

Included under the BC Coroners Service (BCCS) definition of “forestry-related” deaths are the deaths of workers at forestry sites; deaths of forestry workers traveling to or from work on logging/forestry roads, death of drivers of log hauling trucks and deaths of workers involved in other activities related to forestry. Also included are deaths of workers involved in forestry-related industrial processes and deaths associated with other related activities such as tree falling, tree topping, land clearing, etc. The statistics reflect all forestry-related deaths reported to and investigated by the BCCS. The BCCS works in a real-time database environment, therefore, statistics are subject to change until all investigations are complete.

For full information on the investigation of forestry-related deaths and definitions, refer to the BC Coroners Service website, “About the BC Coroner Services” www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/coroners

Age (average)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total
50.6 years	20	-	-	-	-	-
44.0 years	-	15	-	-	-	-
40.4 years	-	-	14 ¹	-	-	-
43.7 years	-	-	-	45 ²	-	-
51.8 years	-	-	-	-	14 ²	-
TOTAL						108

Region

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total
Interior	2	2	3	9	4	20
Northern	11	7	4	15	9	46
Fraser	0	5	3	2	0	10
Island	1	15	1	4	4	25
Metro Vancouver	0	1	3	0	3	8
TOTAL	20	15	14	45	14	108

Month

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total
January	2	0	0	2	0	4
February	3	1	1	6	2	13
March	1	0	1	3	2	7
April	0	1	1	3	0	5
May	1	1	0	4	4	10
June	1	1	0	3	0	5
July	2	3	4	2	0	11
August	2	3	0	3	2	10
September	2	1	0	4	0	7
October	2	0	1	5	0	8
November	0	2	4	5	4	15
December	4	3	3	5	-	13
TOTAL	20	15	14	45	14	108

Classification

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total
Manual tree falling (forestry site)	6	2	1	8	0	17
Residential/urban forestry	0	1	3	3	1	8
Log hauling/trucking	5	4	4	7	5	25
Mechanical harvesting	0	0	0	1	2	3
Ground skidding and cable yarding	1	1	1	6	0	9
Helicopter logging (aircraft crew)	2	0	0	2	0	4
Helicopter logging (ground workers)	0	0	1	0	0	1
Helicopter ops (other than logging)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Landing/log sorting	0	0	1	2	0	3
Forestry road construction/mtce.	0	1	1	0	0	2
Forest fire fighting (helicopter)	0	1	0	0	0	1
Travel to/from work (motor vehicle)	1	1	0	1	0	3
Travel to/from work (aircraft or boat)	1	0	1	6	0	8
Sawmilling (mechanical)	2	3	0	0	1	6
Sawmilling (vehicle)	0	0	0	2	0	2
Sawmilling (other)	1	1	1	2	0	5
Silviculture	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	5	5	10
TOTAL	29	15	14	45	14	108

¹ One fatality was a non-worker

² Five fatalities were of non-workers

³ Two fatalities were of non-workers

Note: Of the total of 108 deaths (2002-2006), 104 were male and 4 were female. There are numerous other deaths of motorists, who were not forestry workers, who died in collisions with logging trucks or by logs falling from logging trucks – they were not included in these stats.