# FACTS

#### Young Workers



#### **Industry Highlights**

A young worker is defined as a person between the age of 15 and 24. They may be at higher risk of being injured due to lack of occupational health and safety knowledge and work experience. As a result, injuries often occur during the first few weeks on the job.

The number of young workers employed in the province fluctuates, with peak employment during the summer months. Between 2019 and 2023, young worker annual average employment\* increased by 4.0%, from 27,800 to 28,900.



\*Source: Statistics Canada

## Industry Facts 2023



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Construction\_ 7.2%

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24.7%

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Young Workers Province										
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lost-time Claims	485	379	338	457	357	3,720	3,106	3,259	3,540	3,193
Health Care Only Claims	153	120	117	92	74	1,651	1,161	1,130	1,190	1,093
Fatality Claims	1	0	0	0	0	26	35	18	30	15
Paid Weeks (000's)	8.5	9.5	8.2	8.5	8.2	251.5	262.4	265.1	259.0	256.0

## Lost-time claims by top 5 type of accidents, 2019-2023

Type of Accident	% Total Lost-time Claims
Overexertion in lifting	12%
Fall to floor, walkway, or other surface	12%
Bodily reaction and exertion	10%
Caught in or compressed by equipment/objects	4%
Struck by falling object	4%

## Lost-time claims by top 5 parts of body injured, 2019-2023

Body Part	% Total Lost-time Claims
Multiple body parts	12%
Shoulder, clavicle, scapula, trapezius	7%
Ankle(s)	6%
Lumbo-sacral region	6%
Knee(s)	6%

## Lost-time claims by top 5 nature of injuries, 2019-2023

Nature of Injury	% Total Lost-time Claims		
Sprains, strains, tears	33%		
Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	11%		
Back pain, hurt back	8%		
Bruises, contusions	5%		
Fractures	5%		

## Lost-time claims by top 5 occupations, 2019-2023

Occupations	% Total Lost-time Claims
Personal care attendants	9%
Retail salepersons and sales clerks	6%
Licensed practical nurses	5%
Grocery clerks/store shelf stockpersons	5%
Food and beverage servers	4%

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