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2008 data

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accidents at work and **occupational diseases**
in the European Union Member States

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1. Main characteristics of the Austrian occupational injury insurance system

Accident Insurance alongside with the Pension Insurance and Health Insurance is the core of the Austrian Social Security system. This occupational risks insurance is governed by the September 9th 1955 **Allgemeine Sozialversicherungsgesetz, ASVG** [Social Insurances Main Act].

Roughly 5.8 million people according to the 2007 annual average are insured against occupational risks by four different insurance funds. AUVA insures 77% of them which includes workers, industry, trade and craft employees; professionals, rescuers, pupils and students. The insurance is managed by the **Allgemeine Unfallversicherungsanstalt, AUVA** [Social Security Institution for Trade and Industry]. AUVA is a public body.

Three other funds manage specific professional category insurance. The fund in charge of farming sector is the **Sozialversicherungsanstalt der Bauern, SVB** [Social Security for Farmers]; for the railroads and mining sectors the fund is the **Versicherungsanstalt für Eisenbahnen und Bergbau, VAEB** [Insurance Institution for the Austrian Railway and Mining Industries]. Last the public sector is covered by the **Versicherungsanstalt öffentlich Bediensteter, BVA** [Insurance Institution for Public Service Wage and Salary Earners].

These four insurance institutions are grouped under the umbrella association⁽¹⁾ Hauptverband der österreichischen Sozialversicherungsträger, [Main Association of Austrian Social Security Institution] which attends to the Social Security general interests and represents them. The Association is itself under the control of the Federal Ministries in charge of Health and Social Affairs.

The following statistical data come from AUVA and cover workers; industry, trade and craft employees; professions and rescuers. Data regarding pupils and students, also insured by AUVA, are excluded.

Employers have to send AUVA their occupational injury notifications.

Accidents at work

Employers and/or doctors must legally notify fatal accidents and accidents that entail more than three days absence from work to the Labour Inspection and to AUVA within five days after the day of the accident.

Notification can be done through electronic means or by using the appropriate paper form. Medical certificates are also a source of information especially for accidents that entail less than three days absence. These data allow AUVA to codify accidents. All these information allow the recognition or not of an accident. The employee may dispute a negative decision which cannot be done by the employer.

AUVA may request an enquiry concerning non notified accidents. In case of a non notification, the employer faces a fine.

A central data base, managed by AUVA, regroups all of the accidents information. These data allow the victim's compensation to be calculated and are used for prevention purposes. Labour Inspection has access to these data. Statistics forwarded to Eurostat and to ILO (International Labour Organisation) come from this data base.

Occupational diseases

The Austrian system is a mixed one. To be recognized as an occupational disease (OD), the disease must have a cause to effect link with the professional activity and be listed within the 53 ODs' list of the Social Insurance Main Act's annex 1. The disease may also be recognized through the complementary system as a result of an enquiry conducted by AUVA. There is no period of exposure to risk specified but for damage to the meniscus (a three-year delay). Employers and/or doctors must legally notify OD to AUVA within five days after they have been informed. The worker may also file by himself a claim for recognition. There is no mandatory time limit for filing a claim for recognition however in case of a recognition ex post facto compensation payment will be limited to two years. OD's recognition is the responsibility of AUVA insurance's doctors.

The occupational diseases list is available at the following web address:

http://www.auva.at/mediaDB/MMDB128507_Berufskrankheite_nliste.pdf

(1) Does not only concern occupational risks but for all social insured risks

Financial contributions

Financial contributions are entirely the responsibility of the employers as they are supportive of each other. They all pay the same contribution rate. This 1.4% rate (dated on 1/1/2009 – calculated on a 4,020 € monthly ceiling) is evenly applied to every company whatever their individual occupational risks records and size are. It covers the same way every occupational injury. Employers' contributions amount to 99.6% of AUVA financial resources. Self-employed workers pay either a monthly contribution lump sum or a contribution ranging from 1.4 to 1.9% of their wages.

Temporary disability compensation

The benefits are the same as the sickness cash benefits. The victim is entitled to his/her full salary during the first three days following the occupational injury. Then, the employer pays 100% of the victim's wages up to 6 to 12 weeks depending on how long the employee has been employed within the same company. Afterwards, for the 4 following weeks, 50% of wages are paid by the employer the other 50% are compensated by the Social Security. After these first 6 to 16 weeks, compensation is only paid by Social Security and comes to 50% of the wages and it is increased to 60% after a 6-week period. Compensation period is at least 52 weeks and up to 78 weeks. Additional compensation is possible for dependant family members.

Permanent disability compensation

Disability pensions are paid as soon as an occupational injury reduces the victim's capacity to earn a living by at least 20%. The pension depends on the disability rate. Amount's calculation is based on the past twelve months' wages. The pension is paid on a fourteen months basis. Victims having a disability rate of at least 50% till 70% are ranked as severely disabled persons and get an additional pension equal to 20% of the initial pension. Beyond 70%, the pension amount is increased by 50%.

