

Number of Young Worker Accidents

- Number of time-loss claims accepted for young workers in 2001 10,595
- Decrease in number of claims in ten years from 1992 to 2001 27%
- Number of young workers injured every working day in B.C. 42
- Number of young workers permanently disabled each week due to workplace accidents 5
- Number of young workers killed in work-related accidents in 2001 5

Industries Where the Most Young Workers Get Hurt, 1997-2001

1. Restaurants or other dining establishments 14 %
2. Supermarkets 7 %
3. General retail 5 %

Young Worker Injury Rate*

- 2001 workplace injury rate for workers aged 15 to 24 3.6
- 2001 provincial workplace injury rate for all workers 3.7
- Percentage decrease in young worker injury rate from 1997 to 2001 25%

Male Young Worker Accidents

- Number of time-loss claims accepted for young male workers in 2001 7,705
- Decrease in time-loss claims for young male workers: 1997 to 2001 14%
- 2001 young male workplace injury rate* 5.3
- Percentage decrease in young male workplace injury rate from 1997 to 2001 26%
- Percentage difference between the 2001 young male injury rate over the provincial injury rate 43%

Female Young Worker Accidents

- Number of time-loss claims accepted for young female workers in 2001 2,890
- Percentage increase in time-loss claims for young female workers: 1997 to 2001 9%
- 2001 young female workplace injury rate * 2.0
- Percentage decrease in young female workplace injury rate from 1997 to 2001 9%

Lost Work Days/Claims Costs for Young Workers

- Number of young worker lost-days due to accidents in 2001 245,342
- Cost of claims for young workers in 2001 \$34,277,405

Most Common Types of Injuries for Young Workers, 1997-2001

- Strains, other than back 24%
- Back strains 20%
- Cuts 19%

Most Common Types of Young Worker Accidents in General Retail, 1997-2001

- Musculoskeletal (MSI) 37%
- Struck by an object 21%
- Fall from an elevation 11%

Retail Occupations With Most Young Workers Claims, 2001

- Retail salespeople and sales clerks 8%
- Grocery clerks and shelf stockers 4%
- Cashiers 2%

*2001 injury rates are preliminary and subject to future revision