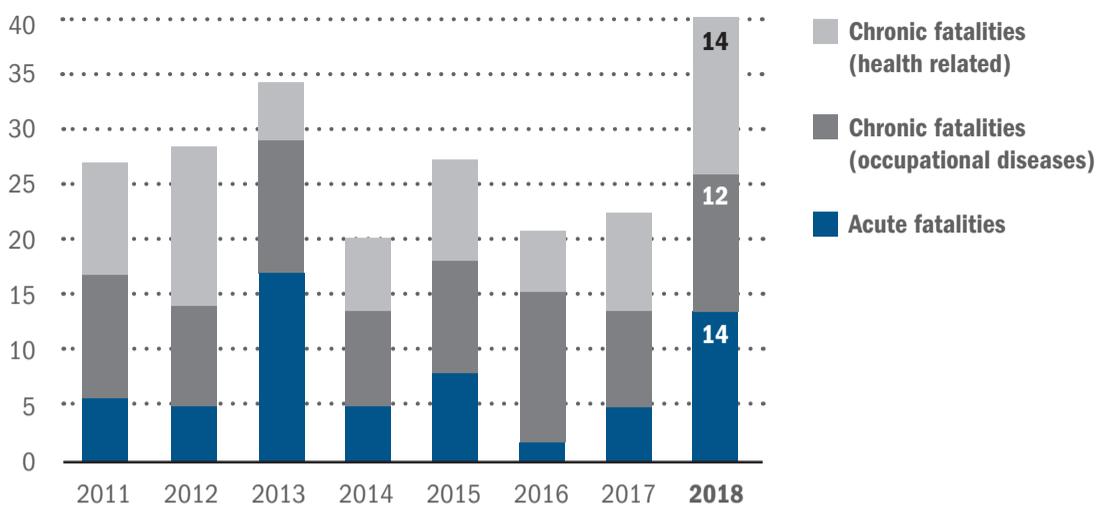


## WORKPLACE FATALITIES

2018 was a tragic year in Nova Scotia workplaces.



## INJURY RATE

The injury rate has improved from 1.76 per 100 covered workers in 2017 to 1.72 per 100 covered workers in 2018.

# 1.72

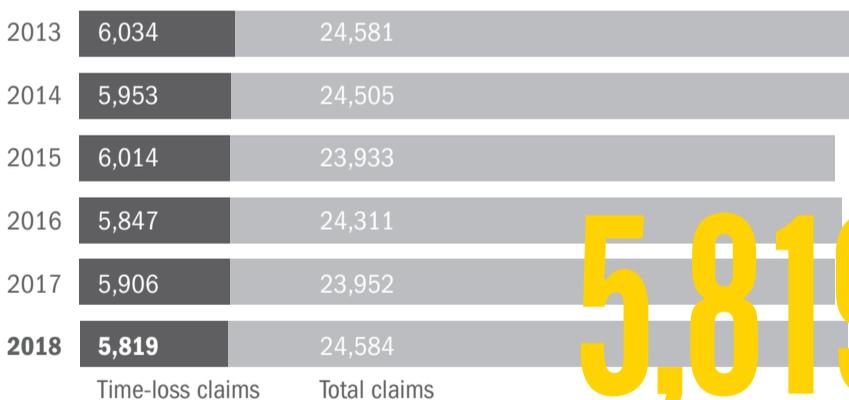
Time-loss claims per 100 covered workers



## HOW MANY NOVA SCOTIANS WERE HURT AT WORK IN 2018?



There were **5,819 TIME-LOSS CLAIMS IN 2018**. **87 FEWER NOVA SCOTIANS** were hurt seriously enough to lose time from work, compared to 2017, when there were 5,906 time-loss claims.



The total number of registered claims in 2018 is **24,584**, a slight increase from the 2017 total of 23,952.

# 5,819

Time-loss claims in 2018

## WHAT TYPE OF INJURIES ARE OCCURRING?

**MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURIES (SPRAINS, STRAINS, AND OTHER SOFT-TISSUE INJURIES) MADE UP**

# 64.4%

OF ALL 2018 TIME-LOSS INJURIES.

1 in 4 time-loss injuries was to the back – by far, the most frequently injured body part.

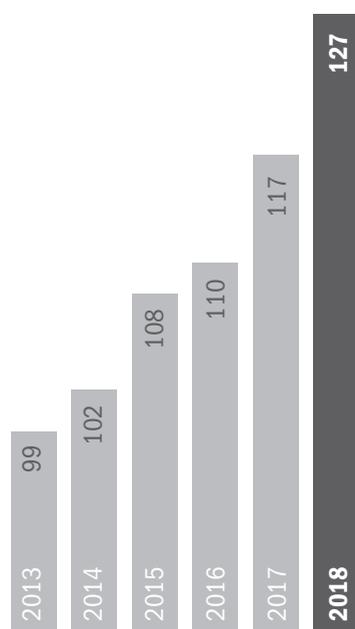


There are more claims for **psychological injury** than in previous years. Time-loss claims for psychological injuries went up almost 50 per cent over 2017 and are over three times the 2014 total. This includes PTSD and all other psychological injuries.

Time-loss psychological injury



## AFTER THE INJURY: RETURNING TO WORK



It's taking a long time to achieve a return to work when someone is hurt on the job. In 2018, the average composite duration rose to

# 127 DAYS.

More complex claims, and the increasing age of the population, are just two of the many factors in this complex measure.

## DAYS LOST TO WORKPLACE INJURY

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS LOST TO INJURY ROSE IN 2018 VS. 2017 TO

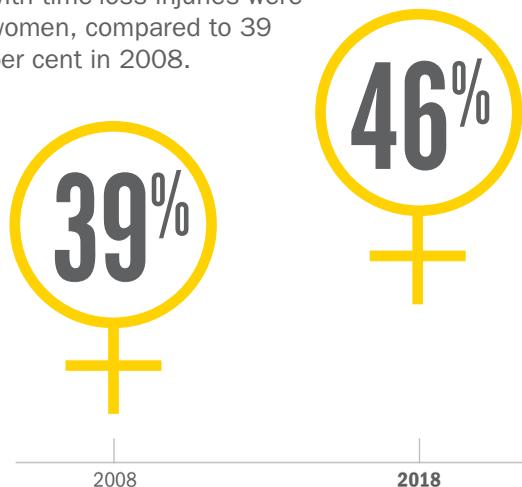
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– OR THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT **3,400 PEOPLE** WORKING FULL TIME FOR A YEAR. IN 2008, THAT SAME NUMBER WAS 942,119.

## INJURIES BY AGE AND GENDER

### Gender of worker

In 2018, 46 per cent of workers with time-loss injuries were women, compared to 39 per cent in 2008.



### Age at injury date

Of all workers hurt on the job in 2018



**WERE 60 OR OLDER** – over double the 2008 figure of 5 per cent.

## INDUSTRY: A CLOSER LOOK

Five of the six largest industries, measured by assessable payroll, showed improvements in injury frequency rate per 100 covered employees compared to 2017.

### INJURY FREQUENCY RATE PER 100 COVERED WORKERS



People are more likely to get hurt caring for others than in any other line of work, especially in long-term care and home care.



## LIFE-LONG IMPACT OF INJURY

IN 2018, THE NUMBER OF NOVA SCOTIANS WHO CAME TO HAVE A PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT DUE TO INJURY OR ILLNESS INCREASED TO

# 1,498



There were 1,700 such claims in 2008.