

Definitions

This report summarizes all workplace fatalities classified as ‘Accidental’ in the Northern region from 2005 through November 15, 2010. This includes open cases with preliminary classification as occupational deaths. Other classifications (e.g. natural) and deaths at workplaces outside of work hours have been excluded. Workers in transit to their workplace were also excluded, while those in transit while working were included.

The “Business, Education & Other” occupational category includes small business, office work, service industry, janitorial/property maintenance, security, etc.

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Statistics and Tables

There were 390 accidental workplace fatalities during this period, including 83 in the Northern region:

- The Northern region accounted for 21.3% of workplace fatalities in BC, despite having just 6.6% of the population¹.
- Average age at death in the Northern region was 46.6 years, similar to the provincial average of 46.9 years.
- 97.6% of workplace deaths in the Northern region were male, compared with 93.8% for all of BC.
- The three most common occupations of workplace fatalities in the Northern region were
 - Forestry, 28.9% of deaths
 - Mining, 19.3% of deaths, and
 - Commercial Driving, 16.3% of deaths.

Accidental Workplace Fatalities in BC, 2005 – 2010 YTD*									
Region	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Deaths	% of Deaths	% of Pop ¹
Fraser	15	20	18	16	14	8	91	23.3	35.1
Interior	20	23	18	14	11	16	102	26.2	16.4
Island	20	9	12	10	7	8	66	16.9	16.9
Metro	13	10	7	6	5	7	48	12.3	25.0
Northern	26	18	13	17	4	5	83	21.3	6.6
Total	94	80	68	63	41	44	390	100.0	100.0

¹ Population estimates were obtained from BC Stats on November 16, 2010; www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca. Estimates are for the provincial Health Authorities, which are similar but not identical to BCCS regions.

Demographic Characteristics of Accidental Workplace Fatalities in the Northern Region, 2005 – 2010 YTD*										
Northern	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Deaths	%	BC	%
Female	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	2.4	24	6.2
Male	26	18	12	16	4	5	81	97.6	366	93.8
Total	26	18	13	17	4	5	83	100.0	390	100.0
Average Age	44.9	48.3	44.9	49.6	44.3	45.7	46.6		46.9	

Accidental Workplace Fatalities in BC by Occupation, 2005 – 2010 YTD*									
Occupation Category	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Deaths	%	
Business, Education & Other	14	24	19	10	10	20	97	24.9	
Forestry	32	8	16	13	5	6	80	20.5	
Commercial Driver	12	14	4	10	9	11	60	15.4	
Construction	9	14	8	6	6	2	45	11.5	
Industrial	10	4	5	2	6	1	28	7.2	
Mining	5	7	5	8	1	1	27	6.9	
Air pilot/crew	6	4	2	4	2	1	19	4.9	
Farming	2	2	7	5	2	-	18	4.6	
Commercial Fishing	3	2	2	5	-	2	14	3.6	
Fire Fighting	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	0.3	
Law Enforcement	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.3	
Total	94	80	68	63	41	44	390	100.0	

Accidental Workplace Fatalities in the Northern Region by Occupation, 2005 – 2010 YTD*									
Occupation Category	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Deaths	%	
Forestry	11	4	4	3	1	1	24	28.9	
Mining	3	4	1	7		1	16	19.3	
Commercial Driver	5	5	-	2	1	1	14	16.9	
Business, Education & Other	2	1	5	-	1	2	11	13.3	
Industrial	2	2	1	1	1	-	7	8.4	
Commercial Fishing	1	1	1	2	-	-	5	6.0	
Farming	1	-	1	1	-	-	3	3.6	
Construction	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	2.4	
Air pilot/crew	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1.2	
Total	26	18	13	17	4	5	83	100.0	



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Township of Injury for Accidental Workplace Fatalities in the Northern Region, 2005 – 2010 YTD*							
Township of Injury	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Alexis Creek	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Alice Arm	-	3	-	4	-	-	7
Anahim Lake	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Arras	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Atlin	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Bella Bella	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Bella Coola	2	-	1	-	1	-	4
Chetwynd	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Dawson Creek	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Dease Lake	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Fort Nelson	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fort St James	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Fort St John	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Fraser Lake	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Goodlow	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Greenville	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Haida Gwaii	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Houston	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
Kitimat	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Klemtu	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Likely	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Mackenzie	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
McBride	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pink Mountain	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Port Edward	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Pouce Coupe	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Prespatou	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Prince George	4	1	2	-	-	-	7
Prince Rupert	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Quesnel	2	1	2	-	-	-	5
Rivers Inlet	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Sandspit	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Summit Lake	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Tatla Lake	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Telegraph Creek	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Terrace	2	1	-	1	-	-	4
Toms Lake	1	-	-	-	-	-	1



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Tumbler Ridge	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Vanderhoof	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Williams Lake	2	-	-	1	1	1	4
Wonowon	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Total	26	18	13	17	4	5	83

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Note: The BCCS operates in a live database environment. The data are considered preliminary until all investigations have been completed. Data are subject to change, and are not directly comparable to published counts from previous years.