

Provincial Overview, 2002

Number of Young Worker Accidents in B.C., 2002

- Number of time-loss claims accepted for young workers in 2002 8,630
- Percentage drop over five years since 1998 19%
- Number of young workers injured every working day in BC 34
- Number of young workers permanently disabled each week due to workplace accidents 5
- Number of fatal claims accepted for young workers in 2002 5
- Number of young workers injured every 42 minutes 1

Most Common Types of Young Worker Injuries, 1998-2002

1. Back and other strains 44%
2. Cuts 19%
3. Crush or bruise 13%

Serious Young Worker Injuries, 1998-2002

- Total number of serious young worker injuries 514
- Most common serious injuries:
 - Serious fractures 44%
 - Amputations 42%
 - 3rd Degree burns 11%
- Serious young worker injuries most commonly occur in: Restaurants

Young Worker Injury Rate ¹, 2002

- Percentage decrease in young worker injury rate from 2001 (3.6) to 2002 (3.2) 11%
- Percentage decrease in young worker injury rate from 1998 (4.6) to 2002 (3.2) 30%
- 2002 provincial workplace injury rate for **all workers** 3.2

Male Young Worker Accidents

- Number of time-loss claims accepted for young male workers in 2002 6,415
- Number of time-loss claims accepted for young male workers in 2001 7,705
- Percentage drop in time-loss claims for young male workers: 2001 - 2002 17%
- Percentage drop in time-loss claims for young male workers: 1998 - 2002 19%
- 2002 young male workplace injury rate* 4.8
- Percentage decrease in young male workplace injury rate: 1998 - 2002 28%
- Percentage difference between the 2002 young male injury rate and the 2002 provincial injury rate 33%

¹ All 2002 injury rates, including those for young workers, are preliminary and subject to future revision.

* preliminary

Female Young Worker Accidents

- Number of time-loss claims accepted for young female workers in 2002 2,215
- Number of time-loss claims accepted for young female workers in 2001 2,890
- Percentage decrease in time-loss claims for young female workers: 2001 - 2002 23%
- Percentage decrease in time-loss claims for young female workers: 1998 - 2002 18%
- 2002 young female workplace injury rate* 1.6
- Percentage decrease in young female workplace injury rate:1998 - 2002 33%

* preliminary

WCB Regional Overview, 2002

Region	% YW Claims in Four Targeted Retail/Hospitality Industries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants • General retail • Supermarkets • Department stores 	% YW Claims in Two Targeted Manufacturing Industries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden truss manufacture • Fish processing 	% YW Claims in Four Targeted Forestry Industries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cable or hi-lead logging • Helicopter logging • Shake block cutting • Integrated logging 	% YW Claims in One Targeted Agriculture Industries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranching 	% YW Claims in ALL Targeted Industries	% YW Claims in Province
Burnaby/Coquitlam	15%	3%	0%	0%	31%	13%
Central Interior	4%	3%	17%	64%	26%	5%
Courtenay/Campbell River/Terrace	4%	36%	35%	0%	54%	4%
Northern BC	3%	0.5%	6%	9%	24%	4%
Richmond/Delta	8%	8%	0%	0%	21%	11%
South Okanagan/Kootenay	9%	4%	16%	9%	30%	9%
Surrey/Abbotsford	20%	23%	2%	18%	25%	22%
Vancouver Island South	18%	20%	18%	0%	38%	14%
Vancouver Centre North	10%	2%	5%	0%	31%	9%
Vancouver South	9%	0.5%	1%	0%	47%	5%
	100%	100%	100%	100%		96%*

*Not all claims are coded to a Region

Targeted industries are selected based on young worker claim counts, costs and duration. An additional factor taken into account is whether the industry has a higher than average proportion of young worker claims, compared to total claims for all age groups.