

# Occupational accidents 2016

## Number of accidents at work 132,000 in Finland in 2016

Slightly under 132,000 occupational accidents took place in Finland in 2016. Around 120,000 of these occurred to wage and salary earners and some 11,400 to self-employed persons (including farmers). The majority of all accidents at work, slightly over 109,000 cases, occurred at places of work or while in work traffic, whereas around 22,000 accidents at work occurred while commuting. These numbers also include minor accidents at work that led to disability lasting less than four days and on which insurance companies paid compensation only for medical treatment expenses.

### Number of wage and salary earners', self-employed persons' and farmers' accidents at work by severity in 2016

	Total	Accidents at work	Commuting accidents
	N	N	N
Total	<b>131 613</b>	<b>109 415</b>	<b>22 198</b>
Less than 4 days	82 044	68 274	13 770
At least 4 days	49 523	41 106	8 417
Fatal accidents at work	46	35	11
Wage and salary earners	<b>120 185</b>	<b>98 613</b>	<b>21 572</b>
Less than 4 days	76 796	63 356	13 440
At least 4 days	43 355	35 233	8 122
Fatal accidents at work	34	24	10
Other Self-employed persons	<b>7 088</b>	<b>6 462</b>	<b>626</b>
Less than 4 days	3 852	3 522	330
At least 4 days	3 229	2 934	295
Fatal accidents at work	7	6	1
Farmers	<b>4 340</b>	<b>4 340</b>	–
Less than 4 days	1 396	1 396	–
At least 4 days	2 939	2 939	–
Fatal accidents at work	5	5	–
Farmers' accidents at work and commuting accidents are not separated.			

The number of accidents at work grew clearly in 2016. In 2015, the number of accidents at work was slightly over 127,000, while in 2014 the respective figure was somewhat under 127,000.

Since the statistical reference year 2005, an accident at work has been defined in Statistics Finland's statistics on occupational accidents according to the definition used in the European Statistics on Accidents at Work (ESAW) of Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Union. According to the definition, the statistics contain data on accidents at work which have resulted in "disability of at least four days". Most of the data in this online release are presented using this criterion. The time series have been revised retrospectively to correspond with the definition.

In 2016, a total of 46 persons died at the place of work or while commuting. Of these fatal accidents at work, 24 occurred to wage and salary earners, five to farmers and six to other self-employed persons. In addition, 11 fatal accidents took place while commuting, of which 10 occurred to wage and salary earners and one to other self-employed persons. The number of fatal accidents at work fell somewhat from the year before, as in 2015 a total of 51 persons died at work or while commuting.

The victims of all fatal accidents at work included 34 wage and salary earners, five farmers and six other self-employed persons.

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