

Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Bulletin



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This Bulletin provides statistics of work-related accidents and confirmed cases of occupational disease in Hong Kong with information, analysis and trend on various economic sectors and selected industries. Employers, employees and occupational safety and health practitioners, by benchmarking against the overall accident rate and the industry average in this bulletin, can better manage the occupational safety and health programme of their own organisations.

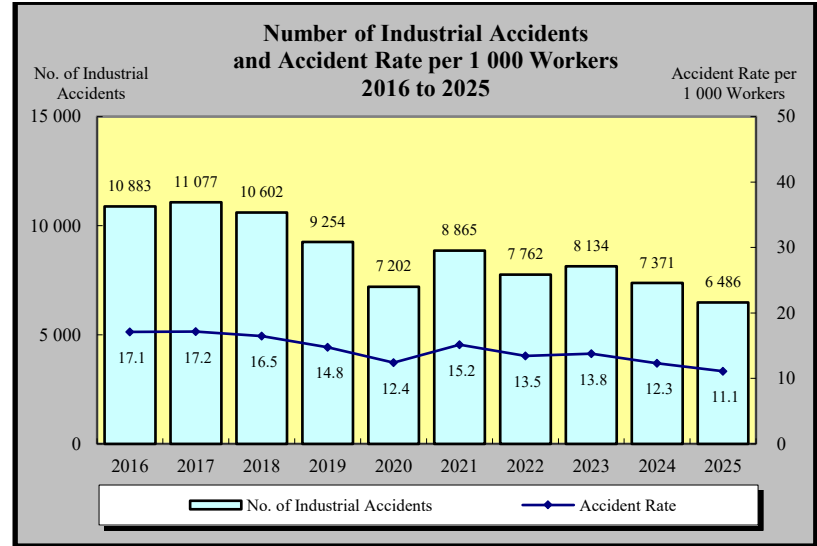
The Labour Department attaches great importance to enhancing occupational safety and health, and is committed to ensuring that risks to the safety of people at work are properly managed and addressed through legislation and enforcement, publicity and promotion as well as education and training. Through the concerted efforts of all parties concerned, including employers, employees, contractors, safety professionals, trade associations, workers' unions, related organisations and government departments, Hong Kong's occupational safety performance has been improving steadily in the past decade.

The number of industrial accidents in all industries in 2025 was 6 486, and it was 7 371 in 2024. The accident rate per 1 000 workers was 11.1 in 2025 and it was 12.3 in 2024.

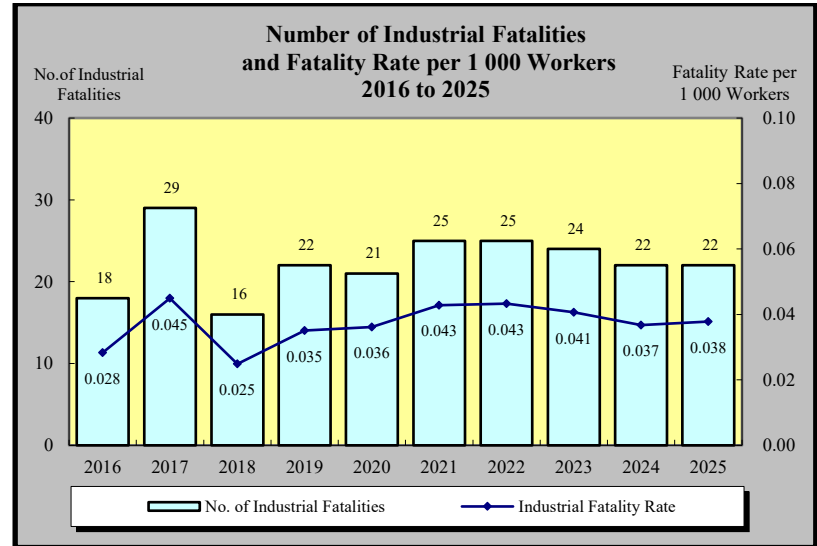
The high-risk construction industry recorded 2 425 industrial accidents in 2025, and it was 3 037 in 2024. The accident rate per 1 000 workers was 21.3 in 2025 while it was 24.8 in 2024. The construction industry still recorded the highest number of fatalities and accident rate among all industry sectors.

