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Workplace Safety
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Annual Meeting 2022

WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A SAFETY CULTURE

Welcome to the Workplace Safety and Insurance System 2022 Annual Meeting

Agenda

- *Welcome*
- *Coordinating Committee: System Priorities and Performance*
- *Heads of Agencies: Key Initiatives*
- *Workplace Psychological Safety Panel Discussion*
- *Questions and Answers*



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WORKPLACES ARE**

*GOOD FOR
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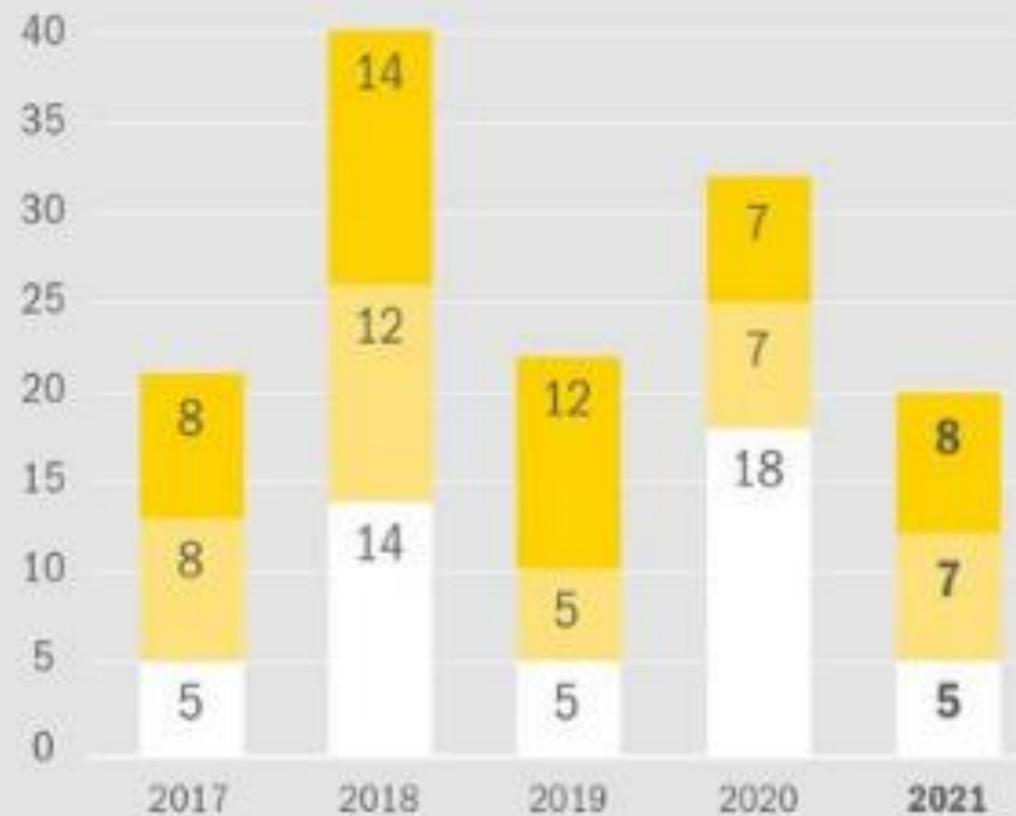
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System Performance

**HOW MANY
NOVA SCOTIANS
DIED AT WORK
OR BECAUSE
OF THEIR WORK
IN 2021?**

ANNUAL TOTAL	21	40	22	32	20
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021

