

Small mines sector - health and safety report card

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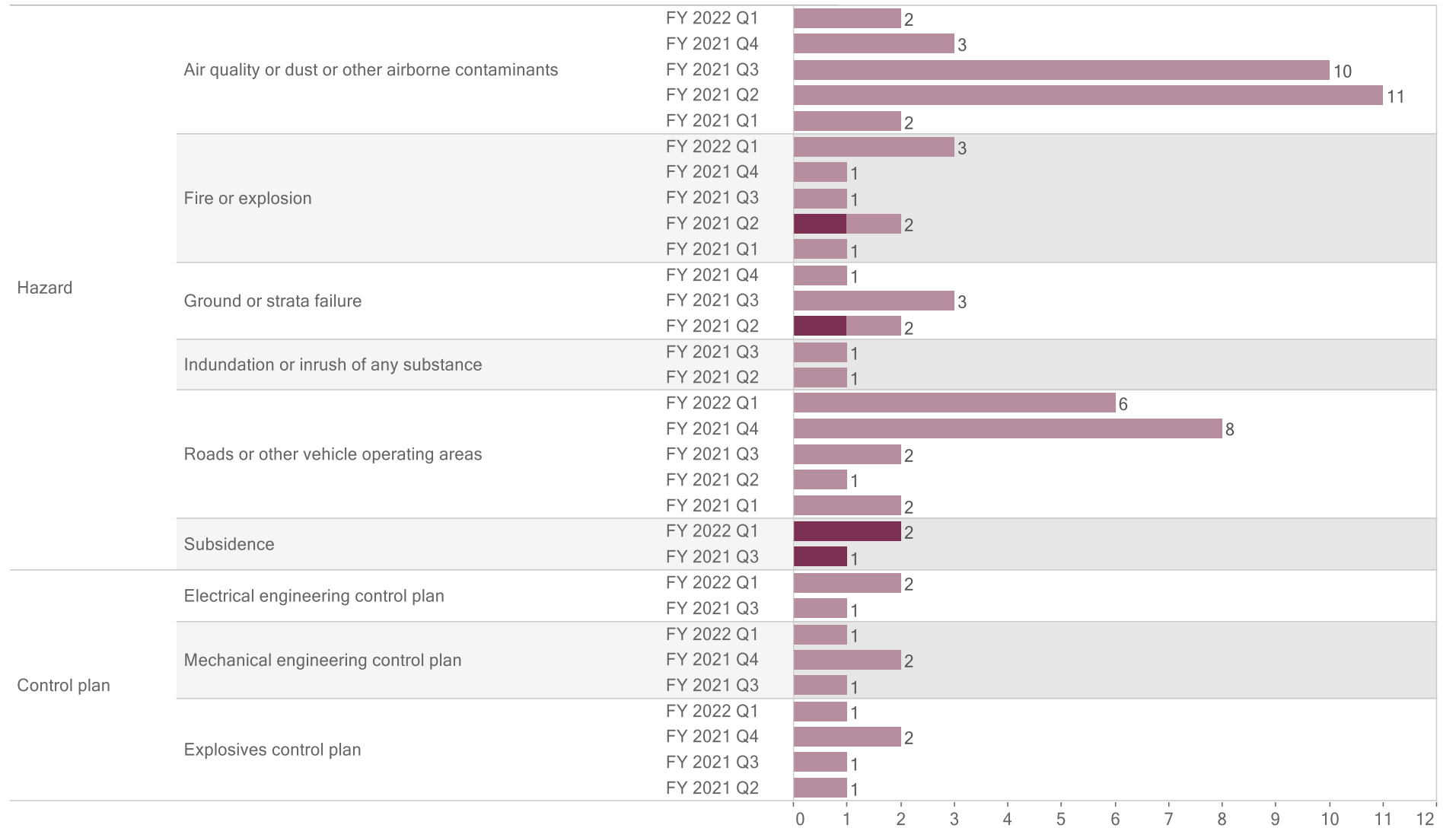
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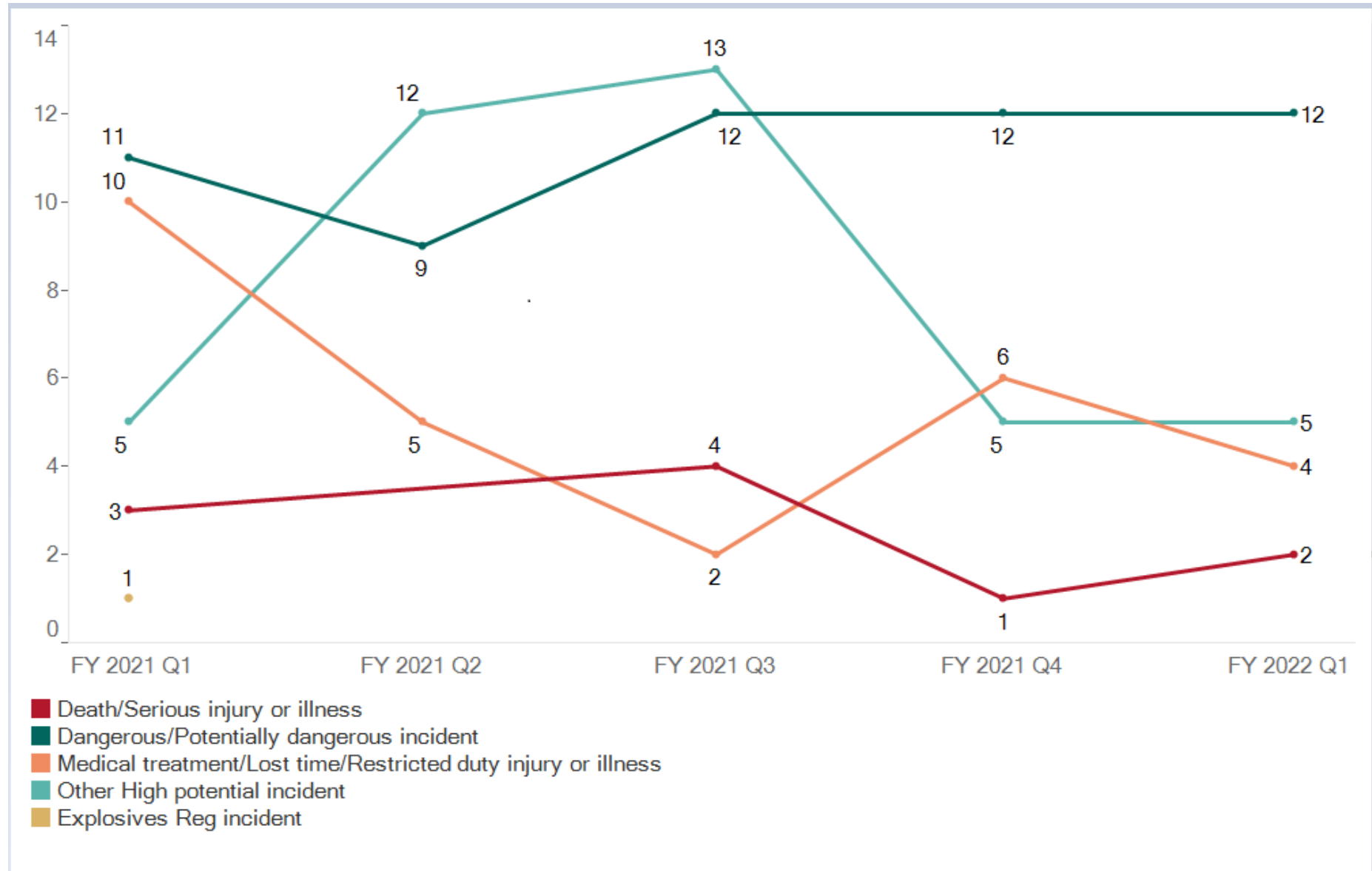