The number of occupational injuries in all workplaces in 2025 was 26 365, and it was 28 612 in 2024. The injury rate per 1 000 employees was 9.1 in 2025 and it was 9.8 in 2024.

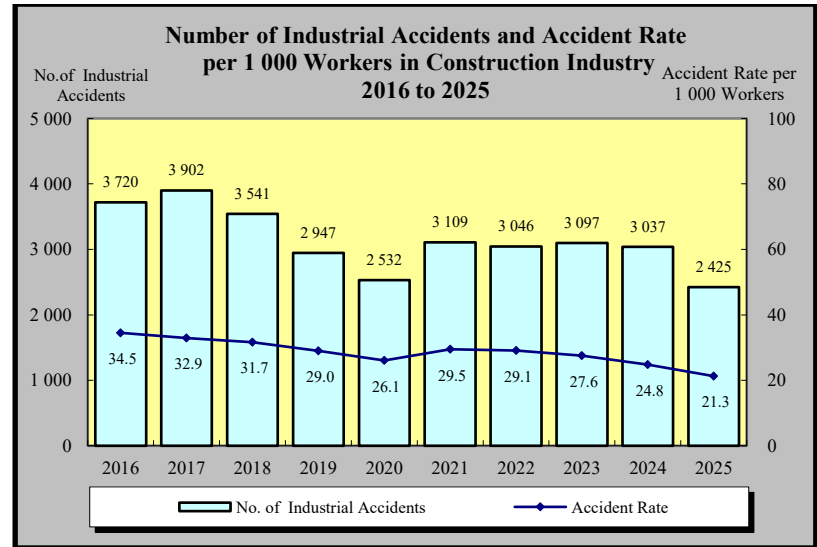
Industrial Accidents



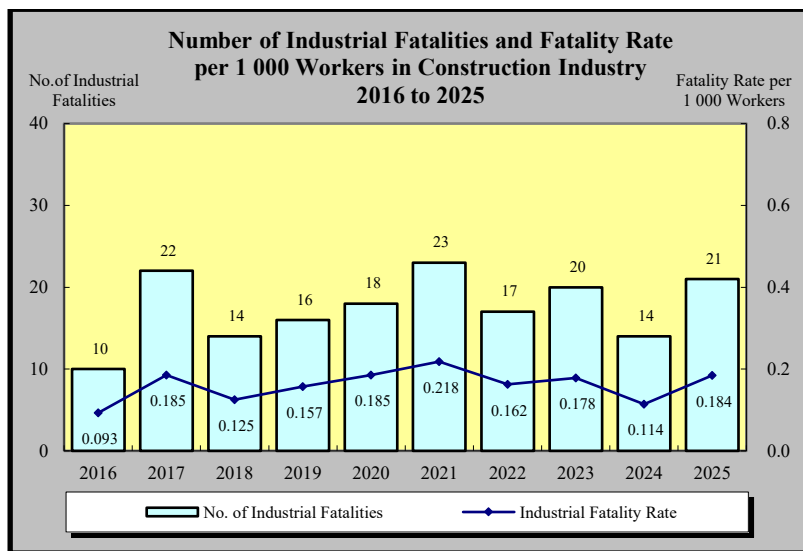
- In 2025, the number of industrial accidents was 6 486. It was 7 371 in 2024 and 10 883 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 7 724.
- The accident rate per 1 000 workers in 2025 was 11.1. It was 12.3 in 2024 and 17.1 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 13.2.



