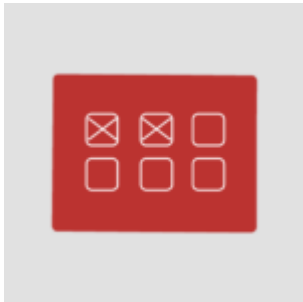


2026 OHS Fines Scorecard (May 15 to June 15)



While overall Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) fine volume and amounts are still lagging on a year-to-basis, May 15 to June 15 was the biggest month of 2026 with 17 significant fines of \$25,000 or more reported across Canada. The previous high for the year was 12 during the first reporting period. The 2026 OHS fines total stands at 55, as compared to 81 at this time last year.

Fine amounts for the period were up even more. At \$2,296,200, total fine dollars was the highest for any month, blowing away the previous monthly high of \$1.540 million. The average fine amount for the period was \$135,070, which was also a high for 2026. Five months into 2026, the average reported OHS fine is \$114,873. By way of comparison, at this same point in 2025, total fine dollars stood at \$13.243 million, and the average reported fine was \$163,494.

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

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Source: Bongarde

The Alberta Factor

After consistently trending up over so many years, the 2026 year-to-year decline in OHS fines is somewhat surprising. Are companies getting better at compliance? Or are enforcers going easy on companies given the tough economic situation?

Neither of the above. The source of what has been this year's statistical disparity is clear: For whatever reason, Alberta isn't reporting as many OHS fines as it usually does. At least that wasn't the case for the first four months of the year. But this month, Alberta reverted to normal with five fines reported, all of them in the six-figure range. We'll talk more about this below.

Six-Figure OHS Fines

Of the 17 significant OHS fines reported from mid-May to mid-June, 12 were for at least \$100,000 or more. That's the highest ratio of 2026 by far. Year to date, 27 of the 55 reported fines are in the six figures, a ratio that's more in line with historic patterns.

Alberta and Ontario tied for the most six-figure OHS fines during the period with five apiece. These were the first reported six-figure fines reported out of Alberta in 2026, and they included the third and fourth biggest fines of the year, respectively, \$355,000 against Weyerhaeuser for a machine accident that killed a timber worker, and \$350,000 against a kitchen counter manufacturer for a forklift fatality. Ontario also cracked the Top 10 with a \$175,000 fine—the seventh highest of the year—for an excavation fatality. British Columbia accounted for the period's other reported six-figure fines.

British Columbia continues to hand out the biggest OHS fines in Canada, accounting for five of the year's biggest 11, including numbers 1 and 2 on the list. Next comes Ontario with four, followed by Alberta with two.

Table 2. Top OHS Fines of 2026

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

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Source: Bongarde

Overall OHS Fines

Only three jurisdictions reported OHS fines of \$25,000 or more this month. As usual, Ontario reported the most during the period with eight. Alberta awoke from its year-long dormancy with five reported OHS fines and British Columbia reported four.

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

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