A 100% rate gives right to a full pension equalling to 2/3 of the wages calculation base. Disability rates of at least 50% give right to a 10% complement of the pension amount per dependant child. However, the amount paid must never in any case be superior to 100% of the pension calculation base.

For additional information: www.auva.at

Information in English is available at the following address: http://www.auva.at/portal/index.html;jsessionid=2B6489500B0BD4599492F55F770235F0?ctrl:cmd=render&ctrl>window=auvportal.channel_content.cmsWindow&p_menuid=3410&p_tabid=6

A brochure describing the occupational risks insurance in English language is published by AUVA (*We care for your safety*). It can be downloaded from the following web address: http://www.auva.at/mediaDB/MMDB118748_We%20care%20for%20your%20safety.pdf

An overall presentation of the Austrian Social Security system is available in English language (*Well insured. Social Security in Austria*) at the following web address: http://www.sozialversicherung.at/mediaDB/554674_Gut_versichert_englisch_2009.pdf

2. Statistical data sources

■ For Austria

AUVA publishes an annual data summary. The current issue **Auszug aus der Statistik 2008** [2008 Statistics Short Guide] may be downloaded from the following web address:

http://www.auva.at/mediaDB/558077_Auszug%20Statistik%202008.pdf

All the statistical documents are available at the AUVA website's thumb index **Zahlen und Fakten** [Data and Facts].

Some statistical figures presented within this document have been purpose-extracted from the database and thus are not easily available.

■ For Eurostat

Structural indicators on health and safety at work in Europe are available only for fatal accidents at work and accidents at work with more than three days absence from work. Data are available under various formats: tables, maps and graphics, at the following web address:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/health/health_safety_work

The ESAW (European Statistics on Accidents at Work) methodology aiming to provide harmonised data about accidents at work with more than three days absence from work is available at the following web address:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/dsis/hasaw/library?l=/statistics_methodology/esaw_methodology/ke4202569_en.pdf/_EN_1.0_&a=d

3. Main data

Number of persons insured by AUVA

Workers	1,269,421
Self-employed	1,568,465
Other categories	406,404
Working population	3,244,290
Pupils and students	1,314,493
Total	4,558,783

The following occupational injuries data are concerning only the working population or 3,244,290 full and part time insured persons.

4. Accidents at work and commuting accidents

By law all occupational injuries with at least three days absence from work and the fatal accidents have to be notified to the insurer. However some accidents with at least one day off work are spontaneously notified.

In **2008**, among the 139,516 notified occupational injuries, 5,374 accidents have not been recognized (4,888 accidents at work and 489 commuting accidents) or 3.85% of all the notified accidents. So 134,142 accidents have been recognized.

Mandatory notified accidents account for 73,697 cases of which 66,860 are accidents at work and 6,837 commuting accidents. Information about accidents with less than 3 days off work comes from employers (for 1/3 of the cases even if the notification is not mandatory) and from health services which have a financial interest in reporting to the insurance.

Distribution per category of workers of recognized accidents at work and commuting accidents

Years/Sector	Accidents at work	Commuting accidents	Total
2006			
Workers	106,768	12,532	119,300
Self-employed	3,370	220	3,590
Other categories	1,689	169	1,858
Total	111,827	12,921	124,748
2007			
Workers	99,694	10,612	110,306
Self-employed	3,328	203	3,531
Other categories	1,564	142	1,706
Total	104,586	10,957	115,543
2008			
Workers	116,407⁽¹⁾	12,172⁽²⁾	128,579
Self-employed	3,271	252	3,523
Other categories	1,864	176	2,040
Total	121,542	12,600	134,142

Fatal accidents at work and commuting accidents

Years/Sector	Accidents at work	Commuting accidents	Total
2006			
Workers	107	68	175
Self-employed	10	1	11
Other categories	2	1	3
Total	119	70	189
2007			
Workers	108	60	168
Self-employed	15	1	16
Other categories	7	1	8
Total	130	62	192
2008			
Workers	115⁽³⁾	52⁽⁴⁾	167
Self-employed	16	2	18
Other categories	7	1	8
Total	138	55	193

{1}, {2}, {3}, {4}: these data are detailed per activity branch in the following pages.

