

Two out of three commuting accidents occur to women

In 2012, wage and salary earners had a total of 22,296 commuting accidents for which insurance companies paid compensation. Disability of at least four days resulted from 9,532 of these accidents. Commuting accidents differ from accidents at work in that they occur more often to women than men. The victim in more than two out of three (67.7%) of all commuting accidents was a woman. In 2000 to 2011, the proportion was nearly the same, at roughly 66 per cent. The most recent occupational accident statistics contain data on the accidents at work of wage and salary earners and own-account workers in agriculture in 2012. 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 own-account workers in agriculture in 2012

	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	105 496	43 576	2 013	32
Own-accounts workers	4 554	3 698	4 953	7

In 2012, wage and salary earners had a total of 105,496 accidents at work for which insurance companies paid compensation. Disability of at least four days resulted from 43,576 of these accidents. The total number of wage and salary earners' accidents at work decreased slightly from the previous year. The economic downturn in Finland in 2009 and changes in the number of hours worked largely explain the variation in the number of accidents at work during the 2008 to 2012 period. However, the number of hours worked among wage and salary earners is still five per cent lower than in 2008.

Compared with the year before, the number of occupational accidents among wage and salary earners resulting in a disability of at least four days fell slightly (-4.5%). When measured with the accident incidence rate, the risk of occupational accidents decreased compared with 2011 (-4.6%). In 2012, a total of 2,013 accidents at work resulting in at least four days' absence from work occurred per 100,000 wage and salary earners. The corresponding ratio was 2,109 one year earlier.

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 nearly 2.5-fold when compared with wage and salary earners. In 2012, the Farmers' Social Insurance Institution paid out compensation to own-account workers in agriculture for a total of 4,554 occupational accidents, of which 3,698 led to at least four days' absence from work.

The occupational accident proneness of own-account workers in agriculture measured by the accident incidence rate fell slightly from the year before (-1.9%). In 2012, farmers had 4,953 occupational accidents resulting in a disability of at least four days per 100,000 insured farmers. The corresponding ratio in 2011 was 5,048.

In 2012, a total of 61 persons died at the place of work or while commuting. Of these fatal accidents at work, 32 occurred to wage and salary earners, seven to own-account workers in agriculture and four to other self-employed persons. In addition, 18 fatal accidents took place while commuting, of which 16 occurred to wage and salary earners and two to other self-employed persons than farmers. The number of fatal occupational accidents rose slightly from the year before, as in 2011, a total of 55 persons suffered fatal accidents at work or while commuting.

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