

Latest Ontario OHS Prosecution Statistics



The Ontario Ministry of Labour (MOL) recently updated various [statistics](#) related to its enforcement of the OHS laws. The statistics are current through the end of the 2013/14 fiscal year (March 31, 2014).

Highlights:

- The number of convictions has been dropping since 2008/09, when there were 1,303. In comparison, there were only 780 for 2013/14.
- The average fine per conviction for 2013/14 was \$11,932. Seems pretty low, doesn't it? That's because the data includes Part I contested tickets, Part I summonses and Part III prosecutions. Because the penalties for tickets and summonses are much lower than for full prosecutions, they drag the average down. (Read this [2012 report](#) by two Ontario OHS lawyers on which cases generally result in higher fines.)

Data in the tables below for 1996-2004 is

listed by calendar year, while data for 2005-2014 is listed by fiscal year (April 1 – March 31).

Number of Convictions and Amount of Fines Per Year: 1997-2002						
Convictions/Fines	1997	1999	1998	2000	2001	2002
Number of Convictions	313	309	283	333	287	459
Amount of Fines	\$3,746,893	\$6,545,260	\$4,582,638	\$5,155,775	\$7,300,715	\$9,157,860

Number of Convictions and Amount of Fines Per Year: 2003-2009						
Convictions/Fines	2003	2004	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Number of Convictions	618	386	326	856	1,191	1,303
Amount of Fines	\$7,115,725	\$6,292,835	\$6,069,251	\$8,821,380	\$12,007,535	\$14,136,060

Number of Convictions and Amount of Fines Per Year: 2009-2014					
Convictions/Fines	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Number of Convictions	1,164	948	903	814	780
Amount of Fines	\$12,909,435	\$11,291,560	\$9,771,230	\$10,695,290	\$9,307,130