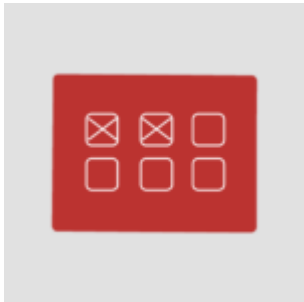


2026 OHS Fines Scorecard (August 15 to September 15)



With summer coming to an end, there were only seven significant (\$25,000 or more) reported Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) fines in Canada from August 15 to September 15. That’s the second smallest reporting month total of 2026. Total reported OHS fines for the year now stand at 91, as compared to 121 at this time last year. That’s a significant gap which will likely shrink during the busy autumn months to come.

Low fine volume was largely offset by high fine dollar amounts. Thus, the average fine for mid-August to mid-September was \$195,143, by far the highest of 2026 and nearly \$44,000 above what had been the previous year-high of \$151,488 reported two months ago. The August spike increases the average reported OHS fine for the year to \$131,110; but that’s still well below the \$141,864 average fine through September 2025. Three quarters into the year, total OHS fine dollars for 2026 are at \$11.931 million, as compared to \$20.484 million through the first nine months of 2025.

Table 1. OHS Fines in 2026 At A Glance (through August 15)

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Source: Bongarde

Six-Figure OHS Fines

Of the 91 total OHS fines reported in 2026, 48 have been \$100,000 or more. By comparison, through nine reporting periods of 2025, 59 of the 121 fines were in the six-figure range. This month, four of the seven significant reported OHS fines were six figures. That includes the month-high \$500,000 fine against an Ontario food processing facility for a carbon dioxide exposure incident. That's the highest OHS fine from Ontario and the third highest in Canada this year.

Alberta, which didn't report any six-figure fines at all during the first five months of the year, has imposed 11 fines of \$100,000 or more in the past four months, including the second and third highest of the mid-August to mid-September reporting period—\$318,000 against a prime contractor for a fatal roof fall at a multi-employer construction site, and \$312,000 against an energy company for a worker's death during a fracking operation. Saskatchewan accounted for the only other six-figure fine of the month.

Table 2. Top OHS Fines of 2026

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Type of Equipment Involved in Incident Recycling process as a result of the machine being on guard conveyor.

Source: Bongarde

In line with historic patterns, Ontario is dishing out the most six-figure fines of any province with 22 in 2026. That's twice as many as Alberta and British Columbia with 11 apiece. Saskatchewan is the only other province to have reported multiple OHS fines of \$100,000 or more with two this year. Manitoba and Nunavut have each reported one such fine.

While Ontario imposes the most six-figure fines, British Columbia generates the most expensive one, accounting for three of the year's four biggest OHS penalties. The other province where companies really don't want to get fined is Alberta, which has handed out 11 six-figure fines, including seven of the top 12. Surprisingly perhaps, only two of the year's top 12 OHS fines have come from Ontario. The only other jurisdiction that's made the top 12 list is Nunavut at number 11.

Table 3. 6-Figures OHS Fines in 2026 By Jurisdiction

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Source: Bongarde

Overall OHS Fines

Only four provinces reported OHS fines of \$25,000 or more from mid-August to mid-September. Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario reported two apiece and Saskatchewan reported one. The WorkSafeBC volcano remained dormant for the second month in a row, with only two modest administrative monetary penalties of under \$30,000 reported during the period.

Table 4. OHS Fines Reported August 15 to September 15, 2026 (\$25,000 or more)

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Source: *Bongarde*