Quarterly Performance Snapshot

for the Western Australian minerals sector

Data for three-month period 1 October - 31 December 2020

Issued April 2021

The quarterly performance snapshots show lost time and restricted work injury and incident data provided to the Department by the minerals sector for a three-month period. The snapshots can be used by employers and workers to assist in the development and promotion of safe work practices on mining operations.

For more information about injuries and incidents in the minerals sector, visit our website www.dmirs.wa.gov.au



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Injuries by age

Age range with the **greatest percentage** of injuries was **40-49 years (25%)**







Age range 20-29 were 2nd highest (23%)

Injuries by severity



1 fatal injury



236



68 minor injuries

Mining fatality or incident summaries available from the Department's website

Injuries by occupation

Surface: Processing plant occupations had the most injuries with 21%



Mechanical fitters were 2nd highest with 18%

Underground:

Services occupations had the most injuries with 26%





Diamond drillers or raiseborers were 2nd highest with 21%

Injuries by location



Surface: Crushing, screening or conveyor had highest percentage of injuries



Workshop heavy equipment had the 2nd highest with 10%



Underground: Production and development areas had the highest percentage of injuries



Underground access or haulage ways had the 2nd highest with 19%

Injury frequency rate for top 5 commodities (number of injuries per million hours worked)







Bauxite and alumina

Nickel

Gold

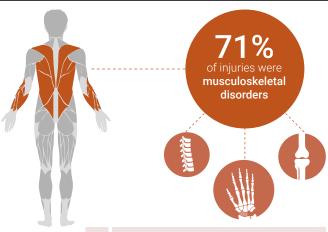




Copper, lead and zinc

Iron ore

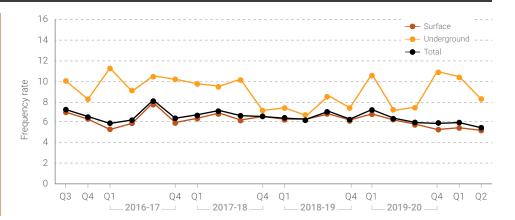
Injuries by nature



Injury frequency rate (number of injuries per million hours worked)

The overall injury frequency rate decreased from 5.9 in the July - September quarter to 5.5 this quarter.

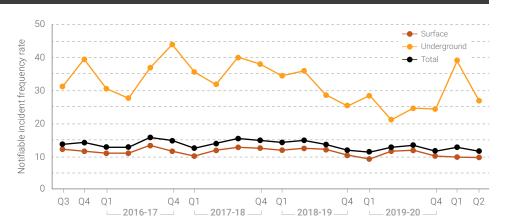
Make sure you can recognise the hazards associated with your workplace and the work you do, understand the risks, and know how to implement the control measures.



Notifiable incidents frequency rate (number of incidents per million hours worked)

Specific types of incidents, including near misses, are required to be reported to the Department. This reporting is important to identify trends and clusters of incidents that need to be addressed to help prevent injuries.

What is the reporting culture like at your site?



Notifiable incidents by reporting category

