

Work-related fatal injuries in Great Britain, 2022-23

Summary

135 workers killed in work-related accidents in 2022/23.

Fatal injuries to workers by main industry (2022/23) The construction and agriculture, forestry and fishing sectors continue to account for the greatest number of workers killed in fatal accidents each year.

Fatal injuries to workers by age (2022/23) Around a quarter of the deaths in 2022/23 were to workers aged 60 and over (33), similar to the profile in earlier years.

Main kinds of fatal accidents for workers (2022/23)

The most common kinds of fatal accidents to workers continue as falls from a height, struck by moving, including flying/falling, object, and struck by moving vehicle, between them accounting for around two-thirds of fatal injuries to workers in 2022/23.

Rate of fatal injury per 100,000 workers.

Over the long-term, the rate of fatal injury to workers showed a downward trend, though in the recent years prior to the coronavirus pandemic the rate had been broadly flat. The current rate is similar to pre-coronavirus levels.

68 members of the public were also killed in work-related accidents in 2022/23 (excludes deaths due to work-related accidents to 'patients and service users' in the healthcare and adult social care sectors in England reportable under RIDDOR).

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