

**Table 9 Occupational Disease Data by Age Group and Five-year Periods; 1983-2007**

Agegroup	Number of claims 1983-1987	Number of claims 1988-1992	Number of claims 1993-1997	Number of claims 1998-2002	Number of claims 2003-2007	Number of claims 1983-2007
15-24	3,003	3,997	3,742	3,360	2,495	16,597
25-34	4,638	7,281	7,103	6,056	3,776	28,854
35-44	2,751	5,237	6,627	7,724	5,192	27,530
45-54	1,920	3,456	4,209	5,321	4,860	19,766
55-64	1,550	2,914	2,376	2,357	2,391	11,588
65+	377	1354	1685	1458	1067	5,940
Total	<u>14,239</u>	<u>24,237</u>	<u>25,743</u>	<u>26,276</u>	<u>19,780</u>	<u>110,275</u>

- (1) The 'number of claims' is the count of claims accepted for short term disability (STD) benefits, long term disability (LTD) benefits or survivor benefits in the period. Claims with only health care benefits are not included in the count.
- (2) The count statistics have been adjusted for the effect of uncoded claims. The adjusted statistics are rounded and shown as whole numbers. These whole numbers will not necessarily add up to the row and column totals shown because the totals are rounded independently.
- (3) Age for the purpose of this report is the age when the disease claim was reported to WorkSafeBC.