Occupational injuries expressed in incidence rates

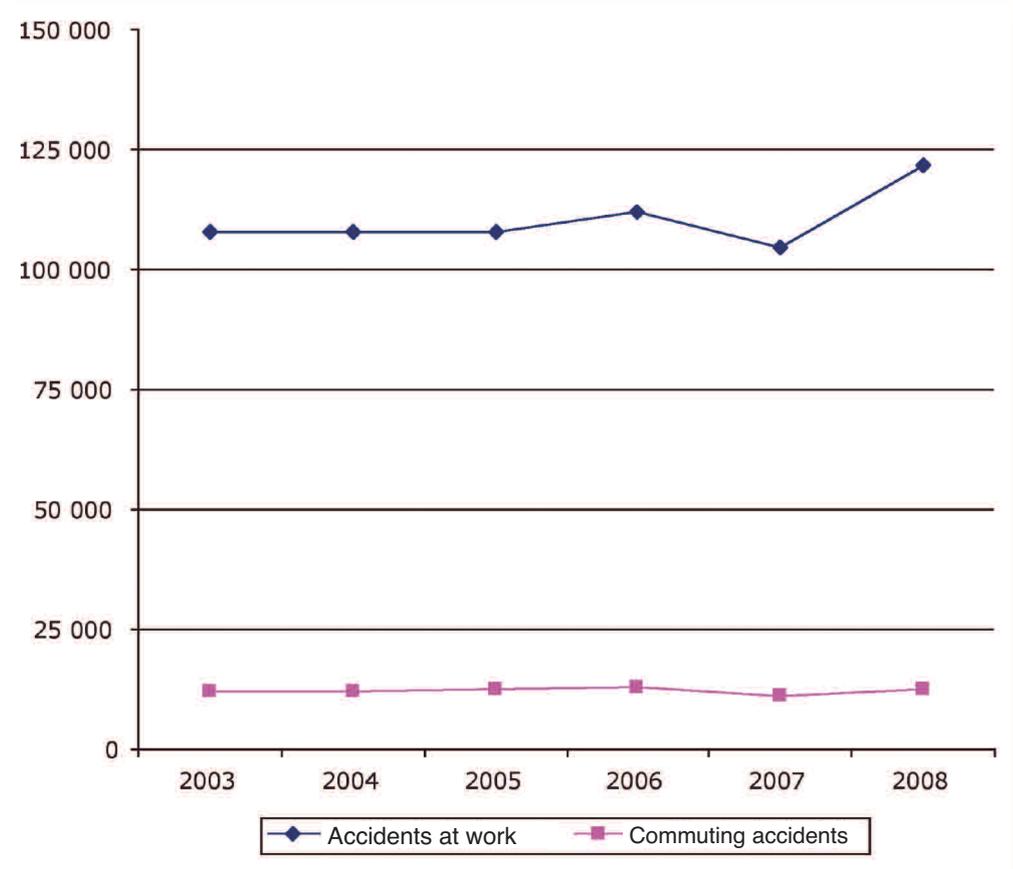
	2006	2007	2008
Incidence rate (all accidents)	33.1	29.5	33.74
Incidence rate (fatal accidents)	3.8	3.2	3.50

Incidence rate = number of accidents x 1 000 / number of insured persons

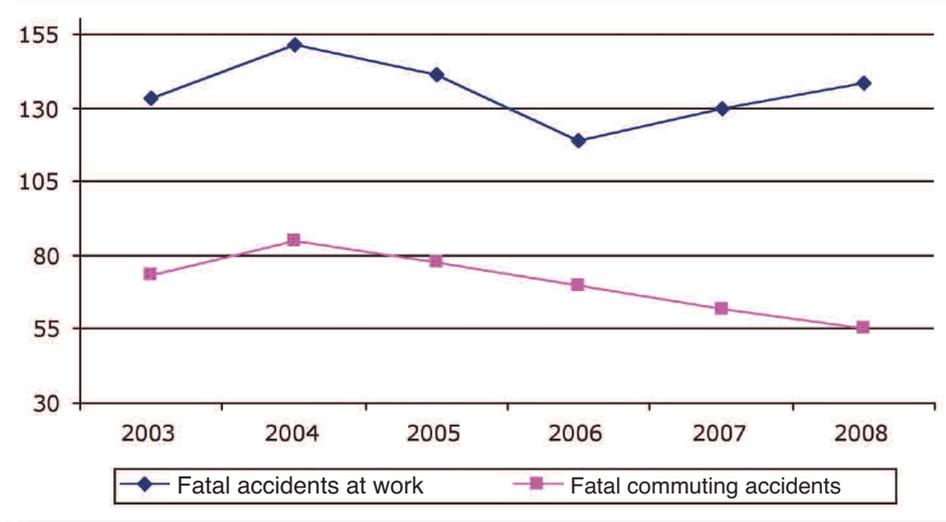
Long term trends

Expressed in absolute value

Annual distribution of all recognized accidents



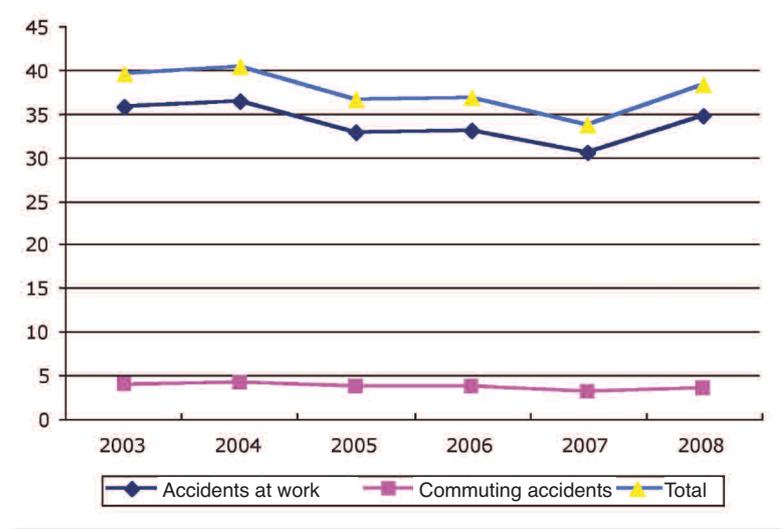
Annual distribution for all fatal accidents



