

Table 2 Occupational disease data by type of disease and year, 1994-1998

Type of disease [9]	Number of claims [1,5]						Days lost 1994-1998 [2,5]	Claim costs 1994-1998 (\$000) [3,4,5]
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Total		
Reaction to HIV treatment (Needlestick injury)	0	0	27	105	141	273	3,723	363
Reaction to HIV treatment (Exposure to bodily fluid)	0	0	5	50	44	100	1,957	196
Needlestick injury [6]	12	19	50	27	20	129	1,426	117
Allergic reaction	51	51	38	8	11	159	1,244	88
Cancer: asbestos	16	23	23	23	24	109	35,203	19,177
Cancer: other	4	2	6	3	3	18	3,698	5,867
Chemical burns	493	483	442	382	433	2,233	19,741	4,523
Conjunctivitis	8	13	17	53	29	121	632	62
Dermatitis	253	153	203	235	210	1,055	29,690	5,771
Non-traumatic noise-induced hearing loss [7]	590	851	684	553	529	3,207	130	16,774
Other hearing loss [7]	36	33	26	41	49	185	3,768	1,545
Infected blister	7	6	6	9	20	48	584	51
Hepatitis	2	1	1	5	2	12	2,405	160
Norwalk	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1
Other infectious disease	51	71	53	57	66	299	4,093	1,697
Bursitis: repetitive motion	543	461	498	502	612	2,615	238,168	27,211
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,696	1,382	1,392	1,393	1,623	7,487	500,354	58,067
Carpal tunnel syndrome	647	453	351	397	474	2,323	279,535	31,778
Asbestosis	22	16	21	22	13	94	5,405	15,324
Silicosis	4	4	3	3	3	17	3,091	4,875
Other pneumoconiosis	0	2	0	0	0	2	21	513
Scleroderma	0	0	0	1	2	3	539	1,536
Poisoning	108	107	99	140	146	600	9,708	4,400
Arc flash and related	257	283	238	299	254	1,332	5,119	1,266
Other radiation effect	5	4	8	0	2	20	131	15
Raynaud's phenomenon	14	4	9	9	9	45	2,535	7,597
Cedar dust asthma	17	18	11	18	7	72	6,616	6,640
Other asthma	57	26	43	43	65	234	9,273	7,123

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Bronchitis and related	8	2	8	6	3	27	1,600	2,206
Other respiratory irritation	238	191	234	189	221	1,072	17,043	7,849
Stress	297	255	298	304	394	1,548	116,607	13,708
Cold	41	60	55	29	15	200	6,091	424
Heat	22	12	5	5	17	62	217	28
Cardiovascular	9	7	8	7	10	41	6,812	11,502
Voice disturbance	3	3	8	3	8	26	1,236	390
Other occupational disease	40	45	35	56	71	249	24,068	5,949
Total	5,552	5,042	4,910	4,981	5,532	26,017	1,342,469	264,794

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. 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.
6. '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.
7. Hearing loss claims with only health care benefits are excluded from this count.
8. Due to coding updates and allocation of uncoded claims, the numbers in the above table may differ slightly from those reported in previous years.
9. 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).