

Press Release

Survey on Industrial Accidents 2009 (Survey of establishments (with 100 employees or more) and survey of general construction) Outline of the results

The results of the above survey in 2009 are summarized and announced as follows.

[Digest of the summary report]

1 Occurrence of industrial accidents in establishments with 100 or more employees (excluding general construction)

- Frequency rate (Frequency of occurrence of industrial accidents) is 1.62 (1.75 in the previous year).
- Severity rate (Level of severity of industrial accidents) is 0.09 (0.10 in the previous year).
- Average number of working days lost per one casualty is 56.9 days (54.6 days in the previous year).
(Figure 1-1)

2 Occurrence of industrial accidents in general construction

Frequency rate is 1.09 (1.89 in the previous year), severity rate is 0.14 (0.41 in the previous year) and average number of working days lost per one casualty is 126.0 days (217.5 days in the previous year) (Figure 3).

- (Note) · The frequency rate is the number of casualties in industrial accidents per 1 million total hours actually worked, indicating the frequency of occurrence of accidents.
- The severity rate is the number of working days lost per 1,000 total actual working hours, indicating the severity of the accidents.

1 Objective

The purpose of the survey is to understand the occurrence of industrial accidents in major industries.

2 Survey period

(1) Survey of establishments

For the situation from January to December of 2009, the survey was implemented from January 1 to January 20 of 2010.

(2) Survey of general construction

First half: For the situation from January to June of 2009, the survey was implemented from July 1 to July 20 of 2009.

Second half: For the situation from July to December of 2009, the survey was implemented from January 1 to January 20 of 2010.

3 Survey items

- (1) Survey of establishments
The total number of employees and regular employees in establishments as of the end of the survey period, the total actual working hours of all employees during the survey period, the number of casualties and total days of absence from work by level of industrial disability due to the industrial accident, and the number of employees who suffered accidents but did not take leave from work
- (2) Survey of general construction
The total actual working days and actual working hours of all employees at construction sites during the survey period, the number of casualties and total days of absence from work due to industrial accidents by level of industrial disability due to industrial accidents and the number of employees who suffered accidents but did not take leave from work

4 Coverage

- (1) Survey of establishments
Approximately 30,300 establishments extracted by using certain methods, from private and public establishments, which employ 10 or more regular employees and belongs to a specific industry in the 12 major industries under the Japan Standard Industrial Classification (as amended in November 2007).
The tabulation of the survey results announced this time is made on establishments with 100 or more regular employees.
- (2) Survey of general construction
Approximately 4,600 construction sites in total extracted by using certain methods, from construction sites which belong to general construction of the construction industry and of which the amount of approximate insurance premium of the Workers' Accident Compensation Insurance is 1.6 million yen or more or the contract amount of construction is 190 million yen or more.

5 Survey method

- (1) Survey of establishments
The Statistics and Information Department of the Minister's Secretariat of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare directly mailed the survey questionnaire to the establishments covered. The establishments filled out the questionnaire and then returned it to the department above.
- (2) Survey of general construction
The Statistics and Information Department of the Minister's Secretariat of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare directly mailed the survey questionnaire to the establishments controlling and managing the construction sites covered. The establishments filled out the questionnaire and then returned it to the department above.