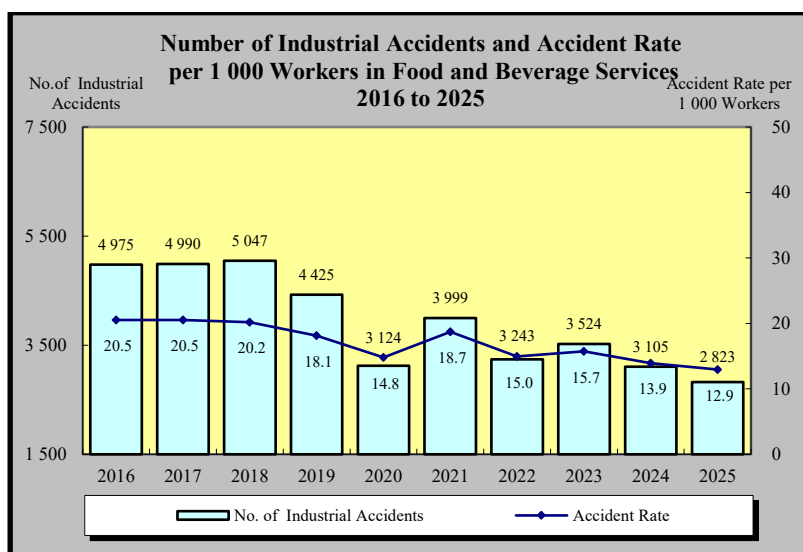
- In 2025, the number of industrial fatalities was 22. It was 22 in 2024 and 18 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 24.
- The industrial fatality rate per 1 000 workers in 2025 was 0.038. It was 0.037 in 2024 and 0.028 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 0.040.



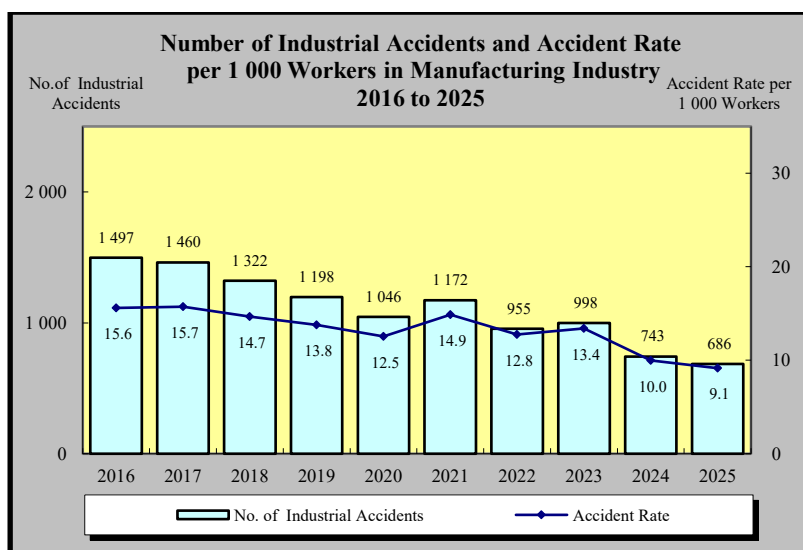
- In 2025, there were 2 425 industrial accidents in the construction industry. It was 3 037 in 2024 and 3 720 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 2 943.
- The accident rate per 1 000 workers of the construction industry in 2025 was 21.3. It was 24.8 in 2024 and 34.5 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 26.4.



- In 2025, the number of industrial fatalities in the construction industry was 21. It was 14 in 2024 and 10 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 19.
- The industrial fatality rate per 1 000 workers of the construction industry in 2025 was 0.184. It was 0.114 in 2024 and 0.093 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 0.171.

