

AT-A-GLANCE: The cost of workplace injury insurance in Nova Scotia

Stats based on 2008 figures

- Workplace injury insurance is funded by premiums paid by Nova Scotia employers.
- Approximate # of workplaces covered by the WCB - 18,000
- 517 workplaces (2.9% of those covered) account for 67% of the overall claim volume.
- Nova Scotia's average assessment rate of \$2.65 per \$100 of payroll is one of the highest in Canada. The average rate in Nova Scotia has remained the same since 2005.
- This September, 175 employers will receive a first surcharge warning notice. (Up from 168 last year)
- Similarly, 92 employers will receive a second surcharge warning notice. (Up from 75 last year)
- 77 employers will receive a surcharge in 2010, up from 71 in 2009. These 77 include:
 - 39 receiving their first surcharge, following two consecutive warnings.
 - 17 receiving their second consecutive surcharge.
 - 21 receiving their third consecutive surcharge.
- The employers facing a surcharge in 2010 will see an increase in their rate ranging from \$0.05 to \$3.43 per \$100 of assessable payroll. That means the additional cost from the surcharges range from \$130 to \$187,000.

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Notable Rate Decreases

In 2010, the following industries will see significant decreases in their industry rate:

Industry	2009 Rate	2010 Rate	Percentage Decrease
Metal Tank Manufacturing	\$7.37	\$5.51	25%
Framing	\$9.23	\$6.91	25%
Hardware & Paint Stores	\$2.14	\$1.70	21%
Mining (excluding coal)	\$1.92	\$1.53	20%
Electronics/Electrical Manufacturing	\$1.92	\$1.53	20%
Marine & Park Construction	\$5.37	\$4.29	20%
Storage & Warehousing	\$3.38	\$2.70	20%
Landfill & Garbage	\$5.37	\$4.29	20%
Wholesale Petroleum Products	\$3.61	\$2.88	20%
Municipal Government	\$2.51	\$2.01	20%
Welding	\$5.37	\$4.29	20%
Home Support	\$9.22	\$7.58	18%
Roofing	\$9.23	\$7.95	14%
Fish Processing	\$5.19	\$4.55	12%
Printing Industry	\$1.60	\$1.42	11%
Chemical & Fertilizer Manufacturing	\$1.60	\$1.42	11%
Air Transportation/Support	\$2.19	\$1.95	11%
Household Retail	\$1.60	\$1.42	11%
Heavy Construction	\$3.33	\$3.01	10%

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Notable Rate Increases

In 2010, the following industries will see significant increases in their industry rate:

Industry	2009 Rate	2010 Rate	Percentage Increase
Second-Hand Merchandise	\$2.43	\$3.03	25%
School Boards	\$2.51	\$3.11	24%
Feed Industry	\$2.59	\$3.19	23%
Industrial Waste, Wholesale	\$2.61	\$3.21	23%
Plastic Bag Manufacturing	\$2.14	\$2.61	22%
Machine Shops	\$2.14	\$2.61	22%
Sign & Display Manufacturing	\$2.14	\$2.61	22%
Tire Dealers	\$2.14	\$2.61	22%
Dairy Farms	\$3.08	\$3.69	20%
Crop & Xmas Tree Farms	\$3.61	\$4.33	20%
Aquaculture	\$4.18	\$5.01	20%
Shipbuilding / Boatbuilding	\$6.26	\$7.51	20%
Battery Manufacturing	\$3.35	\$4.02	20%
Cement & Concrete Manufacturing	\$3.61	\$4.33	20%
Linen Supply	\$2.98	\$3.58	20%
Motor Vehicles Retail	\$1.62	\$1.86	15%
Wholesale Foods	\$2.61	\$2.94	13%
Couriers	\$5.19	\$5.76	11%
Plumbing & Air Conditioning	\$2.52	\$2.76	10%

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About the WCB

The Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia (WCB) is committed to keeping Nova Scotians safe and secure from workplace injury. The WCB provides workplace injury insurance for more than 18,000 employers, representing about 300,000 workers across the province. The WCB sets the standard for workplace injury insurance by informing and inspiring Nova Scotians in the prevention of workplace injury. If an injury occurs, we support those whose lives it touches by championing a timely return to safe and healthy work.

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