

Fatal injuries in the workplace in Great Britain to March 2017: Annual Release



The HSE has issued statistics covering fatal injuries arising from accidents at work in Great Britain 2017.

The report provides headline numbers on workplace fatal injuries that were reported to enforcing authorities in 2016/17. It includes both fatal injuries to workers and to members of the public. The 2016/17 figures are currently provisional.

Headline figures

Worker Fatalities

137 workers were killed in 2016/17.

In terms of sector:

- Construction 30
- Agriculture 27
- Manufacturing 19
- Transport and storage 14
- Waste 14
- Other 33

Accident Types

- Struck by moving vehicle 31
- Falls from a height 25
- Struck by moving object 20
- Trapped by something collapsing/overturning 10
- Contact with moving machinery 8
- Contact with electricity 8

In terms of the rate of fatal injury per 100,000 workers, the statistics show that a long term downward trend seen over the past 30 years or so has plateaued, with these latest figures suggesting signs of the rate of fatal injury to workers levelling off.

Fatal injuries to members of the public

A total of 92 members of the public were killed in 2016/17 as a result of a work-connected accident. Of these deaths, almost half (43) occurred on railways and a further 14 occurred in the health and social work sector.