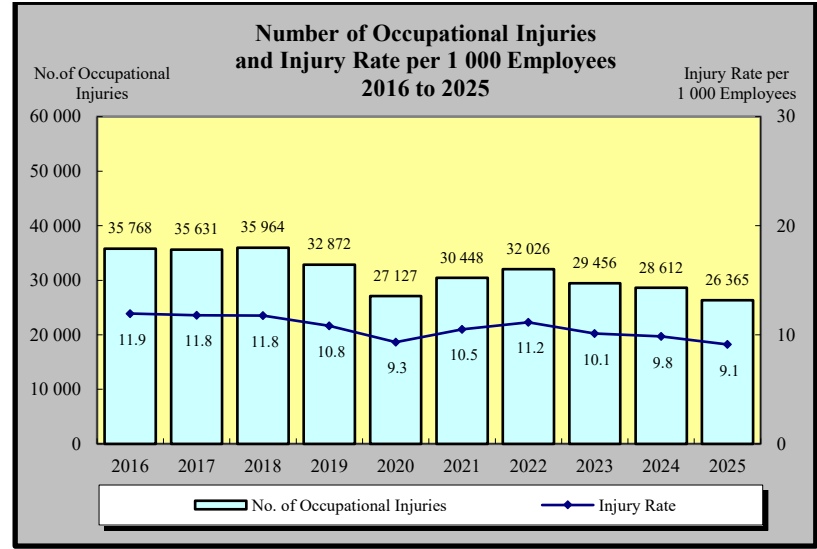


- In 2025, there were 2 823 industrial accidents in the food and beverage services. It was 3 105 in 2024 and 4 975 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 3 339.
- The accident rate per 1 000 workers of the food and beverage services in 2025 was 12.9. It was 13.9 in 2024 and 20.5 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 15.3.

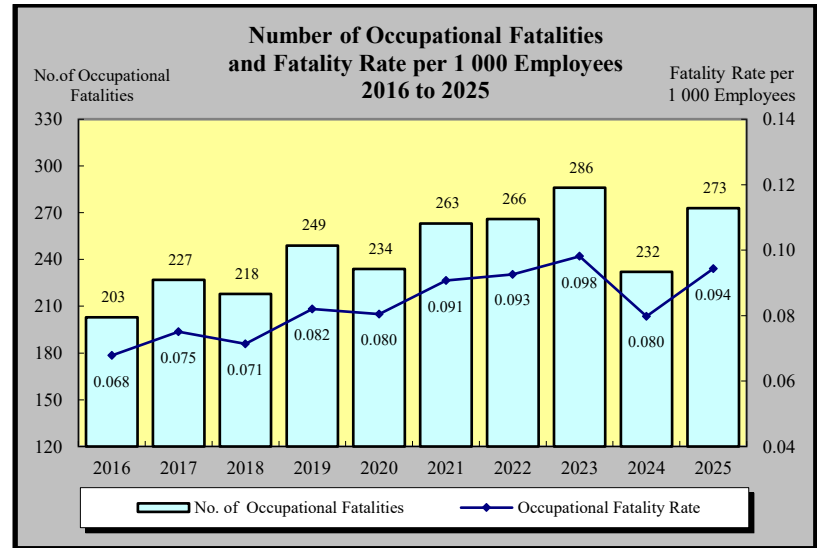


- In 2025, there were 686 industrial accidents in the manufacturing industry. It was 743 in 2024 and 1 497 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 911.
- The accident rate per 1 000 workers of the manufacturing industry in 2025 was 9.1. It was 10.0 in 2024 and 15.6 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 12.0.

Occupational Injuries

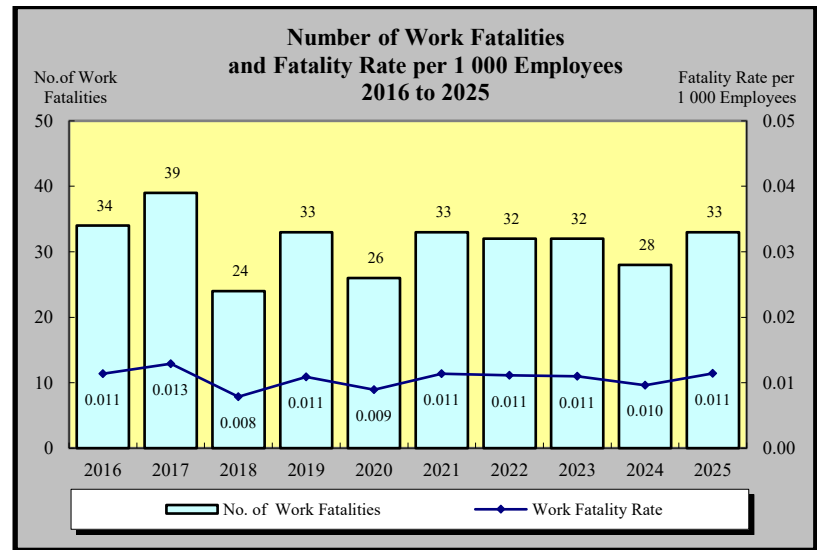


- In 2025, there were 26 365 occupational injuries. It was 28 612 in 2024 and 35 768 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 29 381.
- The injury rate per 1 000 employees in 2025 was 9.1. It was 9.8 in 2024 and 11.9 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 10.1.



