

Small Business Fact Sheet

Facts about Small Business in BC (2000 - 2004)	Annual Average (2000 - 2004)	% Change (2000 - 2004)
• Number of registered employers	156,213	8%
• Number of estimated Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)	477,111	-3%
• Assessable Payroll	\$13,206,550,575	12%
• Number of accepted claims	13,710	-11%
• Number of work days lost	698,156	-13%
• Claims cost paid	\$169,379,784	-3%
• Injury rate	2.8	-19%
• Serious injury claims	513	18%
• Accepted Fatalities	53	-25%

Top 5 - Types of Accidents

Accident Type	% of total claims	% of total claims costs	% of total days lost
Overexertion	19%	13%	18%
Struck by object	18%	16%	13%
Fall to Lower Level	11%	20%	19%
Fall on Same Level	9%	7%	10%
Bodily reaction	7%	5%	6%

Top 5 - Types of Injuries

Fractures	11%	29%	25%
Bruises, contusions	8%	3%	4%
Nonspecific injuries and disorders	4%	3%	2%

Body Part	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total	Claim Cost Total Amount %	Days Lost Total Amount %
Back, including spine, spinal cord	21%	17%	20%

Top 5 - Body Parts injured

Body Part	% of total claims	% of total claims cost	% of total days lost
Back, including spine, spinal cord	21%	16%	19%
Finger(s), fingernail(s)	14%	8%	9%
Leg(s)	10%	10%	13%
Multiple Body Parts	7%	15%	10%
Shoulder, including clavicle, scapula, and trapezius muscle if should is mentioned	6%	9%	10%

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Top 5 - Sources of injury

Source of Injury	% of total claims	% of total claims cost	% of total days lost
Floors, walkways, ground surfaces	17%	24%	26%
Person-injured or ill worker	13%	11%	14%
Building materials-solid elements	8%	6%	6%
Highway vehicle, motorized	6%	13%	9%
Containers-nonpressurized	6%	3%	5%

Top 5 - Occupations

Occupation	% of total claims	% of total claims cost	% of total days lost
Motor Vehicle and Transit Drivers	11%	15%	15%
Trades Helpers and Labourers	8%	6%	7%
Carpenters and Cabinetmakers	6%	6%	6%
Labourers in Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	5%	3%	4%
Primary Production Labourers	5%	4%	4%

Age and Gender

Age	% of total claims	% of total claims cost	% of days lost
0 - 14	0%	0%	0%
15 - 24	18%	8%	9%
25 - 44	55%	52%	53%
45 - 64	26%	39%	36%
65 and over	1%	2%	2%

Gender	% of total claims	% of total claims cost	% of days lost
FEMALE	16%	10%	16%
MALE	84%	90%	84%

