

# Quarterly Performance Snapshot for the Western Australian minerals sector

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For three-month period 1 January – 31 March 2025

The quarterly performance snapshot shows lost time and restricted work injury and incident data provided to WorkSafe by the minerals sector for a three-month period. The snapshot can be used by PCBUs 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, please visit our website: [www.worksafe.wa.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.wa.gov.au)

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## Injuries by age

Age range with the greatest percentage of injuries was **30-39 years (26%)**



Age range **20-29** was the second highest (23%)

## Injuries by severity



**0**  
fatalities



**143**  
lost time injuries (LTIs)



**236**  
restricted work injuries (RWIs)

## Injuries by occupation

Surface



**Mechanical fitters** had the most injuries with 14%

**Processing plant occupations** had the second highest with 10%

Underground



**Services occupations** had the most injuries with 27%

**Long hole drill and blast occupations, and loading / transport occupations** had the equal second highest with 19%

## Injuries by location

Surface



**Treatment plants / ore processing** had the most injuries with 25%

**Administration areas** had the second highest with 22%

Underground



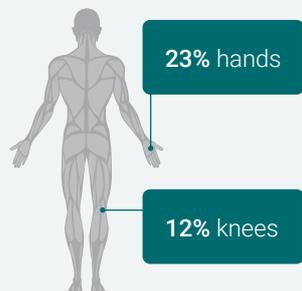
**Production / development areas** had the most injuries with 49%

**Access / haulage ways** had the second highest with 24%

## Injuries by part of body

**Hands** were the most injured body part with 23%

Knees were second highest with 12%



## Injuries by nature



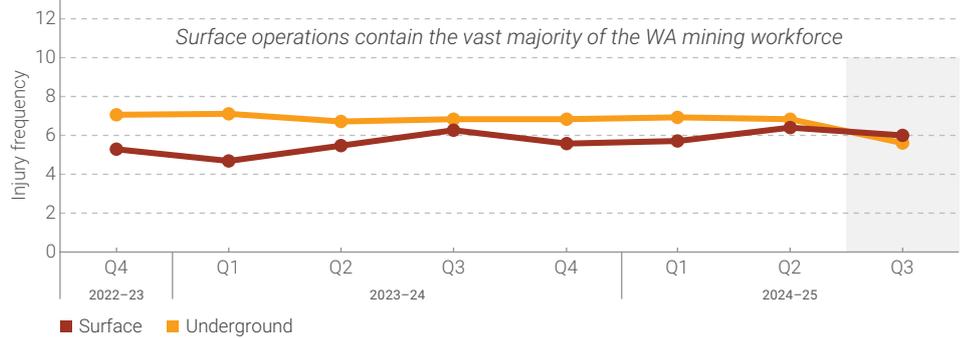
**Sprains and strains** were the most common nature of injury with 39%



**Fractures** were the second highest with 15%

**Injury frequency rate (number of injuries per million hours worked, combined LTIs & RWIs)**

The overall frequency rate decreased to 5.8 in 2024–25 Q3 (Jan–Mar) from 6.7 in the previous quarter.

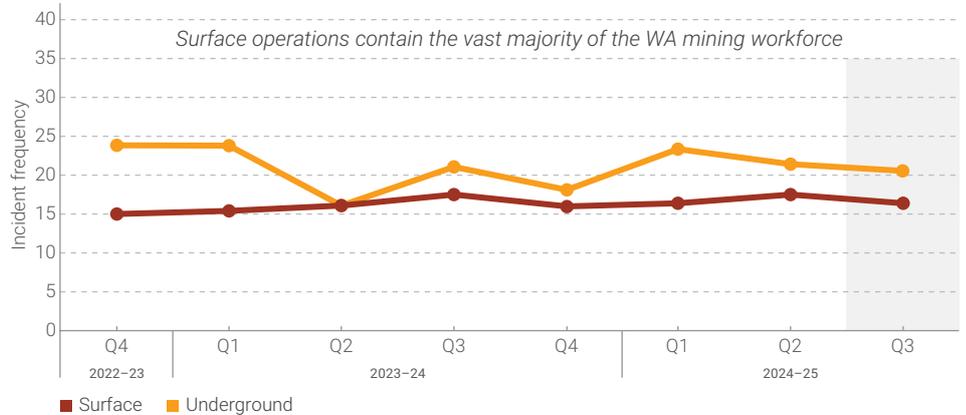


**Notifiable incidents frequency rate (number of incidents per million hours worked)**

Specific types of incidents, including near misses, are required to be reported to WorkSafe.

This reporting is important to identify trends and clusters of incidents that need to be addressed to help prevent injuries.

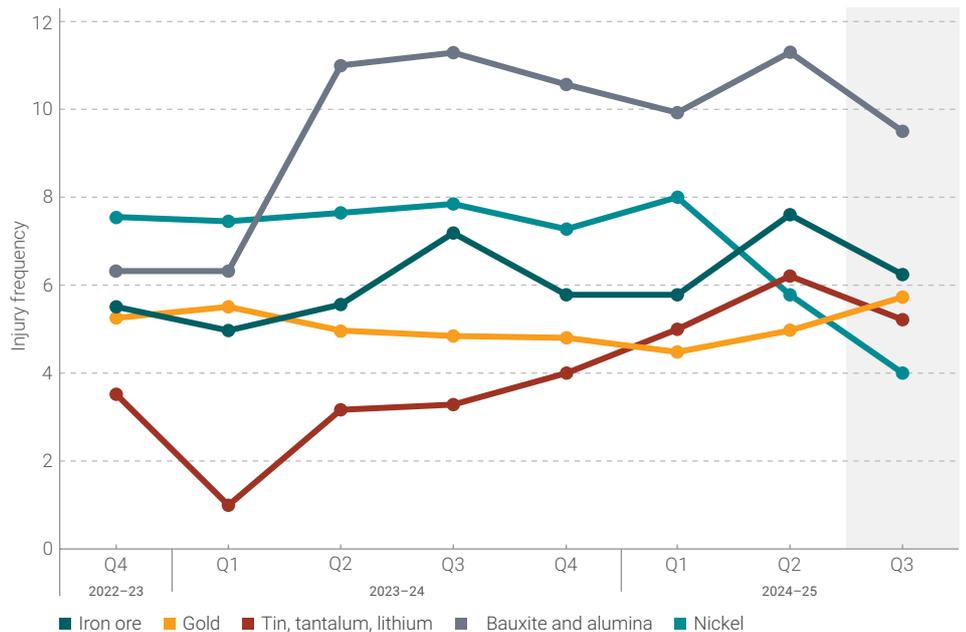
**?** What is the reporting culture like at your site?



**Injury frequency rate by most worked commodity (number of injuries by commodity per million hours worked, combined LTIs & RWIs)**

**2024–25 Q3:**

Commodity	Hours (mil)	Frequency
Iron ore	31.7	6.2
Gold	17.9	5.7
Tin, tantalum, lithium	4.1	5.1
Bauxite and alumina	3.3	9.5
Nickel	1.7	4.0



*Injury statistics in this document include lost time injuries and restricted work injuries. Information for the three-month reporting period may be subject to minor changes due to late and corrected returns.*