- In 2025, there were 273 occupational fatalities. It was 232 in 2024 and 203 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 264.
- The occupational fatality rate per 1 000 employees in 2025 was 0.094. It was 0.080 in 2024 and 0.068 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 0.091.

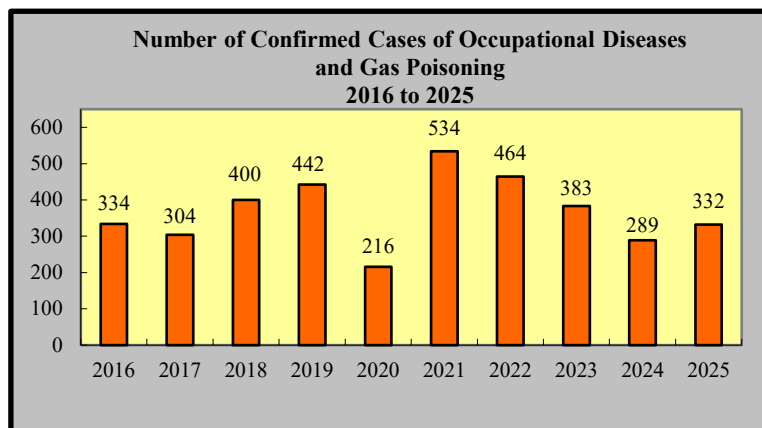
Work Fatalities



- In 2025, there were 33 work fatalities. It was 28 in 2024 and 34 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 32.
- The work fatality rate per 1 000 employees in 2025 was 0.011. It was 0.010 in 2024 and 0.011 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 0.011.

Occupational Diseases and Gas Poisoning

Number of Confirmed Cases of Occupational Diseases and Gas Poisoning in 2016-2025



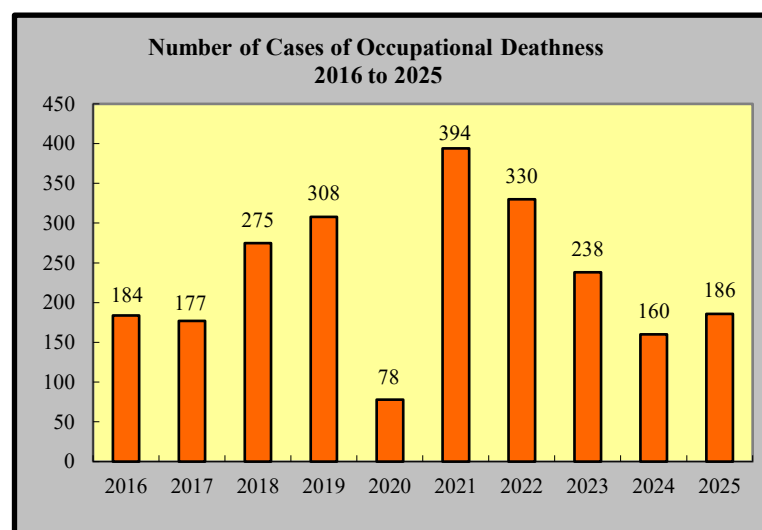
- In 2025, the confirmed cases of occupational diseases and gas poisoning was 332. It was 289 in 2024 and 334 in 2016. The average of the past five years was 400.

Number of Confirmed Cases of Occupational Diseases and Gas Poisoning in 2025

Occupational Disease	Number
Occupational Deafness	186
Silicosis	89
Mesothelioma	22
Tenosynovitis of the Hand or Forearm	13
Asbestosis	9
Tuberculosis	4
Compressed Air Illness	4
Streptococcus suis Infection	1
Occupational Dermatitis	1
Gas Poisoning	3
Total	332

- In 2025, the most common occupational diseases confirmed were occupational deafness, silicosis, mesothelioma and tenosynovitis of the hand or forearm.

