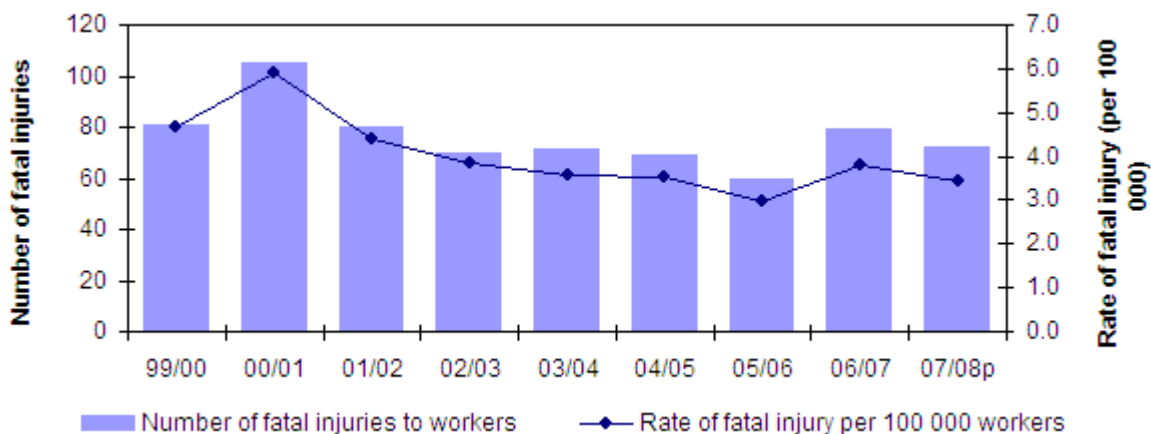


Work-related injuries and ill health in construction – 2007-08

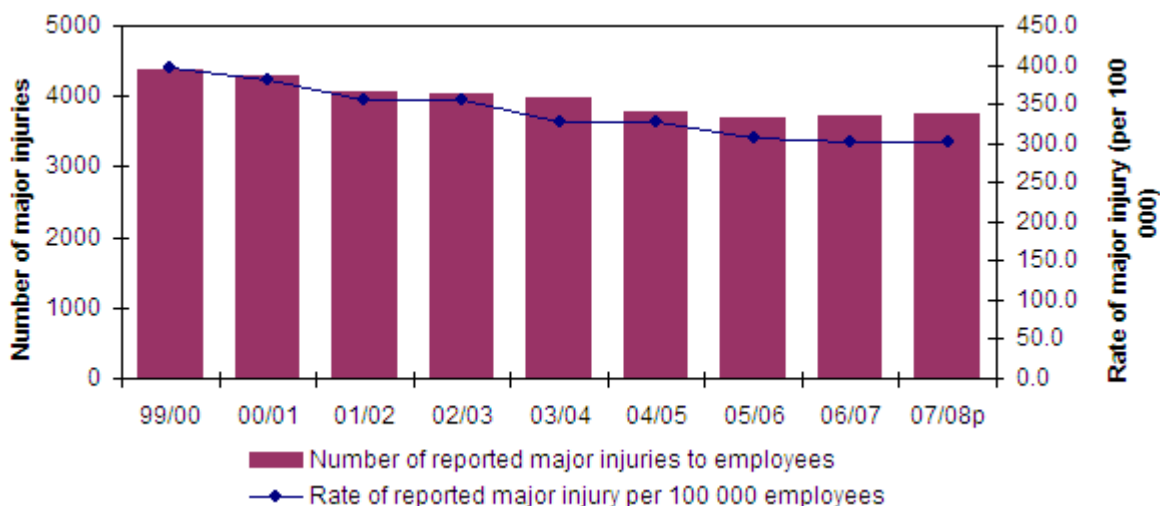
Construction has the largest number of fatal injuries compared to other main industry groups. In 2007/08, 31% of all fatal injuries were in the construction industry. There were 72 fatal injuries to workers in construction in 2007/08p, a 9% decrease on the previous year. Of these 72 fatalities, 54 were employees and 18 were self-employed, compared to 54 and 25 in 2006/07. The rate of fatal injury to workers in construction decreased to 3.4 per 100 000 workers, from 3.8 per 100 000 workers in 2006/07. There has been a downward trend in the rate of fatal injuries in construction over the period 1999/2000 – 2007/08, although the rate has shown little change in the most recent years.

