

Occupational accidents 2019

Farmers' risk of accidents at work decreased from the previous year

Farmers' accident incidence rate decreased by -2.2 per cent from the previous year 2018. In comparison of two five-year periods, farmers had 18,332 accidents at work resulting in a disability of at least four days in the 2010 to 2014 period, which is an average of 4,917 accidents per 100,000 farmers. In the 2015 to 2019 period, farmers had 14,544 accidents at work resulting in a disability of at least four days, which is an average of 4,782 accidents 100,000 farmers. The most recent occupational accident statistics contain data on the accidents at work of wage and salary earners and farmers in 2019. The statistics also contain data on the accidents at work that occurred to other self-employed persons, and on wage and salary earners' commuting accidents.

Accidents at work and fatal accidents at work of wage and salary earners and farmers in 2019

	Accidents at work	Accidents at work		Fatal accidents at work
		Resulting in disability of at least 4 days	Accidents at work resulting in disability of at least four days / 100,000 persons	
Wage and salary earners	103 156	34 959	1 564	23
Farmers	3 990	2 673	4 761	3

In 2019, wage and salary earners had a total of 103,156 accidents at work for which insurance companies paid compensation. Disability of at least four days resulted from 34,959 of these accidents. The total number of wage and salary earners' accidents at work grew slightly from the previous year (+0.9%).

Compared with the year before, the number of occupational accidents among wage and salary earners resulting in a disability of at least four days decreased slightly from the previous year (-2.4%). Measured with the accident incidence rate, the risk of occupational accidents also declined compared to the previous year (-2.3%). In 2019, a total of 1,564 occupational accidents resulting in at least four days' absence from work occurred per 100,000 wage and salary earners, while the corresponding figure in 2018 was 1,600.

As in earlier years, the work of own-account workers in agriculture, i.e. farmers, clearly continues to be more risk prone than the average work of wage and salary earners, as the accident incidence rate calculated for them is 3-fold when compared with wage and salary earners. In 2019, the Farmers' Social Insurance Institution paid out compensation to own-account workers in agriculture for a total of 3,990 occupational accidents, of which 2,673 led to at least four days' absence from work.

In 2019, a total of 40 persons died at the place of work or while commuting. Of these fatal accidents at work, 23 occurred to wage and salary earners, three to farmers and four to other self-employed persons. In addition, 10 fatal accidents took place while commuting, nine of which occurred to wage and salary earners and one to other self-employed persons than farmers. The number of fatal accidents at work was higher than in the year before, as in 2018 a total of 37 persons died at place of work or while commuting.

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