

Key Statistical Measures (KSMs)

The AWCBC’s **Key Statistical Measures (KSM) report** is your annual snapshot of Canada’s workers’ compensation landscape. This comprehensive report consolidates figures ranging from injury rates and claim payments to assessment rates, and administrative costs, offering a valuable resource for stakeholders across the system.

Information submitted by all 12 of our provincial and territorial member boards and commissions is compiled and placed into two category subsets. Because jurisdictions tend to employ differing methodologies, an agreed-upon list of standard definitions – or Key Statistical Measures – is used for accurate correlation of national data. For this reason, too, some numbers may vary between individual Board/Commission reports and AWCBC’s national KSM reports.

The **KSM report** is available on [AWCBC’s website](#). The site provides **customized reporting options**, enabling you to generate and download reports tailored to your specific needs.

KSM Categories

Claim Measures

- Claims
- Injury Frequency
- Fatalities
- Coverage
- Duration
- Return to Work
- Impairment

Financial Measures

- Funding / Investment
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- Assessment Rate
- Revenue
- Payroll
- Benefit Costs
- Benefit Liabilities
- Benefit Payments

Canadian Workers' Compensation System – Year at a Glance

Claim Measures													
Claim Measures	CAN	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	NT/NU	YT
Lost Time Injury Frequency (per 100 workers)	2.12	1.58	1.32	1.60	1.15	3.03	1.48	2.75	2.05	1.96	2.39	1.89	1.65
Lost Time Claims	348,747	3,530	1,095	5,650	3,896	124,123	85,859	14,360	8,801	37,814	62,294	871	454
Fatalities	993	30	2	14	13	216	317	16	39	161	181	2	2
Workforce Covered (%)	83.42	96.08	98.48	72.80	91.64	93.10	75.17	77.74	74.53	81.40	95.00	97.12	96.15
Duration (Average - Days)	U/A	191.38	61.44	167.83	73.20	U/A	N/A	34.69	59.11	111.70	95.20	99.62	38.26

Financial Measures													
Financial Measures	CAN	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	NT/NU	YT
Percentage Funded (%)	116.16	116.20	147.70	92.90	147.70	106.70	109.84	145.20	128.02	108.10	141.60	104.00	131.50
Market Rate of Return (%)	-5.76	-5.70	-3.83	-7.20	-3.83	-6.40	-9.10	-3.20	-5.50	-5.80	-2.60	-6.50	-9.50
Current Year Benefit Costs Per \$100 of Assessable Payroll (\$)	1.07	1.21	0.86	1.72	0.81	1.20	0.75	0.64	0.83	1.16	1.42	1.43	1.04
Administration Costs Per \$100 of Assessable Payroll (\$)	0.26	0.41	0.25	0.37	0.32	0.19	0.31	0.33	0.29	0.23	0.27	0.84	0.57
Average Assessment Rate (\$)	1.45	1.69	1.47	2.65	1.69	1.67	1.30	0.95	1.23	1.17	1.55	2.40	2.07
Assessable Payroll (\$ Billions)	789.4	9.1	2.7	14.0	11.4	199.7	252.0	22.0	25.0	107.6	140.5	3.8	1.6

Important Note to Readers: Differences in population, industry mixes, coverage and legislation/policy may affect comparability between jurisdictions. These measures use standard definitions that may differ from WCB reports. Please contact the WCB directly with any inquiries about an individual jurisdiction. Additional measures and explanatory footnotes for the above measures can be found in the [Detailed Key Statistical Measures Report](#).

Source: Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada, Key Statistical Measures (www.awcbc.org)

Supplemental KSM Information

- KSM Definitions
- Annual KSM by Industry Report
- Breakdown of Provisional Average Assessment Rates
- Preface Report

Includes Industry-specific Number of Lost Time Claims, Benefit Payments for All Years, Assessment Revenue and Assessable Payroll

Segmented by Compensation, Administration and OH&S costs, as well as Amortization of Surplus and Deficits

Includes Percentage of Earnings Based On, Waiting Period, CPP Offset and Max Comp Earnings

