

HSENI STATISTICS

The following information has been compiled for the work sectors that HSENI is responsible for under the Health and Safety (Enforcing Authority) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999.

Figure 1 shows that there were six fatal injuries during the reporting period. This figure represents a dramatic decrease of 13 in the total number of fatal injuries from last year and it is in fact the lowest number of work-related fatal injuries recorded in Northern Ireland since the Health and Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978 was introduced over 30 years ago. In the period covered by this annual report, all of the fatal injuries occurred in

the high risk sectors of agriculture, general manufacturing and quarrying. Significantly, there were no fatalities recorded in the construction sector during 2009/10.

Because of the small statistical base, HSENI publishes analyses of fatal injury causations on the basis of five-year records. The most recent analysis is shown in Figure 2. The most frequent causations over the last five years were vehicle movements, farm animals and falls from heights.

Figure 1: Reported Fatal Injuries Analysis by Work Sector: 2005/06 – 2009/10

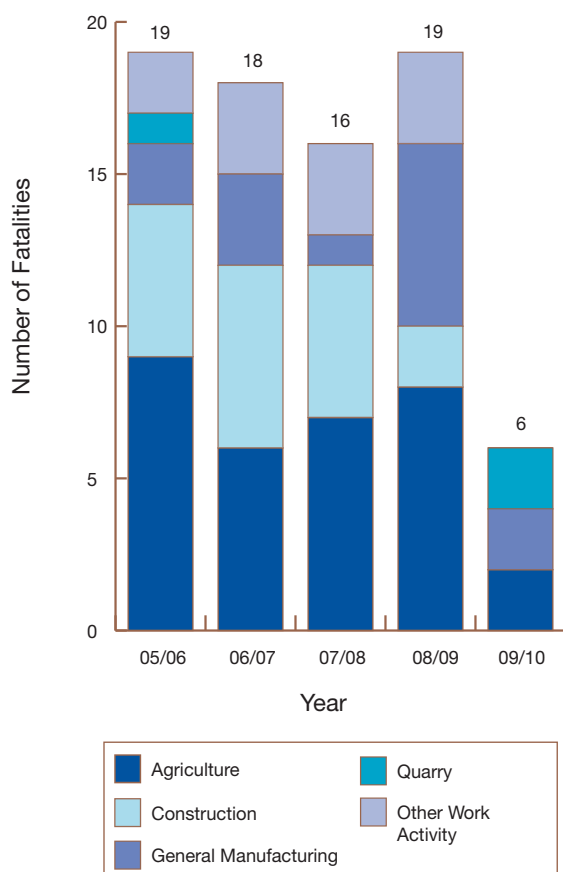
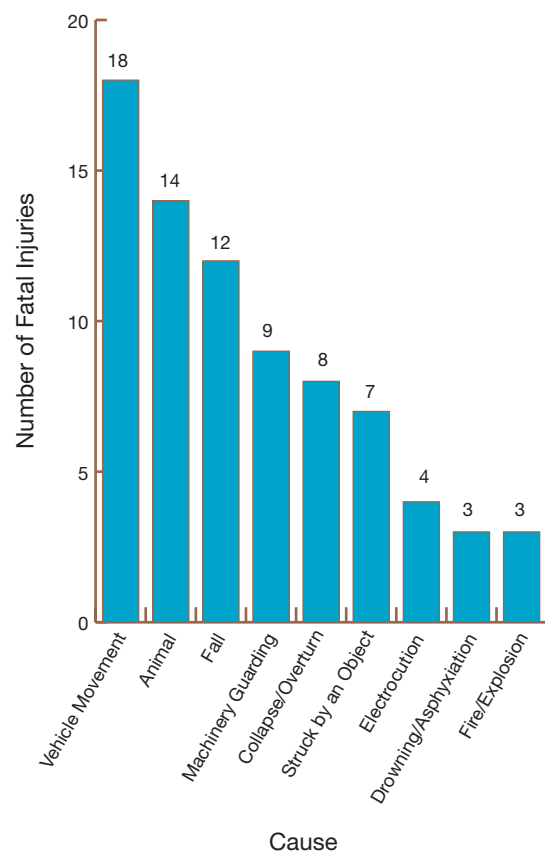


Figure 2: Reported Fatal Injuries - Analysis by Cause: 2005/06 – 2009/10



Whilst HSENI has confidence in the number of fatal injuries recorded, it is generally recognised that there is a significant degree of under-reporting of incidents in other categories. Nevertheless, trends relating to these categories can provide a useful indicator as to general health and safety performance in Northern Ireland. During the year, there was another significant decrease in the number of non-fatal major injuries reported to HSENI when compared to the number in the previous year as illustrated in Figure 3. After the increase experienced in 2007/08, this latest decrease continues the overall downward trend in reported non-fatal major injuries seen over the last few years and represents a 24% decrease on the 2005/06 figure.

There was another significant decrease in the number of reported “over-three-day” injuries when compared to the number in the previous year as illustrated in Figure 4. This continues a clear downward trend in the number of reported “over-three-day” injuries seen over the last number of years and represents a 28% decrease on the 2005/06 figure.

