



Occupational injuries statistics from household surveys and establishment surveys

An ILO manual on methods

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This manual aims to assist those responsible for compiling data on occupational injuries with newly developed tools for collecting these data from household surveys and establishment surveys, to supplement the data compiled through notification systems. A second aim of the manual is to enhance comparability of data between countries by encouraging the application of the latest international statistical standards, which form the basis of the new methodological tools.

Whilst most countries have some statistics on occupational injuries, in many their coverage is limited, with certain industries, groups of workers or types of injury not included in the scope. Even where coverage is broad, many occupational injuries go unrecorded due to inadequacies in reporting and notification systems. This manual seeks to remedy this situation by providing:

- Practical guidance for the production of statistics on occupational injuries through household surveys and establishment surveys
- In-depth explanation of the concepts underlying the statistics, as well as types of data, classification schemes, calculation of indicators and other important aspects, including international standards
- Step-by-step approach for developing household and establishment surveys and processing and disseminating the data
- Model questionnaires and training materials

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