

Day of MOURNING

British Columbia Facts¹



Work-related death claims for 2025²

There were 138 work-related deaths in 2025. Of those:

- 2 were young workers
- 79 were the result of occupational disease, with 36 as a result of asbestos exposure
- 134 were male and 4 were female

Work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2021–2025

Year	Total work-related deaths	Male	Female
2021	161	149	12
2022	181	172	9
2023	175	163	12
2024	146	139	7
2025	138	134	4

Young worker work-related death claims accepted, by year, 2021–2025³

Year	Young worker work-related deaths
2021	2
2022	5
2023	3
2024	6
2025	2

Work-related death claims accepted, by subsector, in 2025⁴

Subsector	Number of work-related death claims
Agriculture	3
Forestry	14
Oil and gas or mineral resources	2
Food and beverage products	1
Metal and non-metallic mineral products	9
Wood and paper products	7
General construction	19
Heavy construction	1
Road construction or maintenance	8
Transportation and related services	13
Retail	1
Wholesale	2
Public administration	27
Tourism and hospitality	2
Business services	2
Professional, scientific, and technical services	2
Other services (not elsewhere specified)	10
Education	2
Health care and social services	1
Utilities	1
Other (non-rateable subsectors) ⁵	11

Work-related death claims accepted, by regional district, in 2025^{6,7}

Region	Number of work-related death claims	Region	Number of work-related death claims
Capital	8	Nanaimo	6
Cariboo	5	North Okanagan	1
Central Kootenay	4	Okanagan-Similkameen	1
Central Okanagan	5	Peace River	8
Columbia-Shuswap	6	Powell River	1
Comox Valley	1	Skeena-Queen Charlotte	1
Cowichan Valley	2	Squamish-Lillooet	1
East Kootenay	3	Stikine	2
Fraser Valley	4	Strathcona	1
Fraser-Fort George	7	Sunshine Coast	2
Greater Vancouver	29	Thompson-Nicola	5
Kitimat-Stikine	3	Unknown or uncoded	6
Kootenay Boundary	4	Out of province	5
Mount Waddington	2	Disease with exposures in multiple regions	15

Work-related death claims accepted by year, cause of injury, 2021–2025

Category	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Traumatic	47	48	60	38	41
Motor vehicle incident	15	26	22	30	18
Disease	99	107	93	78	79
Total	161	181	175	146	138

Work-related death claims accepted by year, asbestos-related and other diseases, 2021–2025

Category of disease	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Totals
Asbestosis	9	9	14	6	9	47
Lung cancer	12	17	7	10	12	58
Mesothelioma	30	35	27	24	18	134
Other cancer	16	20	25	21	24	106
Cardiovascular	9	14	8	6	9	46
Other disease	23	12	12	11	7	65
Total asbestos-related	53	61	48	37	36	235
Total occupational disease	99	107	93	78	79	456
Percentage of total work-related death claims	61%	59%	53%	53%	57%	57%

- 1 Preliminary statistics as of January 31, 2026.
- 2 Of the 138 work-related death claims accepted in 2025, 36 were the result of incidents that occurred in 2025, and 102 were the result of incidents or workplace exposures that occurred in previous years.
- 3 Number of work-related death claims accepted in 2025 for workers that were between 15 and 24 years of age at time of death.
- 4 Number of work-related death claims accepted in each subsector in 2025.
- 5 Special accounting and deposit-class subsectors are counted in “Other (non-rateable subsectors).”
- 6 Number of work-related death claims accepted in each region of B.C. in 2025. Single-incident work-related death claims are primarily coded based on incident location.
- 7 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.