

HSE Reported Worker Deaths by Region and Country in Great Britain in recent years

Region/Country	Fatalities 2010/11	Fatalities 2009/10	Fatalities 2008/09	Fatalities 2007/08 (+mop)	Fatalities 2006/07 (+mop)	Fatalities 2005/06 (+mop)	Fatalities 2004/05 (+mop)	Fatalities 2003/04 (+mop)
Scotland	15	23	25	31 (5)	31 (5)	32 (14)	37 (12)	18 (11)
North West	26	17	23	22 (7)	33 (10)	31 (8)	28 (12)	49 (15)
West Midlands	13	10	12	22 (10)	33 (13)	12 (15)	26 (9)	14 (9)
London	17	11	20	26 (5)	19 (9)	15 (8)	24 (6)	28 (9)
South East	14	14	15	22(11)	35 (10)	23 (11)	19 (6)	18 (13)
East of England	20	8	12	19 (4)	19 (8)	19 (5)	18 (8)	17 (11)
South West	8	18	22	28 (7)	24 (7)	17 (13)	20 (9)	12 (5)
Wales	11	7	5	18 (4)	14 (8)	13 (5)	15(6)	19 (9)
Yorkshire	24	22	24	16 (9)	10 (8)	21 (9)	13 (7)	23 (4)
East Midlands	16	13	11	18 (5)	14 (7)	13 (5)	11 (4)	16 (8)
North East	6	3	9	7 (3)	5 (5)	11 (1)	7(5)	12 (2)
Total National Fatal	171 (2 not known)	147 (70)	178	233	247	217	223	236

The UK Statistics Authority in its assessment of the HSE's compliance with the code of practice for official statistics, May 2010, states that the '**HSE does not produce an overall figure for work-related fatalities in Great Britain.**' and makes recommendations that they '**investigate the feasibility of producing statistics on the total number of work-related injuries and fatalities**'
From: The UK Statistics Authority in their Report 42 on Assessments of compliance with Code of Practice for official statistics - Statistics on Health and Safety at Work (produced by the HSE)
 Published May 2010 <http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment/assessment-reports/index.html>

'The Whole Story' published in Safety and Health Practitioner December 2008

<http://www.gmhazards.org.uk/The%20Whole%20Story%20SHP%20December%202008.doc>

gives the Hazards Campaign reasoning behind criticism of HSE statistics. Updated Hazards Campaign estimates for the real toll of work in 2010/11 nationally are given below.

County provisional for 10/11	2010/11p Fatal (09/10) (09/08)	2010/11 Major Inj (09/10) (09/08)	2010/11 O-3day Injuries (09/10) (09/08)	2010/11 Totals (09/10) (09/08)
Lancashire	7	661 (716) (751)	2,404 (2445) (2705)	3,073 (3,164) (3,461)
Merseyside	4	532 (576) (587)	2,185 (2,177) (2,518)	2,720 (2,756) (3,108)
Cheshire	7	461 (489) (535)	1,662 (1,689) (1,887)	2,130 (2,181) (2,427)
Cumbria	5	217 (268) (286)	802 (761) (954)	1,024 (1,035) (1,241)
Greater Manchester	3	1,116 (1,252) (1,273)	4,139 (4,469) (5,022)	5,257 (5,725) (6,304)
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Agriculture: 3; Construction:5; Manufacturing: 10; Services: 8.

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****There are no figures for the North West but a conservative estimate would be about 10% of the estimated national figures below in each category and 5% for Greater Manchester ****

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Hazards and other authority estimates of those killed each year in work-related incidents

- Hazards Campaign estimates real work deaths nationally are from 732 to 1,028 killed in work-related incidents 2010/11:
- 172 workers reported to HSE & L.A. under RIDDOR unreliable figure
- + Members of the public killed by work activity = 68
- + Workers killed at sea and in the air = est. 30 a year
- + About 462 -608 in work-related road traffic incidents lorry drivers + those on their way to work + others killed in those road traffic incidents
- +about 100-250 suicides due to the pressures of work up? XXXXX

Hazards and other authority estimates of those killed by work-related illness each year

- Includes **18,000** by work-related cancer at 12% (8-16%) at least 5,000 due to asbestos cancers
- Heart Disease – 20% of deaths work related due to stress, long hours, shift work = up to **20,000**
- Respiratory Illness -15-20% of obstructive lung disease = about **6,000**
- Other diseases inc. restrictive lung diseases = about **6,000**
- **Giving Total of up to 50,000 per year-**

Hazards estimates of those suffering from work-related ill-health each year

- The Labour Force Survey (LFS) which HSE depends upon estimates that 5% UK adults suffering work-related ill-health = 2.2 million- ignores Parkinsons, Alzheimer's, most cancers, Motor Neurone Disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Scleroderma & Autoimmune illnesses, Neurotoxicity – Vibration White Finger 600,000 new cases per year; 3.3million working over 48 hours per week
- The 5th European Survey Working Conditions estimates that 25% of workers are suffering work-related health problems
- Stress – 530,000 cases – one fifth workers in precarious work

- Musculo—skeletal Disorders /Repetitive Strain Injury – HSE estimate 1,144,000 suffering, 426,000 overall -115,000 new cases in 2006/7 up 37% - In Denmark 10-20% of all MSD cases assumed to be work-related, Australian surveys show 70% of workers suffering symptoms
- Cancer – Hazards estimate 32,000 new cases (range 21,600 – 43,200) 1 in 5 workers Great Britain exposed to carcinogens according to Carex = 5 million -25% risk for those workers exposed;
- Asthma – 5 million cases UK – 15% estimated by medics to be work-related = 750,000; + the same made worse by work
- Skin disease - LFS 03/04 38,000 work-related cases, probably 25% work related
- Plus noise induced hearing loss, Hand arm Vibration,

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