Occupational Deafness



- In 2025, there were 186 confirmed cases of occupational deafness, engaging in the following work #^:

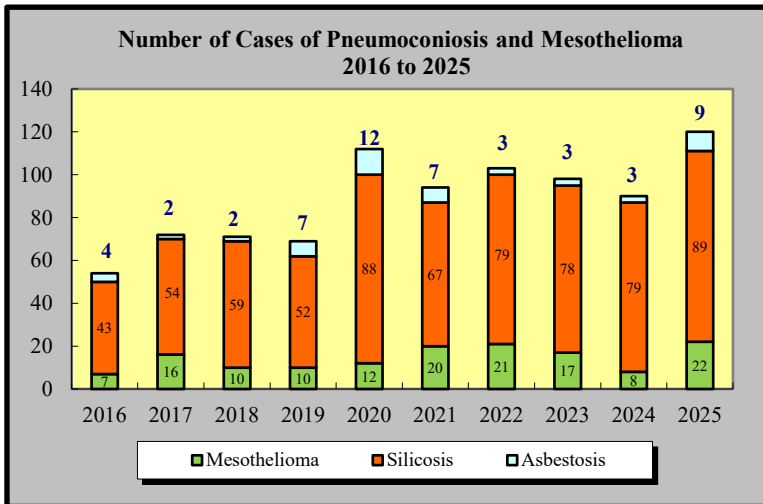
- 67.7% Rock grinding, chiselling, cutting or percussion
- 12.4% Working near internal combustion engines, turbines, pressurised fuel burners or jet engines
- 9.1% Metal grinding
- 8.1% Pile driving
- 1.6% High speed web-fed offset printing
- 0.5% Using routing, planing, circular sawing machine or automatic lathes
- 0.5% Using chainsaw

Notes:

Please refer to the Occupational Deafness Compensation Board for detailed statistical information on occupational deafness.

^ Due to rounding off, the sum of the component percentages may not equal 100%.

Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma

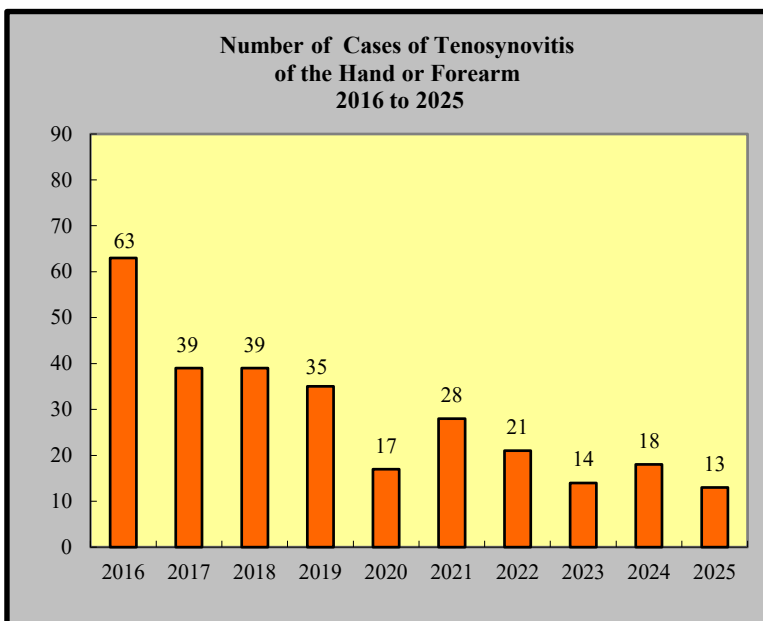


- In 2025, there were 98 confirmed cases of pneumoconiosis*, including 89 cases of silicosis and 9 cases of asbestosis.
- In 2025, there were 22 confirmed cases of mesothelioma*.

Notes:

* Please refer to the Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board for detailed statistical information on pneumoconiosis (including silicosis and asbestosis) and mesothelioma.