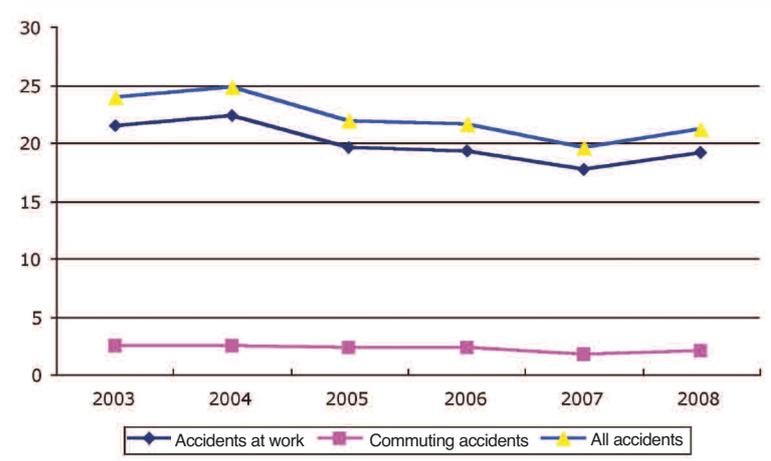
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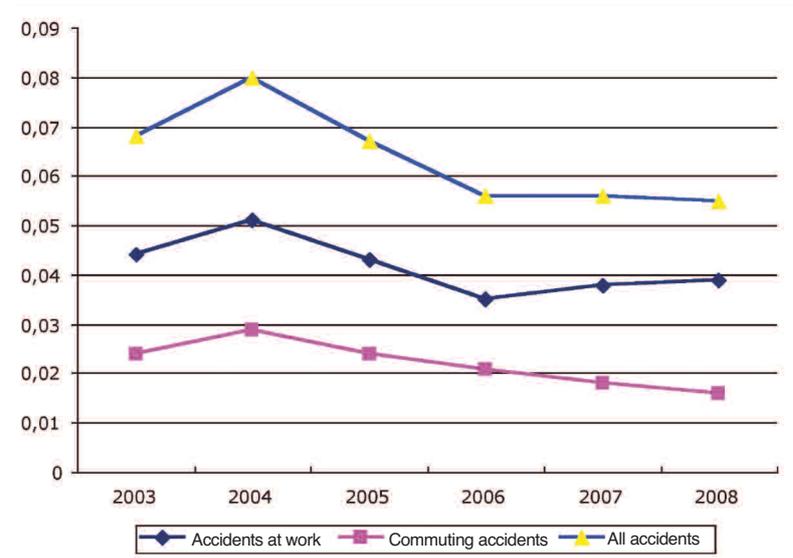
Recognized accidents at work



Accidents at work with more than 3 days absence from work and fatal accidents



Workers' and self-employed workers' accidents (other categories excluded)



Distribution per activity branch of the number of recognized workers' accidents at work
 (excluding commuting accidents, excluding self-employed and other categories)

NACE ⁽²⁾ branches	Number of workers	Accidents at work	Fatal	Incidence rates
Agriculture, hunting and related services activities	12,918	851	2	66
Forestry, logging and related activities	4,369	802	9	184
Fishing, fish farms	72	10	0	139
Mining of coal	0	1	0	0
Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas	861	11	0	13
Mining of metal ores	144	87	0	604
Other extracting activities	4,717	627	0	133
Services for mining and quarrying activities	11	0	0	0
Manufacture of food products and of prepared animal feeds	62,117	2,873	5	46
Manufacture of beverages	8,934	428	0	48
Manufacture of tobacco products	937	14	0	15
Manufacture of textiles	10,966	452	1	41
Manufacture of wearing apparel	8,499	130	0	15
Manufacture of leather and footwear	4,067	121	0	30
Manufacture of wood and products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	32,362	2,811	2	87
Manufacture of paper, paperboard and of paper and paperboard products	17,949	587	0	33
Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	14,958	357	0	24
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products	1,674	14	0	8
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	16,388	668	2	41
Manufacture of pharmaceutical products	11,726	175	1	15
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	29,575	1,485	1	50
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	32,272	1,758	0	54
Manufacture of basic metals	34,211	2,518	2	74
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	69,452	5,524	2	80
Manufacture of office machinery and computers	35,223	692	0	20
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus	31,426	876	0	28
Manufacture of machines and equipment	75,244	3,287	1	44
Manufacture of transport equipment	37,265	1,258	0	34
Manufacture of other transport equipment	8,340	384	0	46
Manufacturing of furniture	31,834	1,785	0	56
Other manufacturing	17,085	240	1	14
Repair and installation of machines and equipments	9,820	2	1	0
Distribution of energy	22,905	851	1	37
Water supply	1,731	31	0	18
Collection and purification of wasted water	2,377	105	0	44
Collection, elimination, recycling of wastes	8,734	112	1	13
Other wastes management activities, environment cleaning-up	244	340	0	1,393
General construction of buildings	61,763	10,528	13	170
Civil engineering works	36,848	1,799	0	49
Installation, dismantling of construction sites installation	149,322	10,834	16	73
Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles ; detail of automotive fuel	67,502	3,072	0	46
Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of vehicles and motorcycles	184,894	6,960	2	38
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles ; repair of personal household goods	271,559	7,290	2	27
Land transport and transport via pipelines	71,274	4,036	17	57
Water transport	309	27	0	87

