



## Health and safety statistics 2023

Published on 22 November 2023, the latest statistics on work-related health and safety in Great Britain, including the following key annual figures (2022 to 2023):

- **1.8 million** working people suffering from a work-related illness, of which
  - **875,000** workers suffering work-related stress, depression or anxiety
  - **473,000** workers suffering from a work-related musculoskeletal disorder
- **2,268** mesothelioma deaths due to past asbestos exposures (2021)
- **135** workers killed in work-related accidents
- **561,000** working people sustained an injury at work according to the Labour Force Survey
- **60,645** injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR
- **35.2 million** working days lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury
- **£20.7 billion** estimated cost of injuries and ill health from current working conditions (2021 to 2022)

The release provides detailed commentary on these figures and is supported by:

- The [statistics webpages](#), with a range of information e.g. on different types of work-related ill-health and different industry sectors
- A comprehensive set of [tables](#), designed to make the data accessible to users
- Our annual infographic-style [summary booklet \(.pdf\)](#)

### Key facts

 **1.8 million**

Workers suffering from work-related ill health (new or long-standing) in 2022/23

Source: Estimates based on self-reports from the Labour Force Survey, people who worked in the last 12 months

 **0.6 million**

Workers sustaining a workplace non-fatal injury in 2022/23

Source: Estimates based on self-reports from the Labour Force Survey

 **35.2 million**

Working days lost due to work-related ill health and non-fatal workplace injury in 2022/23

Source: Estimates based on self-reports from the Labour Force Survey

 **0.9 million**

Workers suffering from work-related stress, depression or anxiety (new or long-standing) in 2022/23

Source: Estimates based on self-reports from the Labour Force Survey, people who worked in the last 12 months

 **60,645**

Work-related non-fatal injuries to employees reported by employers in 2022/23

Source: RIDDOR

 **12,000**

Lung disease deaths each year estimated to be linked to past exposures at work

Source: Counts from death certificates and estimates from epidemiological information

 **0.5 million**

Workers suffering from work-related musculoskeletal disorders (new or long-standing) in 2022/23

Source: Estimates based on self-reports from the Labour Force Survey, people who worked in the last 12 months

 **135**

Workers killed in work-related accidents in 2022/23

Source: RIDDOR

 **2,268**

Mesothelioma deaths in 2021, with a similar number of lung cancer deaths linked to past exposures to asbestos

Source: Counts from death certificates and estimates from epidemiological information

 **13.1 billion**

Annual costs of new cases of work-related ill health in 2021/22, excluding long latency illness such as cancer

Source: Estimates based on HSE Cost Model

 **7.7 billion**

Annual costs of workplace injury in 2021/22

Source: Estimates based on HSE Cost Model

 **20.7 billion**

Annual costs of workplace injury and new cases of work-related ill health in 2021/22, excluding long latency illness such as cancer

Source: Estimates based on HSE Cost Model