

How are 2023 industry premium rates set?



The Saskatchewan WCB sets industry premium rates annually. The rate setting process ensures today's employers pay for the costs of today's claims.

Step 1: Industry classification

- Employers are grouped into industry rate codes based on their primary business activity.
- This forms the WCB's classification system, which has 50 industry rate codes.
- The collective experience of all employers in each industry rate code determines the industry premium rate.
- All employers in the same rate code start with the same industry premium rate.

Step 2: Industry premium rates

- An actuarial rate model is used to determine annual industry premium rates.
- Expected claim costs are projected for the upcoming year.
- Industry premium rate = costs/payroll.
- Premiums cover all current and future costs for claims that occur during the year.

Step 3: Experience rating

- The Experience Rating Program adjusts the industry premium rate based on an employer's individual claims experience.
- Employers can receive a discount or pay a surcharge depending on their claims experience.
- Reducing the number and cost of claims through injury prevention and workplace safety can improve your experience rating and reduce the WCB premiums you pay.

Online services reminder: in early December 2022, you will be able to view your 2023 industry rate, including your experience rating, through your WCB online account only. Sign up for your WCB online account by visiting [wcb.com](https://www.wcb.com).

D71 – Open Pit Mining

Comparing your 2022 and 2023 rates

Rate components	2022 rate	2023 rate	Percentage change
Claim costs	\$0.659	\$0.764	16.0%
Short-term disability and vocational rehabilitation	\$0.236	\$0.266	12.7%
Medical costs	\$0.319	\$0.346	8.5%
Long-term disability	\$0.076	\$0.116	52.2%
Fatality and survivor benefits	\$0.028	\$0.036	29.5%
Administration costs	\$0.304	\$0.337	10.8%
WCB administration expenses	\$0.232	\$0.268	15.4%
WorkSafe Saskatchewan	\$0.012	\$0.012	0.0%
Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Workers' Advocate	\$0.060	\$0.057	-4.4%
Subtotal	\$0.963	\$1.101	14.3%
Safety association funding	\$0.000	\$0.000	0.0%
Total rate (rounded)	\$0.96	\$1.10	14.6%

Updated payroll forecasts

Assessable payroll (\$ millions)	Used in 2022 rate setting	Updated 2022 projection	2023 projection
D71 rate code payroll	\$88.5	\$87.1	\$87.9

The overall increase to the premium rate for D71 is the result of increasing claims and related administration costs, which are combined with decreasing payroll forecasted for 2023. The largest change in claims in dollar terms is related to long-term disability and survivor costs.



At a glance: D71 – Open Pit Mining

D71 claim costs (thousands of dollars)



Injuries can happen at any age in D71

43.5 average age at injury

30 per cent of injuries under age 35

Top five causes of serious injuries in D71: 2017-2021

1. bending, climbing, crawling, reaching or twisting
2. overexertion in lifting
3. bodily reactions
4. non-highway incident
5. bodily reaction and exertion, uns

More info

Visit wcb.sask.com/statistics for additional industry statistics, such as injury rates, or the average cost or duration per claim.



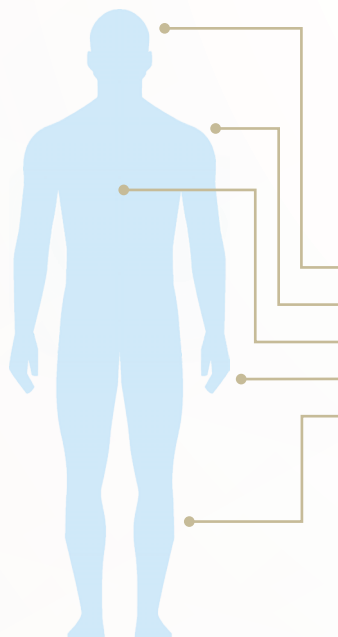
Did you know?

Claim costs directly affect your premium rate. **Injury prevention is the best way to minimize your costs and reduce human suffering.**

For information on how to prevent injuries, visit worksafesask.ca.



Top five parts of the body injured in D71: 2017-2021



Part of body	Number of injuries	Percentage of injuries
Head	38	10.7%
Shoulder	28	7.9%
Back	57	16.1%
Hand	46	13.0%
Leg	66	18.6%

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