

WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES by PROVINCE

Workers Compensation Rates by Province per \$100 of Assessable Payroll

Manitoba employers have among the lowest workers compensation rates in Canada. On average employers pay \$1.50 per \$100 of assessable payroll in 2012.

The Workers Compensation Board has partnered with the Government of Manitoba's Workplace Safety and Health Division to strengthen the province's safety culture. Significant efforts are being placed on creating stronger public awareness and education, better training of employees and supervisors, improving prevention measures and standards and enhancing the internal and external responsibility systems.

Provisional Average Assessment Rates, per \$100 Payroll

Province	2012 (forecasted / preliminary)	2011
Alberta	\$1.22	\$1.22
Manitoba	\$1.50	\$1.50
British Columbia	\$1.54	\$1.54
Saskatchewan	\$1.60	\$1.61
New Brunswick	\$1.70	\$2.00
Northwest Territories and Nunavut	\$1.77	\$1.73
Prince Edward Island	\$1.99	\$2.05
Quebec	\$2.13	\$2.19
Yukon	\$2.39	\$2.49
Ontario	\$2.40	\$2.35
Nova Scotia	\$2.65	\$2.65
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$2.75	\$2.75

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.