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Statistics on accidents at work are collected in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 349/2011¹. As provided for in Annex II² to that Regulation, certain categories of civil servants subject to national confidentiality rules may be excluded from the statistical coverage. Any additional limitations in coverage arising from national legislation are documented in the statistical office of the EU (Eurostat) publicly available metadata³ on national data sources.

The Commission continues to support improvements in the coverage, reliability and comparability of statistics on accidents at work. Efforts are ongoing to progressively enhance the scope of data collection, within the framework set by Regulation (EU) No 349/2011. In this context, Eurostat provides methodological guidance and facilitates the exchange of best practices to promote further harmonisation of national approaches.

The Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee publishes consolidated EU data on resources of labour inspectorates in a report⁴. Data on labour inspectorate resources in candidate countries is limited largely to what candidate countries provide for the annual enlargement reports⁵ and is not consolidated.

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) No 349/2011 of 11 April 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work, as regards statistics on accidents at work,
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32011R0349>.

² List of professions subject to confidentiality for delivery on a voluntary basis.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cache/metadata/en/hsw_acc_work_esms.htm.

⁴ The latest version of that report can be found here: https://circabc.europa.eu/ui/group/fea534f4-2590-4490-bca6-504782b47c79/library/8515c860-bdea-4f5f-9e6f-a3f132c9043f?p=1&n=10&sort=modified_DESC.

⁵ See, e.g., https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/2025-enlargement-package-shows-progress-towards-eu-membership-key-enlargement-partners-2025-11-04_en for the reports of 2025.