

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 2018 and 2022, young worker annual average employment* increased by 8.5%, from 27,200 to 29,500.

There were

37

 claims

as a result of exposure to the Covid-19 virus in 2022

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Serious injury rate has increased

19.3

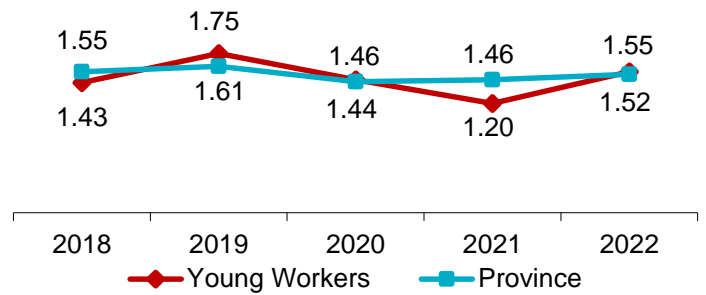
 per cent

since 2018

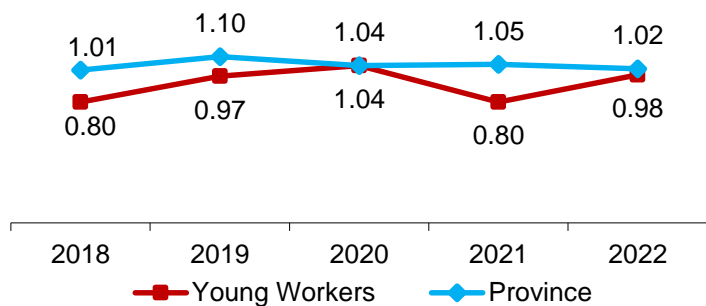
*Source: Statistics Canada – Employment rebased January, 2023

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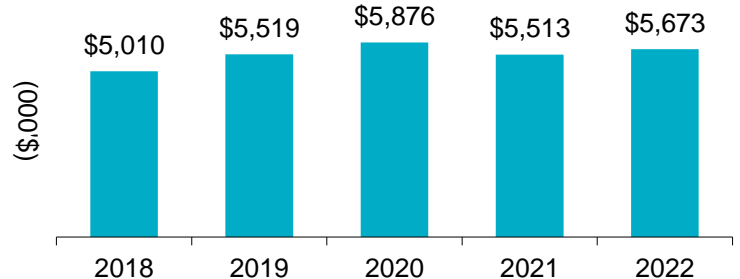
Lost-time Incidence Rate/100 Employees



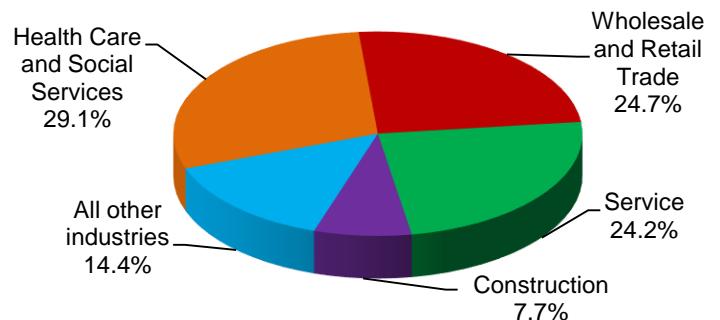
Soft Tissue Incidence Rate/100 Employees



Total Claim Payments



Percentage of Young Worker Lost-time Claims by Industry (2018-2022)



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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lost-time Claims	390	485	379	338	457	3,522	3,720	3,106	3,259	3,540
Health Care Only Claims	147	153	120	117	92	1,697	1,651	1,161	1,130	1,190
Fatality Claims	0	1	0	0	0	36	26	35	18	30
Paid Weeks (000's)	7.9	8.5	9.5	8.2	8.5	244.3	251.5	262.4	265.1	259.0

Lost-time claims by top 5 type of accidents, 2018-2022

Type of Accident	% Total Lost-time Claims
Overexertion in lifting	12%
Fall to floor, walkway, or other surface	11%
Bodily reaction and exertion	9%
Struck by falling object	4%
Bending/climbing/crawling/reaching/twisting	4%

Lost-time claims by top 5 nature of injuries, 2018-2022

Nature of Injury	% Total Lost-time Claims
Sprains, strains, tears	35%
Soreness, pain, hurt, except the back	8%
Back pain, hurt back	7%
Bruises, contusions	6%
Cuts, lacerations	6%

Lost-time claims by top 5 parts of body injured, 2018-2022

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

Lost-time claims by top 5 occupations, 2018-2022

Occupations	% Total Lost-time Claims
Personal care attendants	8%
Retail salespersons and sales clerks	7%
Licensed practical nurses	6%
Food counter attendants/kitchen/related	5%
Grocery clerks/store shelf stockpersons	5%

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