

## Average Assessment Rates per \$100.00 Payroll, 1985 – 2016

The following tables list the actual average assessment rates of Canadian WCBs from 1985 to 2014 and the provisional average assessment rates for 2015 and 2016.

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### Actual Average Assessment Rates (1985 – 2014)

The following table lists the **actual** average assessment rates of Canadian WCBs since 1985.

Year	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC <sup>1</sup>	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT <sup>2</sup>	NT/NU
1985	\$1.76	\$1.37	\$1.19	\$1.61	\$1.88	\$2.31	\$1.38	\$1.37	\$1.52	\$2.77	\$2.21	\$2.90
1986	\$1.79	\$1.32	\$1.19	\$1.77	\$2.05	\$2.65	\$1.67	\$1.37	\$1.59	\$2.19	\$2.60	\$2.59
1987	\$1.94	\$1.29	\$1.23	\$1.87	\$2.50	\$2.88	\$2.04	\$1.48	\$1.56	\$1.97	\$2.02	\$1.97
1988	\$2.18	\$1.38	\$1.32	\$1.87	\$2.75	\$3.02	\$2.41	\$1.58	\$1.58	\$1.79	\$1.87	\$1.88
1989	\$2.31	\$1.57	\$1.34	\$1.88	\$2.75	\$3.12	\$2.25	\$1.58	\$1.75	\$1.78	\$1.55	\$2.35
1990	\$2.51	\$1.74	\$1.47	\$1.94	\$2.50	\$3.18	\$2.27	\$1.60	\$1.86	\$1.75	\$1.62	\$2.47
1991	\$2.92	\$1.95	\$1.66	\$2.04	\$2.32	\$3.20	\$2.25	\$1.63	\$1.85	\$1.83	\$1.48	\$2.43
1992	\$2.99	\$2.00	\$1.98	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$3.16	\$2.15	\$1.66	\$1.89	\$1.95	\$1.31	\$2.29
1993	\$3.25	\$2.22	\$2.28	\$2.19	\$2.75	\$2.95	\$2.13	\$1.59	\$2.19	\$2.11	\$1.24	\$2.54
1994	\$3.20	\$2.07	\$2.54	\$2.15	\$2.75	\$3.01	\$2.15	\$1.71	\$2.29	\$2.16	\$1.24	\$2.54
1995	\$3.12	\$1.98	\$2.54	\$1.75	\$2.60	\$3.00	\$2.22	\$1.86	\$1.89	\$2.29	\$1.28	\$2.54
1996	\$3.07	\$2.03	\$2.51	\$1.63	\$2.52	\$3.00	\$2.19	\$1.87	\$1.50	\$2.29	\$1.30	\$2.33

\* Rates estimated except Quebec.