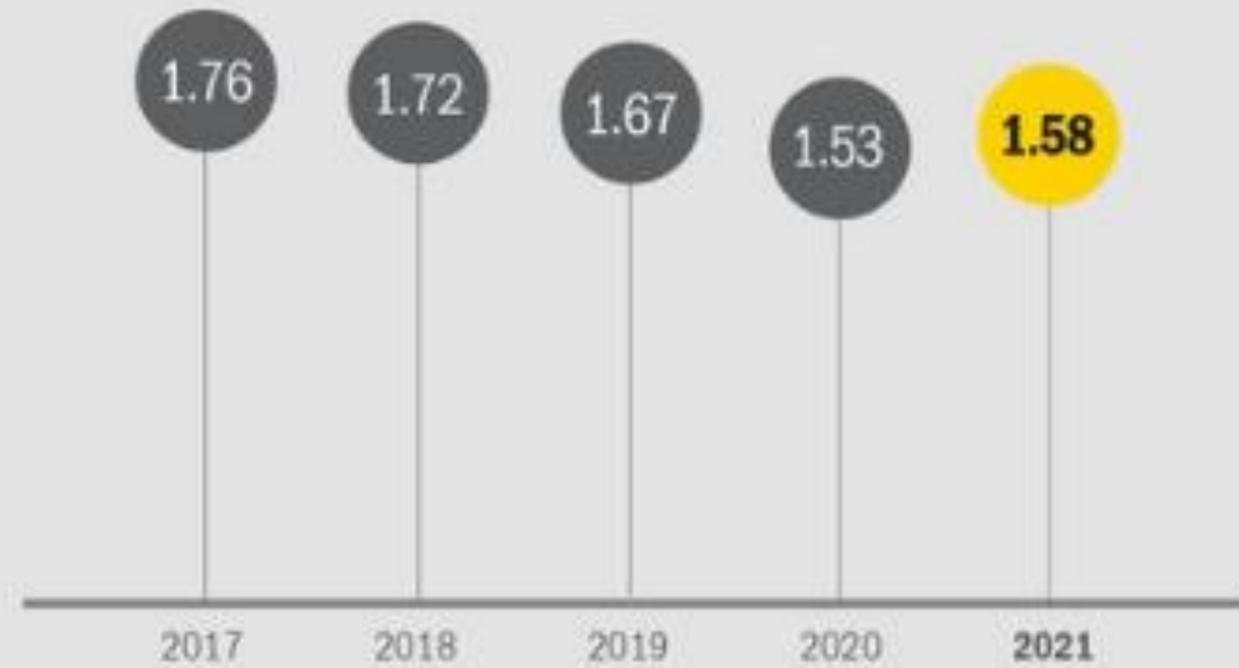
- Health related
- Occupational diseases
- Acute fatalities



WHAT WAS THE INJURY RATE?