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Small mines sector – Quarterly breakdown (July 2020 to September 2021)



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Small mines sector – On-site investigation by Resource Regulator (July 2020 to September 2021)

A total of 20 incidents required on site investigation by the Resources Regulator

- Electrical CP = 4,
- Mechanical CP = 5
- Roads and vehicle operating areas PHMP = 6,
- Ground and Strata failure PHMP = 3
- Fire and explosion PHMP = 2

Small mines sector – On-site investigation by Resource Regulator (July 2020 to September 2021)

What were they?

1. A worker received an electric shock when turning on a pump from a 240V general purpose outlet.
2. A worker received an electric shock using a 240 volt pressure washer.
3. A fitter received an electric shock when he touched the welding rod with his damp gloved hand.
4. A boilermaker with wet boots & wet 'riggers' gloves received an electric shock from a welder. It was the second reported incident with the same welder.
5. Worker fell onto a conveyor and became trapped (buried) by feeding product.
6. While lifting a wing on a jaw crusher one of the lifting chains snapped. A broken link became a projectile and hit a worker in the head.
7. A worker slipped from a mobile crushing screen and landed heavily on the ground resulting in a fractured pelvis.
8. A worker slipped from the track of a mobile crushing screen and fell heavily on the ground.
9. A worker had his left arm caught in a tail pulley while attempting to remove a rock when originally trying to track the belt back to centre.

Small mines sector – On-site investigation by Resource Regulator (cont..) (July 2020 to September 2021)

10. An excavator operator reversed and rolled the machine off a crushing plant pad with an approx 3.5m fall.
11. The trailer of a truck and dog configuration overturned whilst tipping.
12. An ADT overturned whilst negotiating a corner fully loaded.
13. A rigid haul truck rolled over.
14. After tipping, a truck has driven with the tray raised and struck the walkway of a conveyor structure.
15. A contract fitter was run over by a light vehicle, resulting in a fatality).
16. A significant ground failure smashed a window of an excavator whilst widening a ramp in soft ground.
17. A significant ground failure (slump) occurred on an overburden embankment due to heavy rain and water pooling on top of the embankment.
18. A significant ground failure occurred after completing a new ramp due to a heavy rain.
19. A fire in an excavator battery enclosure led to the battery exploding.
20. A control room operator entered a crusher house to extinguish a fire he observed through the CCTV and collapsed when he exited the crusher house.

