

# Day of MOURNING

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



### Work-related death claims for 2024

There were 146 work-related deaths in 2024. Of those:

- 6 were young workers
- 78 were the result of occupational disease, with 37 as a result of asbestos exposure
- The gender breakdown for work-related deaths is 139 males and 7 females

### Work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2020–2024

Year	Total work-related deaths	Male	Female
2020	151	146	5
2021	161	149	12
2022	181	172	9
2023	175	163	12
2024	146	139	7

### Young worker work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2020–2024<sup>2</sup>

Year	Young worker work-related deaths
2020	2
2021	2
2022	5
2023	3
2024	6

### In 2024

- Workplace injury and illness resulted in about 4 million lost days of work.
- Almost 3 work-related death claims were accepted each week.

### Work-related death claims by subsector in 2024<sup>3,4</sup>

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Agriculture	1
Forestry	10
Oil & Gas or Mineral Resources	3
Metal and Non-Metallic Mineral Products	13
Petroleum, Coal, Rubber, Plastic, and Chemical Products	2
Wood and Paper Products	11
General Construction	24
Warehousing	1
Road Construction or Maintenance	1
Transportation and Related Services	24
Retail	3
Wholesale	4
Public Administration	27
Tourism and Hospitality	5
Business Services*	-1
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	2
Other Services (not elsewhere specified)	9
Health Care and Social Services	2
Utilities	1

\* -1 count: a claim accepted under Business Service in 2022 moved to Tourism and Hospitality subsector in 2024.

## Number of accepted work-related death claims by regional district<sup>5,6</sup> in 2024

Region	Number of work-related death claims	Region	Number of work-related death claims
Alberni-Clayoquot	3	Mount Waddington	3
Bulkley-Nechako	2	Nanaimo	3
Capital	3	North Okanagan	2
Cariboo	2	Okanagan-Similkameen	2
Central Okanagan	3	Peace River	4
Columbia-Shuswap	7	Skeena-Haida Gwaii	1
Cowichan Valley	2	Squamish-Lillooet	4
East Kootenay	3	Strathcona	4
Fraser Valley	11	Thompson-Nicola	13
Fraser-Fort George	2	Unknown or uncoded	9
Greater Vancouver	42	Out of province	2
Kitimat-Stikine	7	Disease with exposures in multiple regions	12

## Work-related death claims accepted by year, cause of injury, 2020–2024

Category	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Traumatic	51	47	48	60	38
Motor vehicle incident	12	15	26	22	30
Disease	88	99	107	93	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>146</b>

## Work-related death claims accepted by year, asbestos related and other diseases, 2020–2024

Category of disease	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Totals
Asbestosis	14	9	9	14	6	52
Lung cancer	11	12	17	7	10	57
Mesothelioma	29	30	35	27	24	145
Other cancer	16	16	20	25	21	98
Cardiovascular	9	9	14	8	6	46
Other disease	9	23	12	12	11	67
<b>Total asbestos related</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total occupational disease</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>Percentage of total work-related death claims</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>57%</b>

1 Preliminary statistics as of February 28, 2025.

2 Number of work-related death claims accepted in 2024 for workers that were between 15 and 24 years of age at time of death.

3 Number of work-related death claims accepted in each subsector in 2024.

4 Four work-related deaths are counted in special accounting and deposit class subsectors

5 Number of work-related death claims accepted in each region of B.C. in 2024. Single-incident work-related death claims are primarily coded based on accident location.

6 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.