1.58

Time-loss injuries
per 100 covered
workers



**HOW MANY
WORKING DAYS
WERE LOST TO
WORKPLACE
INJURY IN
2021?**

2021

1,078,534

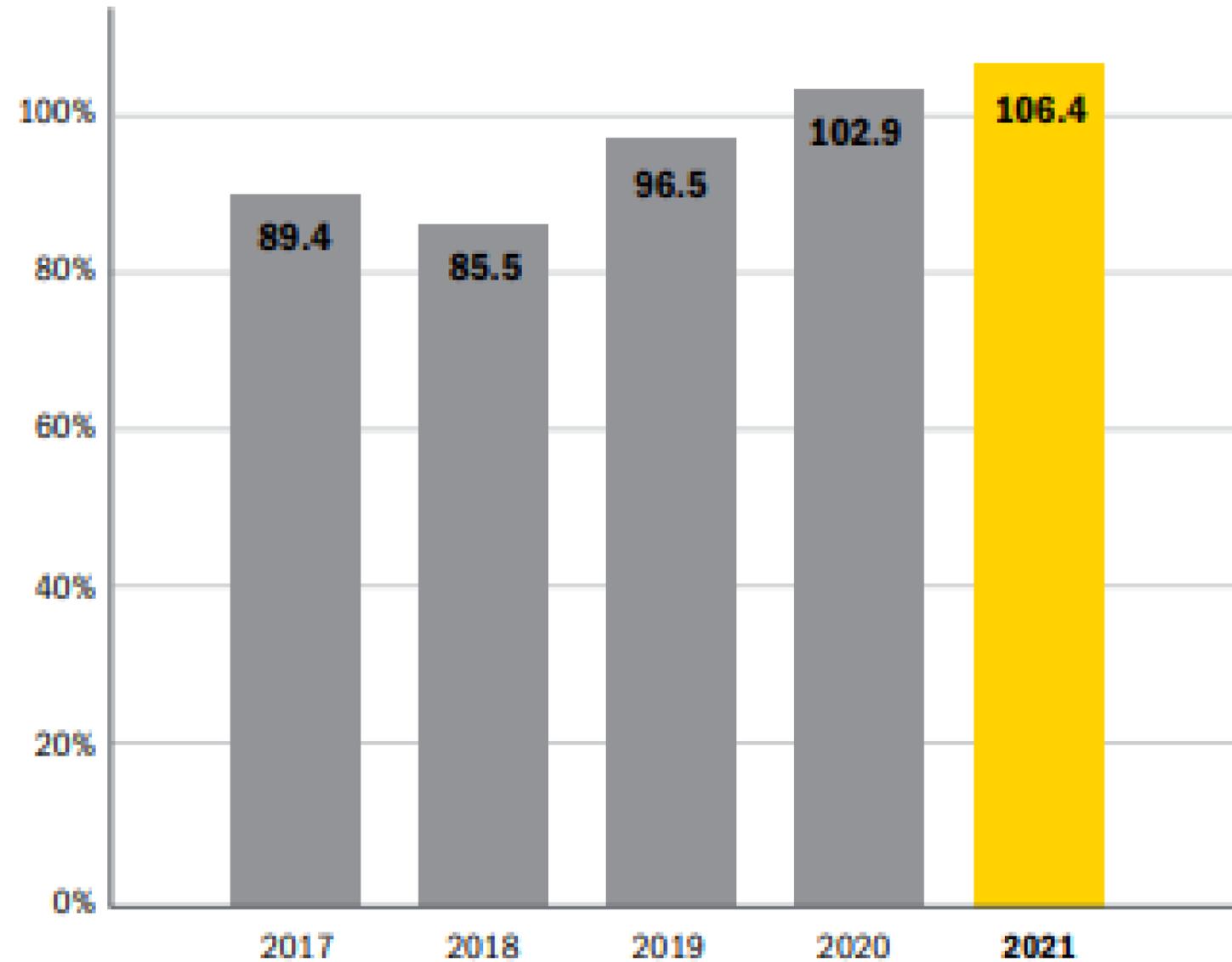
That's **2,955** person-years of work. Equivalent to the entire town of Port Hawkesbury, off work for an entire year.

2020

1,142,825

FUNDED PERCENTAGE

For Nova Scotia, 2017 - 2021





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Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Committee

Focus areas for the next three years:

- Impact of COVID-19 on OHS
- Leadership & Innovation
- System Collaboration, Engagement, and Inclusion

Legislative and Policy Directions

- Firefighters' Cancer Presumption
- Gradual onset stress
- Reform
- Psychologically safe workplaces
- Appeals System Review

Heads of Agencies Operational Highlights

- *WCB Nova Scotia*
- *Safety Branch, Nova Scotia*
Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration
- *Workers' Advisers Program*
- *Workers' Compensation Appeals Tribunal*

Aligned Organizations

- *Office of the Worker Counsellor*
- *Employer Advisor Nova Scotia Society*
- *Pictou County Injured Workers Association*
- *Cape Breton Injured Workers Association*

Office of the Worker Counsellor (OWC)

- 338 new files opened
- 721 active cases
- 3500 calls in support of these files

Office of the Employer Advisor NS (OEA NS)

- 196 new files opened
- 287 active files
- Service satisfaction at or near 100 percent

Pictou County and Cape Breton Injured Workers Associations

- *Provided assistance, advocacy and support to injured workers and their families*
- *Supported workers in return to work/case conferences*
- *Assisted with case management and appeals*
- *Participated in consultations/committees*
- *Engaged in community activities*

Guest Panel:

- **Constable Deepak Prasad, RCMP**
- **Dr. Jackie Kinley, Director, Mental Health Day Treatment Program, QEII**
- **Captain Mike Sears, HPFF Treasurer**

Moderator: Michelle Thomason PhD, Director, LSI – Safety Branch

Thank you for attending the 2022 WSIS Annual Meeting Webinar

The meeting has now concluded

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