

Day of Mourning British Columbia Facts



WorkSafeBC Accepted Claims 2008

- 128,442 was the total number of short-term disability, long-term disability, health care only and fatal claims accepted
- 2,926,114 days were lost as a result of workplace injury, illness or disease

Breakdown of Accepted Claims 2008

- Health Care Only¹ 64,230
- Short-term Disability² 59,344
- Long Term Disability³ 4,708
- Fatal Claims 160

Workplace Fatalities 2008

- Of the 160 accepted work-related fatality claims, 76 were the result of occupational disease mainly from exposure to asbestos
- 4 young workers (aged 15 to 24) were fatally injured⁴

Work-related deaths by subsector in 2008

General Construction.....	30	Accommodation, Food and Leisure Services	3
Transportation and Related Services	26	Health Care and Social Assistance	3
Forestry	18	Fishing	2
Metal and Non-Metallic Mineral Products.....	16	Heavy Construction.....	2
Public Administration.....	12	Road Construction or Maintenance.....	2
Other Services	10	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2
Oil and Gas or Mineral Resources	8	Education	2
Wood and Paper Products.....	8	Canadian Pacific Ltd. & Associated Companies.....	2
Agriculture	4	Retail.....	1
Utilities	4	Federal Government.....	1
Wholesale	3	B.C. Provincial Government	1

Fatal claims accepted in the year for the 2004-2008 period

	Absolute numbers	Rate per 10,000 person-years of employment
2004.....	134	0.7
2005.....	188	1.0
2006.....	160	0.8
2007.....	139	0.7
2008.....	160	0.7

Young worker fatal claims accepted in the year for the 2004-2008 period⁴

2004	8
2005	11
2006	9
2007.....	6
2008	4

In B.C. an average of:

3 workers die each week • 3,200 work injuries are reported every week • 19 workers are permanently disabled every working day

¹ Health-care-only claims is the former term for medical-aid-only claims ²Short-term-disability claims is the former term for temporary claims

³ Long-term disability claims is the former term for permanent disability claims ⁴Based on age at time of death