Number and rate of fatal injury to workers 1999/2000 - 2007/08p



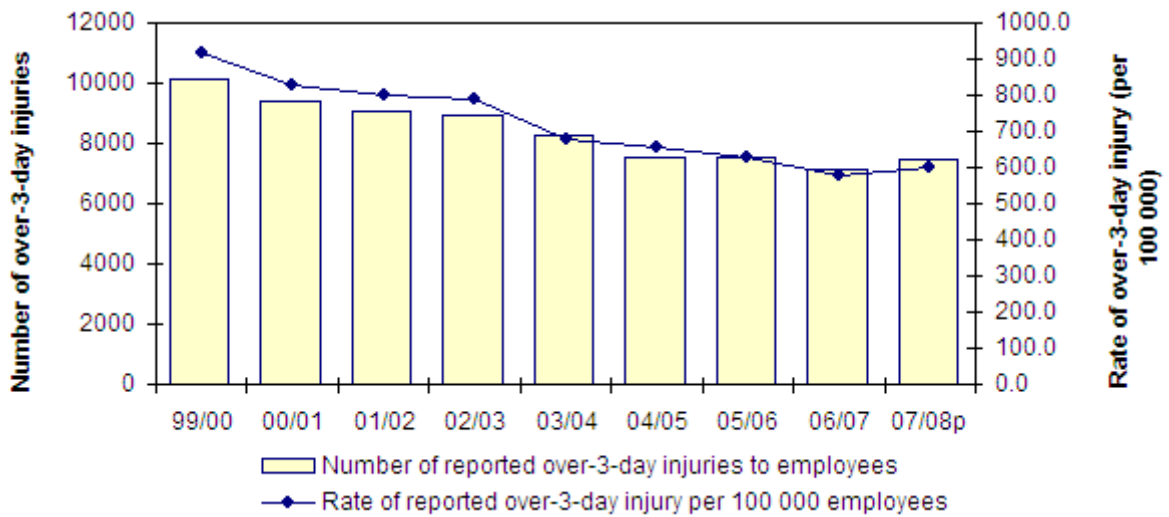
The number of reported major injuries to employees in 2007/08p was 3 764, compared to 3 730 in 2006/07. The corresponding rates of major injury were 302.9 per 100 000 employees in 2007/08p and 300.7 per 100 000 employees in 2006/07. From 1999/2000 there has been a downward trend in the reported major injury rate in construction. It is as yet unclear whether the rise in 2007/08 represents the end of this downward trend. The rate of reported major injury among those employed in construction is the highest of any main industry group.

Number and rate of reported major injury to employees 1999/2000 - 2007/08p



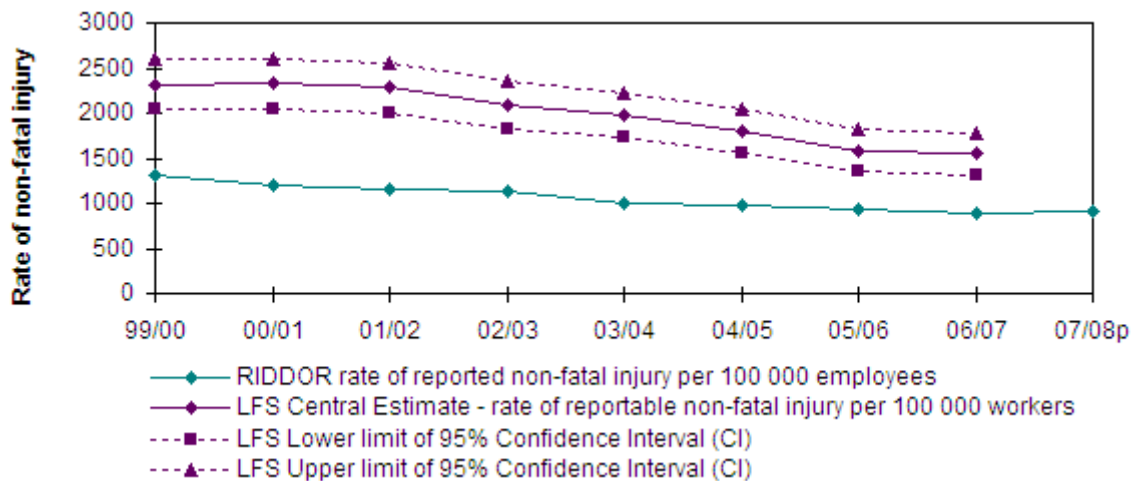
As with reported major injuries the rate of reported over-3-day injuries to employees shows a declining trend from 1999/2000, albeit with a rise in the last year. Again it is unclear whether the 4% rise from the previous year represents the end of this downward trend. In 2007/08p there were 7 446 reported over-3-day injuries to employees giving a rate of 599.2 per 100 000 employees. The corresponding figures for 2006/07 were 7 161 reported cases and a rate of 577.3 per 100 000 employees.

Number and rate of reported over-3-day injury to employees 1999/2000 - 2007/08p



Based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS), the rate of reportable non-fatal injury in construction was 1 600 per 100 000 workers (1.6%) in 2006/07 (three-year average), statistically significantly higher than the average across all industries (950 per 100 000 workers – 0.95%).

RIDDOR rate of reported non-fatal injury to employees and the averaged LFS rate of reportable non-fatal injury to workers 1999/2000 - 2007/08p



Source: HSE