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# Facts and Figures



## ***In the years 2000 to 2004 truck driver<sup>1</sup> injuries in BC represent about:***

- 21,700 time loss claims<sup>2</sup>
- 650,900 work days lost for injuries in the period
- \$101 million in claim costs<sup>3</sup> in those years of injury
- \$391 million in fully reserved claim costs<sup>4</sup>
- 114 fatalities that occurred in period (118 fatal claims accepted)
- 533 serious injuries<sup>5</sup>

## ***In the years 2000 to 2004 truck driver injuries in the five-year period and from years prior<sup>6</sup> represent about:***

- 1,181,000 work days lost
- \$300 million in claim costs

## ***Young workers (24 years or younger) amongst truck drivers injured in the years of injury 2000-2004 account for:***

- 1,800 of the 21,700 time loss claims
- 9 of the 114 fatalities
- 37 of the 533 serious injuries

## ***The top five accidents amongst truck drivers contributing to injuries in the years of injury 2000-2004 are:***

1. 'Overexertion' with about 6,700 time loss claims (31%)
2. 'Fall from Elevation' with about 3,400 time loss claims (16%)
3. 'Motor Vehicle Accident' with about 2,700 time loss claims (13%)
4. 'Struck By' with about 2,300 time loss claims (11%)
5. 'Other Bodily Motion' with about 2,100 time loss claims (10%)

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<sup>1</sup> Term 'Truck Driver' is used to cover a broad range of transport occupations (see Appendix I) across many industries (see Appendix II for some key industries with injured workers in this occupation)

<sup>2</sup> 'Time Loss Claims' refers to any claims that have had costs other than medical aid only, such as wage loss, permanent disability award etc.

<sup>3</sup> 'Claim Costs' reflect actual payments and awards in specified period and not the full cost of claims (see next footnote).

<sup>4</sup> Fully Reserved Claim costs represent anticipated full claim costs - i.e. including the future liability of claims

<sup>5</sup> Serious injuries reflect injuries with medical diagnosis type codes (ICD9) that suggest traumatic injuries that require immediate medical attention and result in significant physical impairment. The characterization, context, and meaning of serious injuries can be subject to broad interpretation. Therefore the use of the ICD9 approach is intended to serve as a reasonable indicator of serious injuries but not as an all inclusive measure of all such claims. Fatales are not included in this measure

<sup>6</sup> Includes cost of injuries that occurred *prior to* 2000 with days lost and compensation benefits also occurring in period 2000-2004.

# Appendix I – 'Truck Driver' Occupations

General Manager - Trucking Company  
Courier - Owner/Operator  
Logging Contractors  
Courier  
Ambulance Driver  
Armored Car Driver  
Supervisors - Motor Transport & Other, Ground Transit Operators: Bus Dispatcher, Delivery Drivers, Truck Drivers  
Foremen/Women - Motor Transport & Other Ground Transit Operators: Bus Driver, Light Rail Transit, Taxi Driver, Trucking  
Garbage Truck Driver, Sanitation Truck Driver  
Snow Plow Operator, Driver - Snow Blower, Snow Removal Equipment Operator  
Recycling Truck Driver  
Logging Truck Driver  
Dump-Truck Driver  
Fuel-Oil-Truck Driver  
Milk-Truck Driver - Long Haul  
Moving-Van Driver  
Oil-Truck Driver  
Tank-Truck Driver, Operator - Tank-Truck  
Tow-Truck Driver, Tow-Truck Operator  
Gravel Truck Driver  
Auto-Carrier Driver, Automobile-Transport Driver  
Cement-Mixer Driver, Ready-Mix-Truck Operator, Concrete-Mixing-Truck Driver  
Owner/Operator - Trucking  
Truck Drivers: Transport, Long Haul, Long Distance, Bulk Goods, Tractor-Trailer, Trucker  
Bus Driver, Bus Operator - Public Passenger Transit, Public Transit Operator, Trolley-Bus Driver/Operator, Urban Transit  
School Bus Driver/Operator  
Owner/Operator - Bus  
Bread Deliverer, Delivery Driver, Take- Out Pizza Driver, Newspaper Delivery Driver, Groceries/Drug Store Deliverer  
Driver Salesperson, Milk Deliverer  
Mail Truck Driver, Mail Service Courier-Postal Service  
Bookmobile Driver, Canteen Driver, Dry Cleaning Driver, Mobile Caterer, Library Service Driver, Light Truck Driver  
Aircraft Refueler  
Tow-Motor Driver - Airport, Towing Tractor Operator - Air Transport  
Furniture Mover, Furniture Loader  
Garbage Collector, Sanitation Worker, Rubbish Collector - Public Works, Laborer - Sanitary Service, Garbage Man/Woman  
Sewer Maintenance Worker, Sewer Maintenance Man/Woman  
Truck Driver's Helper, Delivery Truck Delivery Helper

## Appendix II – Top Industries with 'Truck Driver' Injuries

Industry Classifications with 100 or more non-health care only (time loss) claims associated with 'truck driver' injuries between 2000-2004.

Industry Classification	Industry Description	Time Loss Claims from 'Truck Drivers' Only 2000-2004	Total Time Loss Claims (all occupations in industry) 2000-2004	% of 'Truck Driver' Time Loss Claims in industry 2000-2004
732019	General Trucking	6,103	7,820	78%
732009	Bus Line or Chartered Bus Tours	1,579	2,476	64%
753004	Local Government and Related Operations	1,049	10,104	10%
732011	Courier Services	990	2,234	44%
732018	Garbg,Debris,Ind Waste,Recyc Mat'l Remov	977	1,262	77%
742006	Food,Beverage,Tobacco Product Wholesale	910	3,240	28%
711018	Non-Alcohol Bev Mfg or Water Bottling	732	1,798	41%
732044	Log Hauling	671	833	81%
732030	Moving and Storage	604	758	80%
741013	General Retail nes	589	8,965	7%
741014	Home Improvement Centre	376	3,039	12%
703008	Integrated Forest Management	369	3,776	10%
732006	Auto Towing	300	385	78%
712033	Ready Mix Concrete Mfg & Delivery	279	450	62%
742015	Wholesale nes	260	1,741	15%
711002	Alcoholic Beverage Manufacture	241	1,164	21%
732013	Dump Truck Operation	212	255	83%
765008	Public School District	210	8,168	3%
721031	Land Clearing, Excavation, or Site Surfa	193	1,750	11%
713019	Oil Refining,Recyc,Fuel Storage Tanks	190	303	63%
742008	Electrnc,Lt Equip,Mach,Prts<500 lbs Whls	176	902	20%
764016	Commercial Laundry or Linen Supply	154	545	28%
761035	Restaurant or Other Dining Establishment	147	13,776	1%
732022	Limousine, Chauffeur, Handydart Services	139	182	76%
766007	Counselling or Social Services nes	138	1,589	9%
741027	Auto Parts Supply	126	233	54%
764048	Septic Tank,Sewer,Sewage Dispos Sys Srv	120	202	59%
732031	Newspap,Mag,Flyr Dist,Contrct Mail Deliv	102	158	65%
741008	Department Store	100	3,427	3%
<b>Other</b>	<b>All Other Industry Classifications</b>	<b>3,659</b>	<b>227,822</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Grand Total*</b>	<b>All Industry Classifications</b>	<b>21,695</b>	<b>309,357</b>	<b>7%</b>

\*Grand Total includes ratable and deposit industry classes. Data Source: WorkSafeBC EDW. Effective Date: Aug. 31st 2005