other cancer	10	16	16	20	25	87
Cardiovascular	5	9	9	14	8	45
Other disease	1	9	23	12	12	57
<b>Total asbestos related</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>273</b>
<b>Total occupational disease</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>471</b>
Percentage of total work-related death claims	60%	58%	61%	59%	53%	58%

1 Preliminary statistics as of February 29, 2024.

2 Five 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.

4 The regional districts in this table are based on Statistics Canada's 2011 census divisions. These census divisions differ from the regional districts currently used by the Province of British Columbia.