

Table 3 Occupational disease data by type of disease and year, 2001-2005

Type of disease [1]	Number of claims [2,3,4]						Days lost 2001-2005 [3,4,5]	Claim costs 2001-2005 (\$000) [3,4,6]
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total		
Reaction to HIV treatment (Needlestick injury)	63	34	39	35	36	207	3,597	\$ 330
Reaction to HIV treatment (Exposure to bodily fluid)	31	22	24	24	15	116	2,183	\$ 645
Needlestick injury [7]	27	28	14	18	19	106	1,654	\$ 126
Allergic reaction	40	15	16	8	17	96	3,355	\$ 955
Cancer: asbestos	34	40	34	28	45	181	49,273	\$ 36,333
Cancer: other	13	7	6	4	7	37	9,487	\$ 10,416
Chemical burns	387	311	327	313	324	1,662	13,986	\$ 3,634
Conjunctivitis	23	21	10	22	22	98	1,290	\$ 90
Dermatitis	180	177	146	127	119	749	20,714	\$ 4,777
Non-traumatic noise-induced hearing loss [8]	501	504	229	162	424	1,820	243	\$ 9,807
Other hearing loss [8]	37	24	30	28	26	145	5,152	\$ 1,126
Infected blister	6	4	8	10	7	35	552	\$ 41
Hepatitis	1	5	2	4	0	12	3,486	\$ 1,268
Norwalk	5	0	12	56	171	244	937	\$ 91
SARS-including quarantine	0	0	1	0	1	2	1,458	\$ 121
Other infectious disease	46	53	51	34	36	220	7,333	\$ 1,627
Bursitis: repetitive motion	603	555	538	415	335	2,446	229,426	\$ 40,861
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,482	1,218	1,280	1,260	971	6,211	460,242	\$ 77,449
Carpal tunnel syndrome	413	406	406	359	321	1,905	238,586	\$ 46,088
Asbestosis	29	21	27	20	20	117	4,039	\$ 16,061
Silicosis	2	0	1	0	2	5	95	\$ 1,855
Other pneumoconiosis	3	0	1	1	1	6	550	\$ 828
Scleroderma	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	\$ 1,155
Poisoning	142	102	72	120	116	552	7,618	\$ 3,713
Arc flash and related	129	114	115	114	130	602	1,478	\$ 166
Other radiation effect	0	1	1	0	0	2	41	\$ 837
Raynaud's phenomenon	11	9	28	10	10	68	2,802	\$ 9,785
Cedar dust asthma	18	10	14	6	5	53	4,253	\$ 5,011

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Other asthma	50	47	36	48	52	233	7,147	\$ 9,429
Bronchitis and related	2	1	1	0	2	6	821	\$ 2,361
Other respiratory irritation	175	175	138	147	129	764	18,999	\$ 14,863
Mental disorder [9]	434	408	329	304	333	1,808	212,590	\$ 44,333
Cold	15	12	12	17	27	83	4,498	\$ 1,183
Heat	16	16	15	26	14	87	483	\$ 56
Cardiovascular	12	9	8	11	10	50	6,539	\$ 10,114
Voice disturbance	13	4	5	7	5	34	2,980	\$ 949
Other occupational disease	35	48	55	47	44	229	25,586	\$ 8,397
Total	4,978	4,401	4,033	3,785	3,796	20,993	1,353,473	\$ 366,879

1. The information on 'type of disease' is based on the statistical coding done by the Data Coding 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 2).
2. 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.
3. Each year, a small number of claims are left uncoded, often because there is insufficient documentation available to identify the injury characteristics of the claim. The counts, costs, and days statistics in this table have not been adjusted for the effect of uncoded claims. Uncoded claims are excluded from the above table; as a result, the totals in this table may differ slightly from the 'Occupational Disease' category in Table 4-4 of WorkSafeBC Statistics.
4. Due to coding updates and allocation of uncoded claims, the numbers in the above table may differ slightly from those reported in previous years.
5. The 'days lost' are days paid in the period for all years of injury.
6. The 'claim costs' are the dollars of STD benefits paid in the period, plus the value of 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.
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 mental

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- health condition or a disease such as hepatitis 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. *WorkSafeBC Statistics 2020* (page 70) uses a different methodology to report mental disorder claims.