

Table 2 Occupational disease data by type of disease and year, 1996-2000

Type of disease [1]	Number of claims [2,3,4]						Days lost 1996-2000 [3,4,5]	Claim costs 1996-2000 (\$000) [3,4,6]
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total		
Reaction to HIV treatment (Needlestick injury)	27	105	141	114	75	463	6,922	\$ 654
Reaction to HIV treatment (Exposure to bodily fluid)	5	50	44	57	42	199	3,893	\$ 430
Needlestick injury [7]	50	27	20	18	21	137	1,411	\$ 146
Allergic reaction	38	8	11	15	20	92	1,782	\$ 195
Cancer: asbestos	23	23	24	32	31	133	44,035	\$ 20,703
Cancer: other	6	3	3	6	8	26	5,572	\$ 7,296
Chemical burns	442	382	433	355	371	1,983	18,498	\$ 3,597
Conjunctivitis	17	53	29	31	46	176	916	\$ 97
Dermatitis	203	235	210	214	201	1,063	24,781	\$ 4,680
Non-traumatic noise-induced hearing loss [8]	684	553	529	438	539	2,743	24	\$ 15,366
Other hearing loss [8]	26	41	49	41	34	190	3,743	\$ 1,479
Infected blister	6	9	20	5	20	59	830	\$ 83
Hepatitis	1	5	2	2	2	12	2,363	\$ 183
Norwalk	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	\$ 1
Other infectious disease	53	57	66	101	45	323	4,816	\$ 1,236
Bursitis: repetitive motion	498	502	612	714	649	2,975	283,744	\$ 36,811
Tendinitis: repetitive motion	1,392	1,393	1,623	1,667	1,593	7,669	549,078	\$ 66,089
Carpal tunnel syndrome	351	397	474	567	484	2,273	288,329	\$ 37,763
Asbestosis	21	22	13	18	24	98	6,564	\$ 15,191
Silicosis	3	3	3	5	2	16	2,398	\$ 5,882
Other pneumoconiosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$ 143
Scleroderma	0	1	2	2	2	7	1855	\$ 4,943
Poisoning	99	140	146	148	115	648	8,657	\$ 3,182
Arc flash and related	238	299	254	204	230	1,226	3,961	\$ 1,465
Other radiation effect	8	0	2	4	3	17	313	\$ 48
Raynaud's phenomenon	9	9	9	12	10	49	1,707	\$ 7,800
Cedar dust asthma	11	18	7	10	10	57	5,290	\$ 5,859
Other asthma	43	43	65	49	61	261	10,693	\$ 10,189

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Bronchitis and related	8	6	3	2	0	19	1,781	\$ 1,853
Other respiratory irritation	234	189	221	239	225	1,107	19,853	\$ 12,123
Mental disorder [9]	298	304	394	461	442	1,899	161,238	\$ 21,837
Cold	55	29	15	22	14	135	5,563	\$ 685
Heat	5	5	17	12	10	50	491	\$ 312
Cardiovascular	8	7	10	13	11	49	5,856	\$ 12,931
Voice disturbance	8	3	8	7	12	38	3,142	\$ 1,092
Other occupational disease	35	56	71	78	71	312	26,827	\$ 6,863
Total	4,910	4,981	5,531	5,661	5,425	26,509	1,506,933	\$ 309,208

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 report 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.
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 health condition or a disease such as hepatitis following a needlestick injury will be categorized under the relevant disease category in this table.

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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.