

## Appendix Six:

# WorkSafeBC Statistics

This appendix shows statistical information provided by the Risk Management Department of WorkSafeBC.

Information in these charts follows the official definitions used by WorkSafeBC, quoted here:

**Accepted Fatafs:** Number of claims for which a first survivor benefit (fatal reserve or cash award) was awarded in the year, regardless of the year of injury.

**Assessable Payroll:** The payroll upon which assessment amounts are calculated.

**Claims Costs Paid:** Total health care payments, short term disability (STD) payments, vocational rehabilitation payments, long term disability (LTD) reserves and one-time cash awards, and survivor benefit reserves and one-time cash awards charged in the year regardless of year of injury.

**Injury Rate:** The number of Non-HCO claims per one hundred Person Years – shows the rate of injuries. Please note that Injury Rates calculated to one decimal point at a CU level are not normally quoted due to the following: (1) Person Years are estimates and are based on estimates of Assessable Payroll; (2) at a CU level, Person Years are further reduced and claims volume are lower compared to a Subsector level. As a result, calculations are subject to variability, hence affecting specific levels of precision in such rates. Figures rounded to the closest whole number may provide a more meaningful indicator of the Injury Rate at a CU level.

**Person Years:** Estimated number of employed full time equivalents (FTEs) based on Assessable Payroll and StatsCan data.

**Serious Injuries:** The number of short term disability (STD) and long term disability (LTD) claims coded with an ICD9 medical diagnosis that indicates serious injury (e.g. major fractures, amputations, 3rd degree burns, multiple fractures, and other serious spinal or head injuries). The number of claims is estimated based on the percentage of uncoded vs. coded claims in each year, and is derived from STD/LTD/FTL Claims that have an ICD9 Medical Diagnosis Type code that meets the Serious Injury criteria, but that do not have a Stats FATAL Claim Count Indicator.

**STD Duration:** A measure of the total days lost per claim on disability claims, including days lost in years beyond the year of injury. It is calculated according to a methodology established by the AWCBC.

**STD/LTD/FTL Claims:** A claim is counted as a short term disability (STD), long term disability (LTD), or fatality if the claim had the first short term disability (STD) benefit, long term disability (LTD) benefit, or survivor benefit (fatal reserve set or cash award) made in the year, regardless of the year of injury.

**Total Work Days Lost:** Total short term disability (STD) days and rehabilitation income continuity (code R) days paid in the year regardless of year of injury.