

How are 2025 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 2024, you will be able to view your 2025 industry rate, including your experience rating, through your WCB online account only. Sign up for your WCB online account by visiting [wcb.sask.com](https://www.wcb.sask.ca).

D52 – Seismic Drilling

Comparing your 2024 and 2025 rates

Rate components	2024 rate	2025 rate	Percentage change
Claim costs	\$1.173	\$1.237	5.5%
Short-term disability and vocational rehabilitation	\$0.513	\$0.548	6.8%
Medical costs	\$0.464	\$0.488	5.2%
Long-term disability	\$0.138	\$0.150	8.7%
Fatality and survivor benefits	\$0.058	\$0.051	-12.1%
Administration costs	\$0.446	\$0.452	1.3%
WCB administration expenses	\$0.380	\$0.389	2.4%
WorkSafe Saskatchewan	\$0.011	\$0.011	0.0%
Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Injured Worker Appeal Services (IWAS)	\$0.055	\$0.052	-5.5%
Subtotal	\$1.619	\$1.689	4.3%
Safety association funding	\$0.075	\$0.077	2.7%
Total rate (rounded)	\$1.69	\$1.77	4.7%

Updated payroll forecasts

Assessable payroll (\$ millions)	Used in 2024 rate setting	Updated 2024 projection	2025 projection
D52 rate code payroll	\$100.86	\$108.54	\$113.36

The overall increase to the premium rate for D52 is the result of increasing claims and related administration costs, which are partly offset by increasing payroll forecasted for 2025. The largest change in claims in dollar terms is related to short-term disability and vocational rehabilitation costs.



At a glance: D52 – Seismic Drilling

D52 claim costs (thousands of dollars)



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.

Injuries can happen at any age in D52

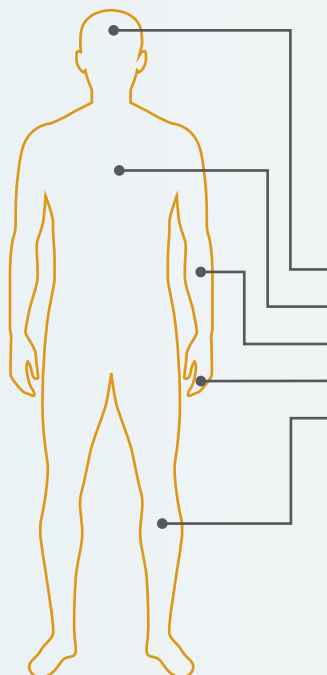
32.2 average age at injury

64 per cent of injuries under age 35

Top five causes of serious injuries in D52: 2019-2023

1. caught in/compressed by equipment/object, n.e.c.
2. struck by slipping handheld object
3. bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting
4. overexertion in pulling or pushing objects
5. fall to lower level, n.e.c.

Top five parts of the body injured in D52: 2019-2023



Part of body	Number of injuries	Percentage of injuries
Head	18	7.5%
Back	20	8.4%
Arm	21	8.8%
Hand	81	33.9%
Leg	42	17.6%

More info

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



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