

FACTS

Commercial Fishing in BC

157 fishing vessels have capsized with 66 lives lost between 1975 and 2005

Fishing* Claims 2001 – 2005

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Year	Fisher Registration Cards Purchased	Claims Number	Claims Cost
2001	8,553	154	\$1,430,859.00
2002	8,870	163	\$2,184,732.00
2003	8,758	122	\$2,118,824.00
2004	8,495	116	\$4,672,588.00
2005	7,831	136	\$3,374,210.00

*In British Columbia, the number of Fisher Registration Cards purchased in a year from Fisheries and Oceans Canada is used as a proxy for employment

2. Below are the fatality ratios per time-loss compensation claim in the following industrial industries: (years 2001-2005)

- 1 fisher died for every 29 claims
- 1 oil and gas worker died for every 58 claims
- 1 forestry worker died for every 81 claims
- 1 construction worker died for every 208 claims

Most Common Claim Characteristics

For the Typical Claimant summary below, each claim characteristic type (e.g. Occupation, Accident Type, etc.) is summarized by the most common claim characteristic during the five year period, independent of the other claim characteristic types.



Occupation: Fishing Vessel Masters and Skippers and Fishermen/Fisherwomen

Gender: Male

Age: 25-44 years (Average 41)

Accident / Injury: Water vehicle accident; Sprains, Strains, Tears; Back, including spine, spinal cord

Injury Source: Water vehicle

Claim Characteristics, 2001-2005

Accident Type	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
Water vehicle accident	29%
Struck by object	13%
Overexertion	12%
Repetitive motion	7%
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects	7%

Nature of Injury	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
Sprains, strains, tears	30%
Fractures	15%
Cuts, lacerations	8%
Bruises, contusions	6%
Inflammation and irritation of joints, tendons, muscles and connective tissues	4%

Age	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
15 - 24	13%
25 - 44	50%
45 - 64	33%
65 and over	4%

Gender	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
FEMALE	5%
MALE	95%

Body Part	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
Back, including spine, spinal cord	16%
Finger(s), fingernail(s)	15%
Leg(s)	11%
Shoulder, including clavicle, scapula, and trapezius muscle if should is mentioned	7%
Hand(s), except finger(s)	6%

Source of Injury	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
Water vehicle	34%
Person-injured or ill worker	15%
Animals and animal products	6%
Miscellaneous machinery	6%
Containers-nonpressurized	5%

Occupation	# STD/LTD/FTL Claims % of Total
Fishing Vessel Masters and Skippers and Fishermen/women	63%
Other Fishing and Trapping Occupations	21%
Printing Press Operators, Commercial Divers and Other Trades and Related Occupations, n.e.c.	4%
Labourers in Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	3%
Other Transport Equipment Operators and Related Workers	2%

* Fishing CUs: 702003, 702005, 702006, 702007, 702008, 702009, and 702010

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