NACE ⁽²⁾ branches	Number of workers	Accidents at work	Fatal	Incidence rates
Air transport	9,026	166	0	18
Supporting and auxiliary transport activities	30,968	1,031	1	33
Post activities and express courier activities	15,550	783	0	50
Hotels	82,622	1,967	1	24
Restaurants	97,521	3,683	1	38
Printing	10,188	133	0	13
Radio, television, motion picture and musical activities	3,334	56	0	17
Broadcasting activities	5,285	20	0	4
Telecommunications	10,373	1	0	0
Services activities for information processing	22,585	128	1	6
Other information activities	13,396	116	0	9
Financial intermediation	78,375	483	0	6
Insurances, reinsurances, pensions funds, (except compulsory social security)	28,153	182	0	6
Financial and insurance intermediation activities	10,677	40	0	4
Real estate activities	42,034	716	1	17
Legal and accounting activities	33,782	394	1	12
Management activities of holding companies	28,786	404	1	14
Architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy	41,274	939	4	23
Research and development	8,674	150	1	17
Advertising and market research	15,354	207	0	13
Other independent, scientific and technical activities	5,640	32	0	6
Veterinary activities	1,260	16	0	13
Renting of mobile equipment	8,328	281	2	34
Labour recruitment and provision of personnel	70,786	5,980	8	84
Travel agencies and other renting activities	11,158	106	0	9
Investigation and security activities	8,581	382	0	45
Services to buildings and landscapes activities	50,373	1,904	1	38
Economic services to business and persons activities	12,838	1,178	1	92
Public administration, defence, compulsory social security activities	230,157	5,915	3	26
Education	33,044	1,053	0	32
Human health activities	101,846	3,053	1	30
Residential care activities	25,584	649	0	25
Other social work activities without accommodation	58,491	1,527	0	26
Creative, cultural and recreational animation activities	8,461	344	0	41
Library, archives, museums, botanical and zoological gardens	4,078	63	0	15
Gambling and betting activities	6,357	40	0	6
Services for sports and recreational activities	10,934	789	1	72
Membership organizations activities (religious) (but social and sporting activities)	53,433	1,532	0	29
Maintenance and repair of computing machinery and household goods	2,459	141	0	57
Other personal service activities	35,579	749	0	21
Activities of households as employers of domestic personnel	3,155	34	0	11
Undifferentiated goods and services producing activities for private households for own use	15	0	0	0
Extra-territorial organization and bodies	662	22	0	33
Unknown	1,832	2,205	4	1,204
Total	2,837,886	116,407	115	41

(2) Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community

Distribution per activity branch of the number of recognized workers' commuting accidents

(excluding self-employed and other categories)

NACE ³ branches	Number of workers	Commuting accidents	Fatal	Incidence rates
Agriculture, hunting and related services activities	12,918	56	1	4.34
Forestry, logging and related activities	4,369	12	0	2.75
Fishing, fish farms	72	0	0	0.00
Mining of coal	0	0	0	/0
Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas	861	6	0	6.97
Mining of metal ores	144	2	0	13.89
Other extracting activities	4,717	23	0	4.88
Services for mining and quarrying activities	11	0	0	0.00
Manufacture of food products and of prepared animal feeds	62,117	238	0	3.83
Manufacture of beverages	8,934	32	0	3.58
Manufacture of tobacco products	937	2	0	2.13
Manufacture of textiles	10,966	35	0	3.19
Manufacture of wearing apparel	8,499	34	0	4.00
Manufacture of leather and footwear	4,067	17	0	4.18
Manufacture of wood and products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	32,362	130	2	4.02
Manufacture of paper, paperboard and of paper and paperboard products	17,949	63	2	3.51
Publishing, printing and reproduction of recorded media	14,958	47	0	3.14
Manufacture of coke, refined petroleum products	1,674	5	0	2.99
Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	16,388	74	0	4.52
Manufacture of pharmaceutical products	15,354	62	0	5.29
Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	29,575	122	0	4.13
Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	32,272	88	1	2.73
Manufacture of basic metals	34,211	171	0	5.00
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	69,452	323	0	4.65
Manufacture of office machinery and computers	35,223	168	1	4.77
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus	31,426	88	2	2.80
Manufacture of machines and equipment	75,244	278	0	3.69
Manufacture of transport equipment	37,265	124	1	3.33
Manufacture of other transport equipment	8,340	63	0	7.55
Manufacturing of furniture	31,834	110	1	3.46
Other manufacturing	17,085	23	0	1.35
Repair and installation of machines and equipments	9,820	0	0	0.00
Distribution of energy	22,905	99	0	4.82
Water supply	1,731	1	0	0.58
Collection and purification of wasted water	2,377	5	0	2.10
Collection, elimination, recycling of wastes	8,734	14	0	1.60
Other wastes management activities, environment cleaning-up	244	15	0	61.48
General construction of buildings	61,763	367	8	5.94
Civil engineering works	36,848	64	4	1.74
Installation, dismantling of construction sites installation	149,322	491	0	3.29
Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles ; detail of automotive fuel	67,502	289	2	4.28
Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of vehicles and motorcycles	184,894	734	2	3.97
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles ; repair of personal household goods	271,559	983	2	3.62
Land transport and transport via pipelines	71,274	198	1	2.78
Water transport	309	3	0	9.71

