

Table 1 Occupational disease data by type of disease and five-year period, 1994-2018

Type of disease [10]	Number of claims [1,5]						Days lost 1994-2018 [2,5]	Claim costs 1994-2018 (\$000) [3,4,5]	Days lost per claim 1994-2018	Cost per claim 1994-2018 [6]
	1994- 1998	1999- 2003	2004- 2008	2009- 2013	2014- 2018	Total				
Reaction to HIV treatment (Needlestick injury)	273	325	212	207	340	1,358	20,197	2,470	15	1,800
Reaction to HIV treatment (Exposure to bodily fluid)	100	177	85	88	112	561	8,102	1,333	14	2,400
Needlestick injury [7]	129	108	101	82	126	546	5,756	539	11	1,000
Allergic reaction	159	106	66	44	39	414	6,134	1,684	15	4,100
Cancer: asbestos	109	171	184	268	254	986	160,019	172,061	162	174,500
Cancer: other	18	40	42	53	92	245	41,203	55,899	168	228,200
Chemical burns	2,233	1,751	1,627	1,184	1,117	7,912	72,899	17,878	9	2,300
Conjunctivitis	121	130	100	103	90	545	3,414	408	6	700
Dermatitis	1,055	917	607	425	351	3,355	91,417	23,230	27	6,900
Non-traumatic noise-induced hearing loss [8]	3,207	2,211	1,888	1,762	1,646	10,714	1,353	45,930	0	4,300
Other hearing loss [8]	185	166	131	120	130	731	25,862	11,290	35	15,400
Infected blister	48	42	28	50	61	230	5,074	1,347	22	5,900
Hepatitis	12	12	7	6	2	39	10,550	4,107	274	106,500
Norwalk	1	17	1,485	1,447	1,499	4,449	17,017	2,038	4	500
SARS-including quarantine	0	1	1	0	0	2	1,861	696	931	348,200
Other infectious disease	299	296	183	198	213	1,189	23,145	5,031	19	4,200
Bursitis: repetitive motion	2,615	3,059	1,767	1,412	1,566	10,419	953,815	154,382	92	14,800
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	7,487	7,240	4,750	2,625	2,631	24,733	1,850,098	290,846	75	11,800
Carpal tunnel syndrome	2,323	2,276	1,347	903	879	7,728	953,625	165,414	123	21,400
Asbestosis	94	119	96	57	56	422	13,045	64,921	31	153,800
Silicosis	17	10	5	5	4	42	3,862	11,839	93	284,800
Other pneumoconiosis	2	4	2	3	11	22	793	3,037	36	138,000
Scleroderma	3	6	0	3	1	13	4,298	8,457	331	650,500
Poisoning	600	579	583	665	676	3,103	38,353	16,437	12	5,300
Arc flash and related	1,332	792	620	297	208	3,249	9,999	2,926	3	900
Other radiation effect	20	9	3	5	10	47	480	895	10	19,300
Raynaud's phenomenon	45	70	34	20	11	180	6,495	27,264	36	151,500
Cedar dust asthma	72	62	31	13	22	200	14,935	20,895	75	104,600
Other asthma	234	243	191	146	128	943	38,629	40,351	41	42,800
Bronchitis and related	27	6	8	15	24	80	5,736	12,383	71	154,100
Other respiratory irritation	1,072	952	673	554	574	3,825	83,724	54,402	22	14,200
Stress	1,548	2,072	1,591	1,986	3,165	10,362	1,256,089	297,868	121	28,700

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Cold	200	75	89	69	65	498	19,252	5,828	39	11,700
Heat	62	69	108	116	183	538	3,318	630	6	1200
Cardiovascular	41	53	45	36	37	212	26,572	48,342	125	228,000
Voice disturbance	26	41	35	16	27	145	10,706	2,843	74	19,700
Other occupational disease	249	287	219	293	252	1,300	111,996	38,139	86	29,300
Total	26,017	24,497	18,944	15,276	16,602	101,337	5,899,824	1,614,041	58	15,900

1. The 'number of claims' is the count of claims first paid 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 'days lost' are days paid in the period for all years of injury.
3. The 'claim costs' are expressed in thousands of dollars.
4. The 'claim costs' are the dollars of STD benefits paid in the period, plus the value of the LTD and survivor reserves and awards set up in the period (regardless of the year the claim was counted). The 'claim costs' exclude health care and rehabilitation costs.
5. For 1994-2000, the counts, costs, and days statistics have been adjusted for the effect of uncoded claims. These adjusted figures are rounded and shown as whole numbers; as a result, these numbers may not add up to the row and column totals shown, as the totals are rounded independently. For 2001 and later years, no adjustments for uncoded claims are applied. Uncoded claims are excluded from the above table for these years; as a result, the totals in this table may differ slightly from the 'Occupational Disease' category in Table 4-4 of *WorkSafeBC Statistics*.
6. The 'cost per claim' statistics have been rounded to the nearest hundred.
7. 'Needlestick injury' pertains to claims where the worker suffered a needlestick injury with or without reaction to treatment, but did not develop any disease. These claims are covered by this table due to their high potential to cause diseases. Claims where the worker had an adverse reaction to treatment for HIV exposure are classified under "Reaction to HIV treatment (Needlestick injury)". Claims where the worker developed a disease such as hepatitis or stress following a needlestick injury will be categorized under the relevant disease category in this table.
8. Hearing loss claims with only health care benefits are excluded from this count.
9. Due to coding updates and allocation of uncoded claims, the numbers in the above table may differ slightly from those reported in previous years.
10. The information on 'type of disease' is based on the statistical coding done by the Statistical Services group of WorkSafeBC, in accordance with the AWCBC (Association of Workers Compensation Boards of Canada)'s work injury coding standard that is adopted by all workers compensation boards in Canada. The figures in this table may be different from those based on a different coding standard, or a counting method not related to the first payment of benefits (see footnote #1).