

2026 OHS Fines Scorecard (March 15 to April 15)



Through April 15, there have been 27 significant Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) fines of \$25,000 or more reported in Canada in 2026, as compared to 48 at this time last year. That includes the 11 fines of this most recent reporting period of mid-March through mid-April.

It's not just fine volume. Year-over-year fine amounts are also sharply down. Total reported fine amounts for the year currently stand at \$2.624 million, less than one-third of the year-to-date total of \$8.760 million through mid-April 2025. That amounts to an average fine of just \$97,185, versus \$182,500 after four reporting periods in 2025.

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

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Source: Bongarde

Six-Figure OHS Fines

Over the past three years, roughly 50% of all reported OHS significant fines have been \$100,000 or more. But this year's ratio is far below that level with only 10 of 27 reported fines in the six figures. The small sample size has led to significant fluctuation. Last month at this time, the ratio stood at nearly 60% with nine of the 16 significant OHS fines reported at \$100,000 or more. This month, only one of the 11 reported fines was six figures, which dragged the ratio way down.

What remains stable is Ontario's top position in terms of reporting the most six-figure fines of any province. Although no such fines were reported this month, seven of the reported six-figure fines this year have come from Ontario. However, the most expensive OHS fines continue to come from British Columbia, which issued eight of the Top 10 OHS Fines of our 2025 Scorecard, including positions 1 through 8. Sure enough, the two biggest reported OHS fines of 2026 are also from British Columbia.

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Source: Bongarde

The big surprise is that Alberta, a perennial leader in six-figure fines, still hasn't reported any OHS fines of \$100,000 or more in 2026. It's only a matter of time before that changes.

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

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Overall OHS Fines

British Columbia accounted for six of the reported 11 significant OHS fines this month, including the biggest—a \$182,282 administrative monetary penalty against a petroleum refiner for a hot oil spill release during an oil line unblocking operation. Ontario reported three significant OHS fines, while Alberta and Saskatchewan reported one apiece. Here’s a rundown of all significant OHS fines reported from mid-March to mid-April.

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