

## WorkSafeBC Cost-Related Statistics for All Agriculture

The following chart shows a five-year overview of key cost-related indicators for agriculture.

Total work days lost means the total number of days for which benefits are paid by WorkSafeBC either as short term disability wage loss benefits or long term disability continuity benefits. (It is the employer's responsibility to pay the worker's wages on the day the worker is injured. The wage loss benefits covered by a WorkSafeBC claim begin on the first full day of work that is lost.)

STD duration is a measure of the average duration of a short term disability claim, including the days lost in the year or years following the original injury or illness. STD duration varies widely from one type of workplace to another, as it reflects many factors (seasonal work patterns, availability of alternate work for affected workers, seriousness and type of injuries and illnesses, and so on).

Claim costs paid are those paid out by WorkSafeBC for **all** costs associated with the claims of each given year – to workers and their survivors, and to the health care system.

Person years are a calculated estimate of equivalent full-time workers in a given sector, where all seasonal and part-time work is included and grouped into full-time equivalents. (One person year is the equivalent of 52 weeks of paid employment, whether worked by one individual or several.)

Assessable payroll is the year's total payroll, as declared by all the registered employers in each given sector.

Employers registered with WorkSafeBC pay a regular premium for insurance services. This premium, or base assessment rate, is expressed as a percentage of assessable payroll: a dollar figure per \$100 of assessable payroll costs for the year.

Year	Total Work Days Lost	STD Duration	Claim Costs Paid	Person Years	Assessable Payroll
2000	44,859	60	\$10,044,796	18,179	\$430,194,225
2001	48,877	66	\$8,787,591	18,439	\$453,165,665
2002	47,741	66	\$8,300,368	19,100	\$473,852,232
2003	41,765	63	\$7,882,141	19,622	\$495,392,342
2004	41,428	65	\$9,250,846	19,446	\$509,533,478
2000-2004 total	224,670	-	\$44,265,741	-	-
Average	44,934	64	\$8,853,148	18,957	\$472,427,588