NACE ³ branches	Number of workers	Commuting accidents	Fatal	Incidence rates
Air transport	9,026	39	0	4.32
Supporting and auxiliary transport activities	30,968	109	0	3.52
Post activities and express courier activities	15,550	133	0	8.55
Hotels	82,622	290	1	3.51
Restaurants	97,521	466	3	4.78
Printing	10,188	64	0	6.28
Radio, television, motion picture and musical activities	3,334	11	0	3.30
Broadcasting activities	5,285	11	0	2.08
Telecommunications	10,373	1	0	0.10
Services activities for information processing	22,585	56	0	2.48
Other information activities	13,396	90	0	6.72
Financial intermediation	78,375	269	1	3.43
Insurances, reinsurances, pensions funds, (except compulsory social security)	28,153	91	0	3.23
Financial and insurance intermediation activities	10,677	26	0	2.44
Real estate activities	42,034	85	0	2.02
Legal and accounting activities	33,782	125	1	4.47
Management activities of holding companies	28,786	85	0	2.95
Architectural and engineering activities and related technical consultancy	41,274	152	1	3.68
Research and development	8,674	50	0	5.76
Advertising and market research	15 354	48	0	3.13
Other independent, scientific and technical activities	5,640	5	0	0.89
Veterinary activities	1,260	2	0	1.59
Renting of mobile equipment	8,328	14	0	1.68
Labour recruitment and provision of personnel	70,786	426	0	6.02
Travel agencies and other renting activities	11,158	29	0	2.60
Investigation and security activities	8,581	81	0	9.44
Services to buildings and landscape activities	50,373	264	2	5.24
Economic services to business and persons activities	12,838	217	0	16.90
Public administration, defence, compulsory social security activities	230,157	1,107	2	4.81
Education	33,044	202	0	6.11
Human health activities	101,846	523	2	5.14
Residential care activities	25,584	115	0	4.49
Other social work activities without accommodation	58,491	304	1	5.20
Creative, cultural and recreational animation activities	8,461	69	0	8.16
Library, archives, museums, botanical and zoological gardens	4,078	13	0	3.19
Gambling and betting activities	6,357	20	0	3.15
Services for sports and recreational activities	10,934	37	0	3.38
Membership organizations activities (religious) (but social and sporting activities)	53,433	355	0	6.64
Maintenance and repair of computing machinery and household goods	2,459	30	0	12.20
Other personal service activities	35,579	206	2	5.79
Activities of households as employers of domestic personnel	3,155	6	0	1.90
Undifferentiated goods and services producing activities of private households for own use	15	0	0	0.00
Extra-territorial organization and bodies	662	4	0	6.04
Unknown	1,832	257	6	/0
Total	2,837,886	12,172	52	4.29

(3) Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community

The 5 activity branches registering the highest number of accidents at work

Concerning recognized accidents at work

Accidents at work in absolute value		
Activity branch	Accidents at work	% compared to total
Installation, dismantling of construction sites installations	10,834	9.31
General construction of buildings	10,528	9.04
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles ; repair of personal household goods	7,290	6.26
Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of vehicles and motorcycles	6,960	5.98
Labour recruitment and provision of personnel	5,980	5.14
Other branches	74,815	64.27
Total	116,407	100.00

Fatal accidents at work in absolute value		
Activity branch	Fatal accidents	% compared to total
Land transport	17	14.78
Installation, dismantling of construction sites installations	16	13.91
General construction of buildings	13	11.30
Forestry, logging and related activities	9	7.83
Labour recruitment and provision of personnel	8	6.96
Other branches	52	45.22
Total	115	100.00

Accidents at work expressed in incidence rate	Rate
Other wastes management activities, environment cleaning-up	1,393
Unknown	1,204
Mining of metal ores	604
Forestry, logging and related activities	184
General construction of buildings	170
National rate	41

Concerning recognized commuting accidents

Commuting accidents in absolute value		
Activity branch	Commuting accidents	% compared to total
Public administration	1,107	9.09
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles ; repair of personal household goods	983	8.08
Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of vehicles and motorcycles	734	6.03
Human health activities	523	4.30
Installation, dismantling of construction sites installations	491	4.03
Other branches	8,334	68.47
Total	12,172	100.00