1 Rates set before the beginning of each year.

2 Rates for Yukon have been restated and are based on rate-assessed employers.

*Source: Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada – 2016*

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Year	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC <sup>1</sup>	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT <sup>2</sup>	NT/NU
1997	\$2.97	\$2.05	\$2.51	\$1.55	\$2.52	\$2.85	\$2.07	\$1.99	\$1.48	\$2.22	\$1.69	\$2.36
1998	\$2.96	\$2.12	\$2.53	\$1.59	\$2.47	\$2.59	\$1.86	\$1.69	\$1.34	\$2.01	\$1.56	\$1.93
1999	\$2.97	\$2.11	\$2.56	\$1.67	\$2.22	\$2.42	\$1.46	\$1.66	\$1.07	\$1.88	\$1.26	\$1.20
2000	\$3.23	\$2.08	\$2.55	\$1.67	\$2.07	\$2.29	\$1.49	\$1.61	\$1.12	\$1.73	\$1.29	\$1.04
2001	\$3.22	\$2.29	\$2.49	\$1.58	\$1.90	\$2.13	\$1.52	\$1.57	\$1.31	\$1.78	\$1.30	\$1.18
2002	\$3.50	\$2.34	\$2.50	\$1.86	\$1.85	\$2.13	\$1.49 <sup>3</sup> / \$1.56 <sup>4</sup>	\$1.65	\$1.64	\$1.88	\$1.28	\$1.28
2003	\$3.36	\$2.42	\$2.58	\$2.03	\$1.93	\$2.19	\$1.62	\$1.81	\$1.94	\$1.94	\$1.38	\$1.45
2004	\$3.41	\$2.39	\$2.59	\$2.20	\$2.15	\$2.19	\$1.71	\$2.00	\$1.96	\$1.99	\$1.54	\$1.82
2005	\$3.30	\$2.34	\$2.63	\$2.16	\$2.27	\$2.23	\$1.72	\$1.99	\$1.83	\$1.99	\$1.79	\$1.96
2006	\$2.66	\$2.24	\$2.63	\$2.09	\$2.32	\$2.24	\$1.72	\$1.87	\$1.63	\$1.89	\$2.28	\$2.00
2007	\$2.73	\$2.20	\$2.64	\$2.08	\$2.24	\$2.24	\$1.71	\$1.87	\$1.46	\$1.54	\$2.87	\$1.76
2008	\$2.74	\$1.79	\$2.68	\$2.04	\$2.14	\$2.24	\$1.62	\$1.74	\$1.33	\$1.51	\$2.90	\$1.80
2009	\$2.72	\$2.20	\$2.67	\$2.01	\$2.10	\$2.20	\$1.62	\$1.70	\$1.24	\$1.40	\$2.89	\$1.56
2010	\$2.75	\$2.04	\$2.68	\$2.12	\$2.19	\$2.27	\$1.61	\$1.65	\$1.31	\$1.43	\$2.95	\$1.65
2011	\$2.83	\$2.00	\$2.67	\$2.02	\$2.19	\$2.35	\$1.51	\$1.67	\$1.23	\$1.51	\$2.88	\$1.76
2012	\$2.79	\$1.98	\$2.65	\$1.70	\$2.13	\$2.40	\$1.51	\$1.62	\$1.24	\$1.48	\$2.36	\$1.73
2013	\$2.71	\$1.97	\$2.66	\$1.44	\$2.08	\$2.46	\$1.52	\$1.57	\$1.13	\$1.54	\$2.07	\$1.90
2014	\$2.40	\$1.90	\$2.67	\$1.21	\$2.00	\$2.46 <sub>5</sub>	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.03	\$1.63	\$2.18	\$1.99

3 January 1, 2002 – June 30, 2002.

4 July 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002.

5 All rate group rates remain unchanged from 2013 to 2016 (except for Rate Group 845 “Government and Related Services” that had a rate increase in 2015 due to expanded coverage for presumptive legislation for firefighters).

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<b>Provisional Average Assessment Rates (2015 – 2016)</b>
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The following table lists the **provisional** average assessment rates of Canadian WCBs for the two most recent years.

Year	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC <sup>6</sup>	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	YT	NT/NU
<b>2015*</b>	\$2.45	\$1.79	\$2.65	\$1.11	\$1.94	\$2.46 <sub>7</sub>	\$1.30	\$1.46	\$0.97	\$1.70 <sup>8</sup>	\$1.90	\$2.00
<b>2016*</b>	\$2.20	\$1.77	\$2.65	\$1.11	\$1.84	\$2.46 <sub>7</sub>	\$1.25	\$1.34	\$1.01	\$1.70 <sup>8</sup>	\$1.85	\$2.00

**\* All rates, except for the two most recent years, are the actual average assessment rates (as available).**

#### Note

Comparisons of average assessment rates can be very misleading and are influenced by the various methods adopted by WCBs for developing these averages. For example, weighting of individual rates by payroll or by industry can significantly impact the average rate. The mix of industry, the varying benefit levels and earnings ceilings, extent of industry coverage and degree of funding of liabilities can also result in distorted comparisons of average assessment rates by jurisdiction. Extreme caution should, therefore, be exercised in how average WCB assessment rates are used.

You may also be interested in the following statistics found on [AWCBC's website](#):

- Assessment Revenue
- Total Premium Revenue
- Assessable Payroll
- Actual Average Assessment Rate
- Provisional Average Assessment Rate

6 Rates set before the beginning of each year.

7 All rate group rates remain unchanged from 2013 to 2016 (except for Rate Group 845 "Government and Related Services" that had a rate increase in 2015 due to expanded coverage for presumptive legislation for firefighters).

8 See [Why WorkSafeBC publishes two average rate measures](#).

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