Tenosynovitis of the Hand or Forearm



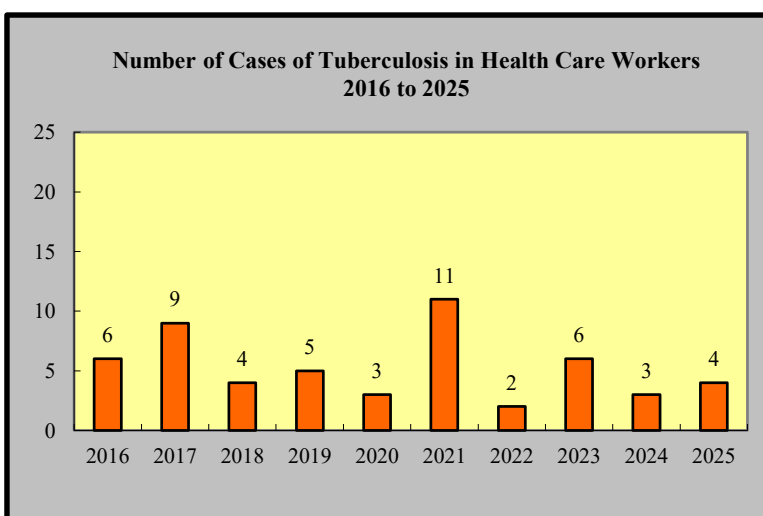
- In 2025, there were 13 confirmed cases of tenosynovitis of the hand or forearm, involving industries including^:

46.2% Accommodation and food services
 30.8% Public administration, and social and personal services
 7.7% Financing and insurance
 7.7% Import/export, wholesale and retail trades
 7.7% Construction

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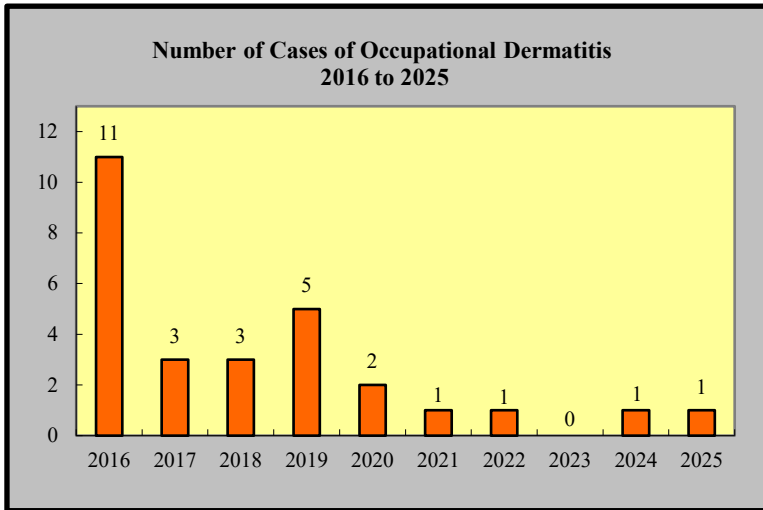
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Tuberculosis in Health Care Workers



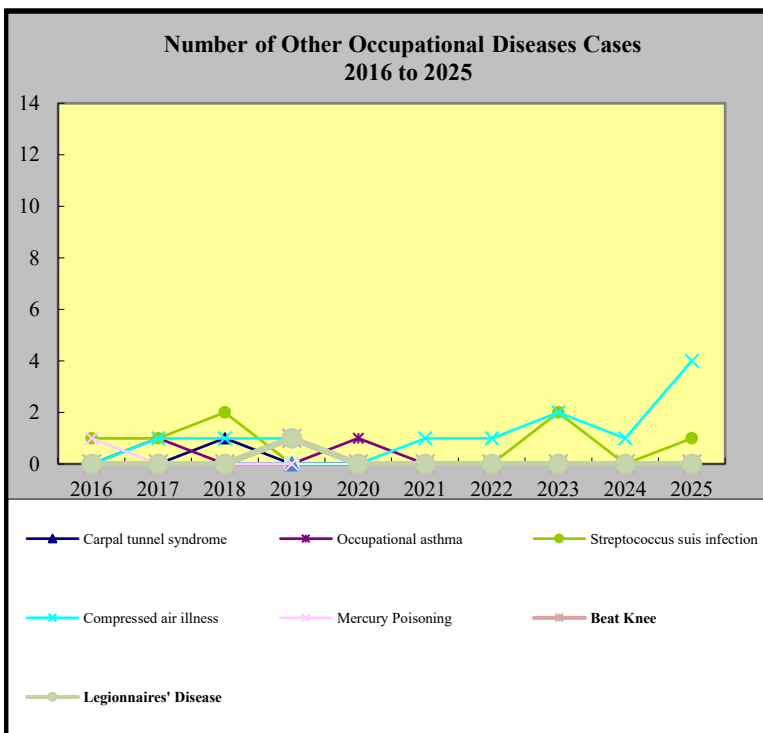
- In 2025, there were 4 confirmed cases of tuberculosis in health care workers, including 2 nurses and 2 healthcare assistants.