Fatal commuting accidents in absolute value		
Activity branch	Fatal commuting accidents	% compared to total
General construction of buildings	8	15.38
Unknown	6	11.54
Civil engineering works	4	7.69
Restaurants	3	5.77
Manufacture of electrical machinery and apparatus	2	3.85
Other branches	29	55.77
Total	52	100.00

Commuting accidents expressed in incidence rate	Rate
Other wastes management activities, environment cleaning-up	61.48
Other business and persons activities	16.90
Mining of metal ores	13.89
Maintenance and repair of office, accounting and computing machinery	12.20
Water transportation	9.71
National rate	4.29

Distribution of recognized accidents at work (workers and self-employed) per cause excluding commuting accidents

All accidents at work	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Slipping, stumbling and falling	30,430	28,034	27,048	28,944	29,147	30,338	31,431	28,599	32,752
Any kind of sharp things (needles, knives,...)	16,570	15,286	14,915	15,567	15,362	14,778	14,967	13,676	16,174
Any kind of machines	14,716	13,770	12,933	13,219	12,698	12,903	13,178	11,853	13,507
Tools	9,721	9,118	8,700	9,214	9,421	9,217	9,532	9,071	10,832
Bumping, being pushed	8,804	8,510	8,587	9,096	9,500	8,993	9,452	9,349	10,899
Falling of material, being struck by falling material	9,347	8,438	8,028	8,266	8,038	8,381	8,399	8,333	9,229
Transporting (manual)	8,172	7,533	6,905	7,494	7,500	7,654	8,567	8,444	10,507
Others	6,448	6,274	5,891	5,940	5,976	5,674	5,827	5,690	6,725
Vehicles	5,718	5,684	5,422	5,853	5,857	5,706	5,876	5,273	5,805
Being trapped or crushed	4,794	4,707	4,615	4,581	4,602	4,142	4,598	4,298	5,112
Total	114,720	107,354	103,044	108,084	108,101	107,786	111,827	104,586	121,542

Accidents with more than 3 days absence	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Slipping, stumbling and falling	19,453	18,577	17,878	18,512	18,798	19,067	19,301	17,417	19,127
Any kind of sharp things (needles, knives, ...)	10,333	10,138	9,496	9,235	9,046	9,061	9,152	7,117	7,737
Any kind of machines	9,019	8,672	8,250	8,267	8,422	7,622	7,707	8,213	8,743
Tools	6,213	6,089	5,784	5,690	6,106	5,893	5,958	5,684	6,341
Bumping, being pushed	6,154	5,754	5,393	5,332	5,226	5,310	5,239	4,015	4,545
Falling of material, being struck by falling material	5,187	5,112	4,606	4,600	4,591	4,511	4,978	5,149	5,457
Transporting (manual)	4,219	4,152	4,146	4,199	4,457	4,008	4,069	4,818	5,991
Others	3,607	3,637	3,419	3,527	3,647	3,467	3,483	2,482	2,535
Vehicles	3,123	3,205	3,173	3,014	3,068	2,590	2,854	2,997	3,271
Being trapped or crushed	3,189	3,221	2,933	2,734	2,863	2,557	2,550	2,699	3,112
Total	70,497	68,557	65,088	65,110	66,224	64,086	65,291	60,591	66,859

Fatal accidents	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Vehicles	56	53	51	51	57	48	43	45	32
Slipping, stumbling and falling	43	24	32	22	32	28	27	36	45
Falling of material, being struck by falling material	19	18	15	21	23	23	20	16	23
Others	15	15	19	15	16	22	14	13	12
Any kind of machines	14	22	16	12	15	15	10	12	16
Being trapped or crushed	1	2	1	1	-	3	2	-	1
Bumping, being pushed	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Transporting (manual)	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
Any kind of sharp things (needles, knives,...)	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	148	134	135	123	144	140	117	123	131

5. Occupational diseases

Reference year	Claims	Recognitions
2000	3,040	1,268
2001	3,090	1,395
2002	3,116	1,402
2003	2,771	1,178
2004	3,023	1,218
2005	2,866	1,249
2006	2,961	1,293
2007	3,331	1,344
2008	3,902	1,574

Diseases giving rise to the greatest number of claims for recognition		
Diseases	Claims	% compared to total
Noise-induced deafness	1,803	46.21
Skin diseases	726	18.61
Bronchial asthma	222	5.69
Respiratory diseases (toxic or chemical substances)	196	5.02
Asbestosis	173	4.43
Others	782	20.04
Total	3,902	100.00

Diseases most frequently recognized as occupational diseases		
Diseases	Recognitions	% compared to total
Noise-induced deafness	935	59.40
Skin diseases	212	13.97
Mesothelioma	57	3.62
Respiratory diseases (toxic or chemical substances)	57	3.62
Baker's asthma	50	3.18
Others	263	16.71
Total	1,574	100.00

Activity branches recording the greatest number of recognized cases		
Activity branch	Recognitions	% compared to total
General construction of buildings	116	22.49
Installation, dismantling of construction sites installations	87	7.37
Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	84	5.53
Manufacture of food products	69	5.34
Community, social and personal service activities	62	4.38
Others	802	50.95
Branch unknown	354	22.49
Total	1,574	100.00

Non recognized occupational diseases data per activity branch are not available.

