

Day of Mourning British Columbia Facts



WorkSafeBC accepted claims 2010

- 95,663 was the total number of short-term disability, long-term disability, health-care-only, and fatal claims accepted
- 2,816,989 days were lost as a result of workplace injury, illness, or disease

Breakdown of accepted claims 2010

- Health care only¹ 44,830
- Short-term disability² 47,006
- Long-term disability³ 3,684
- Fatal claims 143

Workplace fatalities 2010

- Of the 143 accepted work-related fatality claims, 75 were the result of occupational disease, mainly from exposure to asbestos
- Two young workers (aged 15 to 24) were fatally injured⁴

Work-related deaths by industry in 2010

General Construction.....	27	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	4
Transportation and Related Services	26	Road Construction or Maintenance.....	4
Metal and Non-Metallic Mineral Products.....	15	Retail.....	3
Other Services	13	Education.....	2
Wood and Paper Products.....	10	Fishing.....	2
Oil and Gas or Mineral Resources	7	Health Care and Social Assistance	2
Public Administration.....	6	Canadian Pacific Ltd. & Associated Companies.....	1
Utilities	5	Federal Government.....	1
Accommodation, Food, and Leisure Services	4	Heavy Construction.....	1
Business Services	4	Other Products.....	1
Forestry	4	Wholesale	1

Fatal claims accepted in the year for the 2006–2010 period

Year	Fatal claims	Rate per 10,000 person-years of employment
2006	160	0.8
2007	139	0.7
2008	160	0.7
2009	121	0.6
2010	143	0.7

Young worker fatal claims accepted in the year for the 2006–2010 period⁴

2006	9
2007	6
2008	4
2009	6
2010	2

In B.C. an average of...

3 workers die each week • 2,600 work injuries are reported every week • 17 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

Number of fatal claims accepted in 2010 by geographic region

East Kootenay.....	4
Central Kootenay	2
Columbia–Shuswap.....	2
Central Okanagan.....	2
Thompson–Nicola.....	7
Cariboo.....	1
Squamish–Lillooet.....	1
Fraser–Cheam	4
Central Fraser Valley.....	1
Dewdney–Alouette	1
Greater Vancouver	22
Mt Waddington.....	1
Kitimat–Stikine	4
Peace River–Liard.....	4
Stikine	1
Cowichan Valley	2
Alberni–Clayoquot.....	2
Kootenay–Boundary	1
Out of Province	1
Disease with exposure in multiple regions	61
Unknown.....	19
Total.....	143