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Financial Measures

	CAN	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	NT/NU	YT	
Financial Measures														
Funding / Investment														
14	Market Rate of Return (%)	0.09 ⁸	-0.42	-1.32	-1.00	-1.30	3.80	-0.70	1.50	-1.90	1.40	2.10	-0.20	-0.90
15	Percentage Funded (%)	115.52 ⁴³	119.50	146.30	85.50	88.00	108.70 ³⁸	104.50 ²⁹	148.20	128.42	118.30	152.64	102.00 ¹	132.30
Admin Costs														
8	Administration Costs (\$ millions) (\$)	1,806.4	33.5	6.1	46.8	0.41	0.33	0.23	0.33	0.36	0.26	0.19	0.29	0.86
IR1	Administration Costs Per \$100 of Assessable Payroll (\$)	0.28 ⁴⁶	0.41	0.29	0.41	0.33	0.23	0.33	0.36	0.26	0.19	0.29	0.86	0.69
IR6	Administration Costs per Lost Time Claim (\$)	7,531 ⁴⁶	10,340	5,588	8,374 ³⁰	8,591 ²⁷	4,483	14,077	6,225	6,607	7,233	5,727	29,156	21,140
OH&S Costs														
													3.9	2.8
													0.13	0.21
													2.15	2.05
													2.05	1.93
													67.2	26.7
													3.1	1.3
													34.6 ²³	14.2
													64.3 ³⁷	19.2
													1.11	1.09
													37,422	33,397
													383.3	196.9
													3.50	3.25 ²²
													40.9 ²³	15.5
													27.30	35.80
													11,10.1 ¹	22.50
													22.50	31.71

Detailed Key Statistical Measures (KSM) Report

This report contains detailed Key Statistical Measures (KSMs) supplemental to the [Canadian Workers' Compensation System - Year at a Glance](#) report. Please note, differences in population, industry mixes, coverage and legislation/policy may affect comparability between jurisdictions. These measures use standard definitions that may differ from WCB reports. Please contact the [WCB](#) directly with any inquiries about an individual jurisdiction.

Claim Measures

	CAN	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	NT/NU	YT	
Claims														
1	Claims Reported (#)	799,074	12,094	4,095	25,242	18,886	126,586	253,991 ³⁶	36,000	28,860	132,346	155,753	3,483	1,738
2	Total Lost Time Claims (#)	264,438	3,505	1,133	6,119 ³⁰	5,036 ²⁷	78,504	64,855	13,177	8,846	28,048	53,856	933	426 ³⁴
2.1	Lost Time Claims for Assessable Employers (#)	239,848	3,240	1,096	5,583 ³⁰	3,748 ²⁷	77,135	48,519	11,339	8,603	27,291	51,943	925	426
2.2	Lost Time Claims for Self-Insured Employers (#)	24,590	265	37	536 ³⁰	1,288 ²⁷	1,369	16,336	1,838	243	757	1,913	8	0
Injury Frequency														
21	Lost Time Injury Frequency (%)	1.67 ⁴⁴	1.60	1.52	1.81 ³⁰	1.56 ²⁸	1.99	1.16 ⁹	2.57	2.11	1.47	2.20	2.21 ²²	1.77
Fatalities														
3	Fatalities Accepted (#)	1,027	36	1	34	22	226	334 ⁷	24	48	162	131	6	3
3.1	Fatalities Accepted - Occupational Disease (#)	665	32	1	21	13	164	260 ³⁵	11	20	76	66	0	1
3.2	Fatalities Accepted - Injury (#)	362	4	0	13	9	62	74 ³⁹	13	28	86	65	6	2
Coverage														
22	Workforce Covered (%)	84.67 ⁴⁵	97.44	97.79	74.14	91.39	92.60	77.21 ³	79.23	73.72	82.01	98.21	96.85 ³¹	99.13
Duration														
18	Average Composite Duration of Claim (#)	U/A	135.07	67.86	126.91 ³⁰	95.61 ²⁸	U/A	N/A	33.54	59.25	78.11	75.90	63.60	28.67
Return to Work														
24.1	Claims on Wage-Loss Benefits after 2 years (%)	3.68	7.11	4.46	6.05 ^{13,30}	7.84 ^{13,28}	5.58	3.15	1.31	0.68 ¹³	3.56	2.04	4.60 ¹³	1.72
24.2	Claims on Wage-Loss Benefits after 6 years (%)	1.92	3.92	4.57	3.57 ^{13,30}	3.44 ^{13,28}	3.30	1.65	0.68	0.06 ¹³	1.61	0.84	0.35 ¹³	1.26
25.1	Percentage of Wage-Loss Claims off Wage-Loss (%)	59.09	49.53	48.46	44.24 ³⁰	57.49 ²⁸	53.46	70.41	68.25	57.62	57.44	55.00	67.70 ¹⁷	64.08 ¹
					66.85 ³⁰	69.26 ²⁸	71.14	82.87	85.40	72.80	74.90	75.00	78.20 ¹⁷	81.46 ¹