Figure 3: Reported Major Injuries 2005/06 – 2009/10

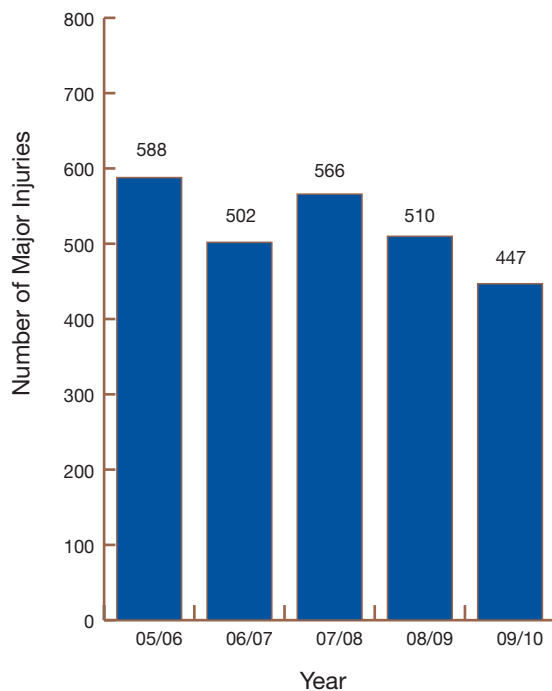
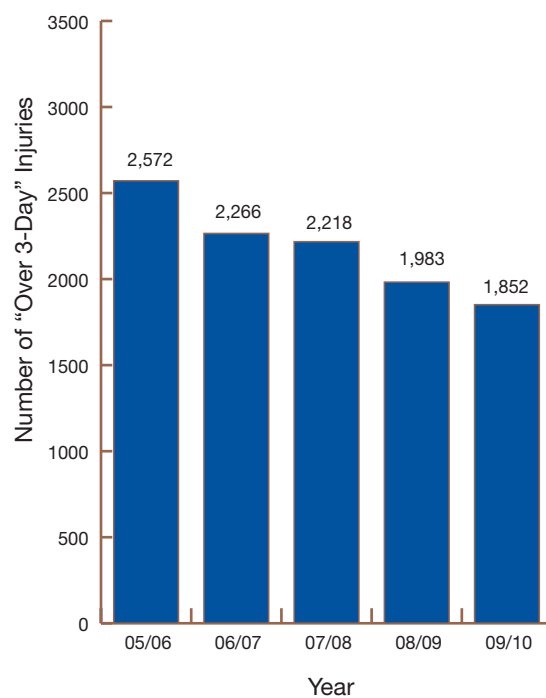


Figure 4: Reported “Over 3-Day” Injuries 2005/06 – 2009/10



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Figures 5 and 6 represent the analyses of all injuries by work sector and by causation respectively. However, due to variances in levels of under-reporting between sectors, caution should be applied when attempting to draw any firm inferences from these figures.

Figure 5: All Injuries 2009/10 Analysis by Industrial Sector

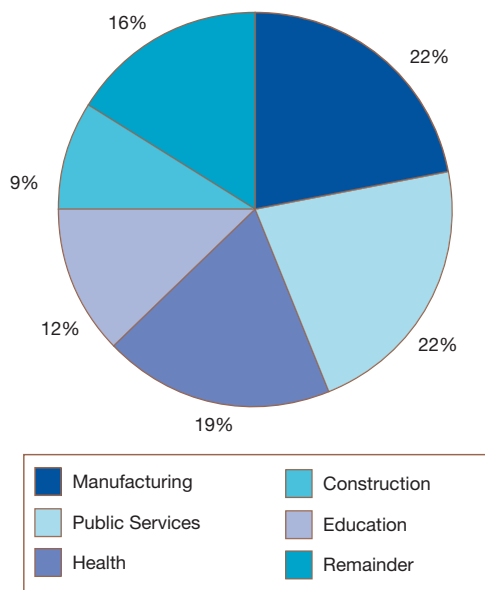


Figure 6: All Injuries 2009/10 Analysis by Cause

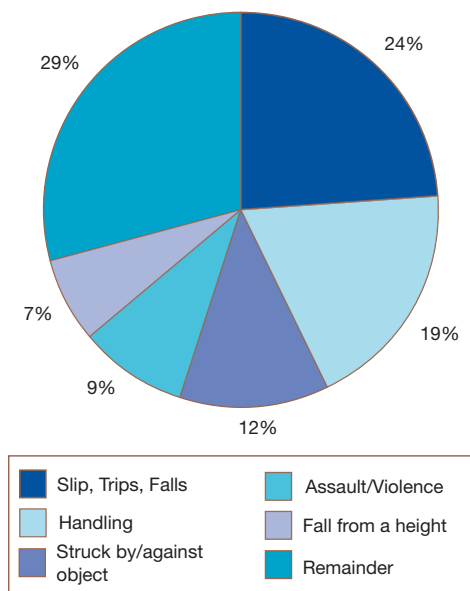


Figure 7 illustrates the number of complaints received by HSENI relating to unsatisfactory working conditions and work-related activities. This year saw a decrease in the number of complaints being made for the third year running.

Figure 7: Complaints Received 2005/06 – 2009/10