Occupational Dermatitis



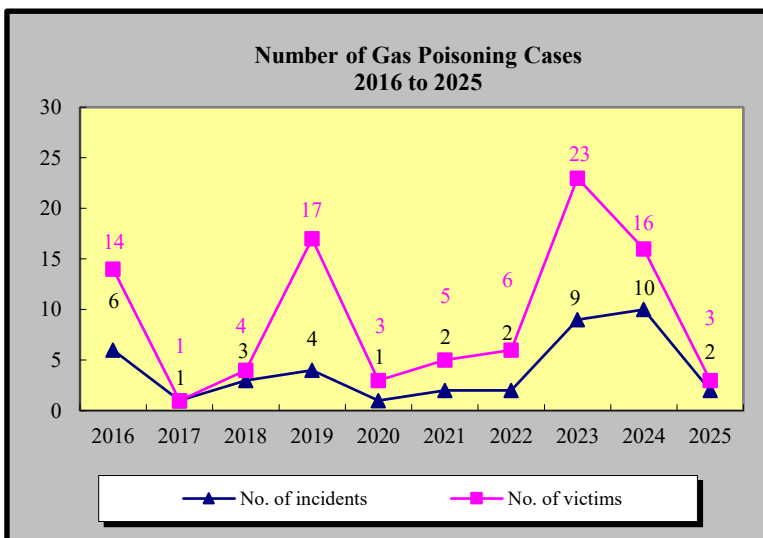
- In 2025, there was 1 confirmed case of occupational dermatitis, involving 1 cleaning worker.

Other Occupational Diseases



- In 2025, there were 4 confirmed cases of compressed air illness, involving 2 nurses, 1 doctor and 1 tunnel worker.
- In 2025, there was 1 confirmed case of streptococcus suis infection involving 1 cook.

Gas Poisoning



- In 2025, there were 2 confirmed gas poisoning incidents involving 3 workers. The noxious gases were carbon monoxide and ammonia respectively.

Definitions and further information

Industrial accidents refer to injuries and deaths arising from industrial activities in industrial undertakings in Hong Kong as defined under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance.

Occupational injuries refer to cases in workplaces reported under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, resulting in death or incapacity for work of over three days.

Work fatalities refer to deaths arising from industrial activities in industrial undertakings in Hong Kong as defined under the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, and those related to work activities at workplaces in Hong Kong falling under the jurisdiction of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance.

Occupational diseases refer to confirmed cases of occupational diseases reported under the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance, the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, the Occupational Deafness (Compensation) Ordinance and the Pneumoconiosis and Mesothelioma (Compensation) Ordinance.

Accident rate per 1 000 workers is calculated by:

$$\frac{\text{Number of industrial accidents}}{\text{*Employment size}} \times 1\,000$$

Injury rate per 1 000 employees is calculated by:

$$\frac{\text{Number of occupational injuries}}{\text{*Employment size}} \times 1\,000$$

**Figures of employment size are based on the Quarterly Report of Employment and Vacancies Statistics published by the Census and Statistics Department.*

The statistics are compiled based on Hong Kong Standard Industrial Classification Version 2.0.

The components that form the statistics may vary from country to country in respect of the legal requirements in the reporting of accidents and occupational diseases, the economic sectors covered and the definition of workforce. Accident and occupational disease statistics of different countries may not be directly comparable and should therefore be interpreted with care.

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