

Motor Vehicle Fatalities Accepted by the Workers' Compensation Board

Year to date, numbers as of December 31, 2017

The fatalities listed represent motor vehicle fatalities that have been accepted by the Workers' Compensation Board and recorded by the month accepted.

Motor vehicle fatalities typically involve non-industrial vehicles operating on public roads, where the fatally injured worker was either the driver or a passenger. This type of occupational fatality also includes cases involving aircraft crashes, train crashes, helicopter crashes and water vehicle crashes.

Industry Descriptions

Industry Sector	Description
Agriculture and Forestry	Includes greenhouses and market gardens, feed lots, timber management, logging and related woodlands operations including the trucking of logs.
Business, Personal and Professional Services	Includes building and grounds maintenance, financial services, restaurants, hotels and recreation facilities, security services, and professional services such as engineering.
Construction and Construction Trades	Includes the construction of houses, apartments, industrial plants, roads, bridges and pipelines, and specialized construction trades (e.g. plumbing, painting, roofing, and bricklaying).
Manufacturing and Processing	Involves manufacturing beyond the raw product: includes saw mills, pulp mills, food and beverages, metal fabrication, petrochemicals, and oil refineries.
Mining and Petroleum Development	Includes underground and open pit mining, oil sands mining and processing, operation of oil and gas wells, drilling and servicing of wells, and related services in the oil fields.
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	Includes the provincial government, all forms of local government, universities, colleges, business schools, libraries, hospitals and long term care facilities.
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	Includes public transportation (air, rail, bus), trucking, radio, television, live theatre, electricity, natural gas and garbage collection.
Wholesale And Retail Trade	Includes food and beverage stores, department stores, home improvement centers, and sale and service of automobiles and equipment.

Industry Sector	2017 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)	2016 Number of Fatalities (year-to-date)
Agriculture and Forestry	0	2
Business, Personal and Professional Services	1	1
Construction and Construction Trades	9	8
Manufacturing and Processing	2	0
Mining and Petroleum Development	1	6
Public Administration, Education and Health Services	6	1
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	8	7
Wholesale and Retail Trade	3	1
TOTAL	30	26
Delayed Fatalities ¹	4	3

Date of Acceptance	Description	
Business, Personal and Professional Services		
November 2017	A 44 year old engineer was fatally injured when his vehicle collided with a moose on the highway.	
Construction and Construction Trades		
January 2017	A 55 year old truck driver was operating a snow plow sanding truck on a primary highway. The driver lost control of the vehicle, entered the ditch and rolled over.	
January 2017	A 39 year old mechanic was involved in a multi vehicle highway collision resulting in death.	
May 2017	A 49 year old oilfield worker was involved in a head on collision on a secondary highway when travelling to the job site.	
May 2017	A 21 year old mechanic was driving a company vehicle back to the shop and was involved in a fatal motor vehicle collision hitting a semi-truck.	
June 2017	A 37 year old equipment operator was trying to pass slow moving traffic on a secondary highway and collided head-on with oncoming traffic. Visibility was poor due to blowing snow and stormy conditions.	
August 2017	A 43 year old self-employed crop dusting pilot died when his airplane crashed.	

¹ Delayed or latent motor vehicle fatalities include workers involved in a motor vehicle incident that did not become a fatality until a much later date, often years later. From 2007, these incidents are to be categorized under the original incident. Previously, these workers have been classified and recorded as occupational disease fatalities. Delayed fatalities have not been included in the year-to-date total as they do not reflect present hazards or exposures.

Date of Acceptance	Description	
September 2017	A 72 year old electrician was driving a pick-up truck at highway speed and collided head-on with a dump truck that crossed the centre line. The dump truck driver entered the lane of oncoming traffic to avoid striking the rear of the vehicle that had slowed to turn off the highway.	
October 2017	A 58 year old heavy equipment operator was involved in a fatal collision with a semi-trailer truck at an intersection on a secondary highway.	
October 2017	A 28 year old gravel truck driver was fatally injured when his vehicle collided with an oncoming logging truck that had partially moved across the centre line.	
Manufacturing and Processing		
December 2017	A 34 year old welding inspector was a passenger in a vehicle travelling to a job site when vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle collision.	
December 2017	A 36 year old general foreman was a passenger in a vehicle travelling to a job site when vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle collision.	
Mining and Petroleum Development		
December 2017	A 59 year old field operator was fatally injured when he was involved in a motor vehicle collision with a semi-truck.	
Public Administration, Education and Health Services		
February 2017	A 35 year old flight instructor was involved in a fatal small passenger plane crash.	
February 2017	A 65 year old flight instructor was involved in a fatal small passenger plane crash.	
May 2017	A 39 year old court reporter travelling to a rural court location died as a result of vehicle collision.	
August 2017	A 21 year old laborer died when the ride-on lawnmower he was operating tipped into an adjacent pond submerging the worker and the vehicle.	
November 2017	A 34 year old firefighter was fatally injured in a single motor vehicle collision while traveling to a firefighting operation.	
December 2017	A 59 year old occupational therapist was fatally injured in a multi-vehicle collision at a secondary highway intersection while travelling from a patient's home visit.	
Transportation, Communication and Utilities		
May 2017	A 59 year old truck driver lost control and rolled the semi-trailer unit when the back tire of the trailer caught the road edge.	
August 2017	A 37 year old truck driver lost control of the semi-tractor flatbed unit on a secondary highway, entered the ditch and crashed into an embankment. Visibility was poor due to blowing snow. The driver died from physical trauma after being ejected from the vehicle.	

Date of Acceptance	Description	
August 2017	A 31 year old truck driver was involved in a single vehicle rollover, causing his death.	
October 2017	A 44 year old tow truck driver rear-ended a semi-trailer truck causing the tow truck to be engulfed in flames.	
October 2017	A 35 year old flight instructor died in a crash of a small aircraft operated by a student pilot.	
December 2017	A 33 year old truck driver was fatally injured when he was involved in a head on collision.	
December 2017	A 39 year old truck driver died from a head trauma following a motor vehicle collision.	
December 2017	A 39 year old delivery driver was fatally injured when the vehicle collided with a parked gravel truck.	
Wholesale and Retail Trade		
September 2017	A 17 year old laborer was killed when driving a pick-up truck on a rural range road that collided at high speed with a semi-trailer truck unit at an intersection.	
September 2017	A 14 year old laborer who was a passenger in a pick-up truck on a rural range road was killed when the truck collided at high speed with a semitrailer truck unit at an intersection.	
October 2017	A 60 year old insulation installer was a passenger in a company truck that was involved in a fatal vehicular collision.	
Delayed		
February 2017	A 34 year old refuse collector was involved in a motor vehicle collision in 2003 and died from medical complications related to this work place injury.	
February 2017	A 75 year old truck driver died from medical complications related a severe injury sustained in a 1975 motor vehicle collision.	
June 2017	A 49 year old oil rig worker died from medical complication related to a severe head injury and paraplegia caused by a workplace motor vehicle collision in 1985.	
November 2017	A 44 year old worker was involved in a motor vehicle collision and later on died as a result of the injuries.	