6. Financial data

Pensions are paid as soon as the capacity to earn a living is equal or superior to 20% (this rate is of 50% for pupils and students). From 50% the disability is considered as acute which gives right to an additional compensation. Pensions granted to pupils and students are included in these amounts.

New pensions granted during the year					
	≥ 20% and < 50%	≥ 50%	Victims	Eligible parties	Total
1990	5,273	283	5,556	569	6,125
2000	5,150	289	5,439	386	5,825
2001	4,981	303	5,284	396	5,680
2002	4,496	318	4,814	393	5,207
2003	4,843	278	5,121	371	5,492
2004	4,992	309	5,301	380	5,681
2005	5,441	318	5,759	367	6,126
2006	5,316	292	5,608	361	5,969
2007	4,565	258	4,823	356	5,179
2008	4,565	278	5,252	326	5,578

Number of pensions (stock of pensioners)					
	≥ 20% and < 50%	≥ 50%	Victims	Eligible parties	Total
1990	48,996	7,243	56,239	15,836	72,075
2000	50,431	7,113	57,544	13,793	71,337
2001	50,617	7,135	57,752	13,639	71,391
2002	50,927	7,194	58,121	13,502	71,623
2003	51,412	7,144	58,556	13,325	71,881
2004	52,140	7,165	59,305	13,187	72,492
2005	52,874	7,174	60,048	13,013	73,061
2006	53,272	7,172	60,444	12,838	73,282
2007	53,249	7,127	60,376	12,634	73,010
2008	53,661	7,130	60,791	12,415	73,206

Pensions' distribution according to the type of injury					
	≥ 20% and < 50%	≥ 50%	Victims	Eligible parties	Total
Accidents at work	41,963	4,840	46,803	8,484	55,287
Commuting accidents	7,282	1,645	8,927	2,779	11,706
Occupational diseases	4,416	645	5,061	1,152	6,213
2008	53,661	7,130	60,791	12,415	73,206

Amount of paid benefits					
	≥ 20% and < 50%	≥ 50%	Victims	Eligible parties	Total
1990	110,723	56,423	167,146	65,877	233,023
2000	158,222	73,992	232,214	83,046	315,260
2001	161,437	85,357	246,794	84,029	330,823
2002	165,986	88,293	254,279	84,911	339,190
2003	170,370	89,217	259,588	85,213	344,801
2004	176,492	91,622	268,113	86,286	354,399
2005	183,594	94,695	278,289	87,193	365,482
2006	191,494	98,135	289,615	89,148	378,763
2007	196,397	100,288	296,685	90,457	387,142
2008	209,645	106,433	316,077	94,682	410,759

Amounts ⁽⁴⁾ expressed in thousands euros

(4) Pensions are paid on a fourteen month basis. These totals are calculated by multiplying the month of December instalment by 14 so they may be slightly different from the real amount.

7. Eurostat data Austria

Structural indicators are available only for accidents at work. 2007 data are not yet available.

Index of the number of serious accidents at work per 100,000 persons in employment (1998 = 100) (*)

Serious accidents – Total	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
EU (27 countries)	:	:	:	:	:	100	96	88	84	80	78	76
EU (25 countries)	:	:	:	100	100	99	95	87	82	79	77	75
EU (15 countries)	104	103	100	100	100	98	94	86	81	78	76	74
Euro area (12 countries)	105	103	101	100	99	97	92	84	79	76	74	72
Austria	164	107⁽¹⁾	105	100	99	92	83	84	79	79	77	72

(:) Not available

(1) Break in series

Index of the number of fatal accidents at work per 100,000 persons in employment (1998 = 100) (*)

Fatal road traffic accidents and other transport accidents in the course of work are excluded.

Fatal accidents	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
EU (27 countries)	:	:	:	:	:	100	97	91	90	88	86	81
EU (25 countries)	:	:	:	100	88	87	85	80	78	75	72	72
EU (15 countries)	116	113	106	100	91	88	85	80	78	75	74	73(p)
Euro area (12 countries)	113	110	102	100	88	86	83	78	78	73	72	:
Austria	131	118	104	100	100	100	94	100	94	107	94	82

(:) Not available

(p) Provisory

* The index shows the evolution of the incidence rate of fatal and serious accidents at work in comparison to 1998 (= 100). The incidence rate = (number of accidents with more than three days' absence from work or number of fatal accidents at work that occurred during the year / number of persons in employment in the reference population) x 100,000. An accident at work is "a discrete occurrence in the course of work that leads to physical or mental harm". This includes accidents in the course of work outside the premises of one's business, even if caused by a third party, and cases of acute poisoning. It excludes accidents on the way to or from work, occurrences having only a medical origin, and occupational diseases.

Euro area (12 countries): Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain

EU-15: Euro area + Denmark, Sweden, United Kingdom

EU-25: EU-15 + Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Cyprus (without the northern part of the island), Malta

EU-27: EU-25 + Bulgaria and Romania.

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