

STATISTICS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK

Legal basis

The regulation of the statistical activities in respect to the statistics on public health and health and safety at work has two aspects:

1. Legal regulation as a result of the Community legislation concerning statistics on public health. This includes Regulation (EC) N 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work and the engagement and the agreement of EU-countries to apply the general conditions in respect to the public health statistics domains.
2. National legislation, which applies the Community legislation as well as the developed methodologies and guidelines on practical implementation of the Regulations. The Bulgarian National Statistical Programme includes surveys carried out by NSI as well as by the other Bodies of Statistics.

Organization of statistical activities in the field of statistics on public health

The statistical activity in the field of public health is performed by the National Statistical Institute and the "National Health Care Data and e-Health" Directorate of National Center for Public Health and Analyses (NCPHA) at the Ministry of health which are Bodies of Statistics. The activity is performed through conducting statistical surveys by the two administrations as well as by their regional offices – RSO and "Medical Activities" Directorates of Regional Health Inspections. The activity is in accordance with the Law on Statistics, Law on Health, National Statistical Programme and Ordinance No 1/27.02.2013 of the Minister of Health on providing of medico-statistical information and information on health establishments' medical activities.

Through the system of statistical surveys which are included in the National Statistical Programme and carried out by the NSI and NCPHA, annually statistical information on health network by type of health establishments is provided. Statistical surveys carried out by the NCPHA provide information on medical activities of health establishments, utilization of beds, surgical operations, dispensary attendance in specialized health establishments etc. The combined usage of data provided by the both institutions, Bodies of Statistics, gives an opportunity for a general description of the system of

public health as well as the activity of health establishments in accordance with the legal basis.

Crèches

The survey “Crèches” is exhaustive annually survey carried out by NSI. Detached crèches as well as groups in kindergartens are covered.

Data source are detached crèches as well as groups in kindergartens. Information on personnel, places in crèches, number of children as well as their distribution by sex and age is ensured.

According to the Law on Health and Ordinance No 26/18.11.2008 of the Minister of Health crèches are set up to support families in raising children up to the age of three and to ensure their normal physical and mental development. Crèches are organizationally distinct structures, where medical and other specialists raise, educate and train children aged from three months to three years. Groups for children could be opened at daily and weekly kindergartens as the organization of work there does not differ from the work of detached creches.

The coverage of children grown in crèches is expressed by ratio of the number of children aged up to 3 years attending separate crèches and nursery groups at kindergartens per 100 of children of the same age group of the total population.

Publicity

Every year the NSI publishes a publication 'Health services', issued by NSI and the National Centre for Public Health and Analyses at the Ministry of Health. Main methodological explanations are also included.

Health data are included in "Statistical Reference Book" (preliminary data) as well as in "Statistical yearbook".

Main health indicators are disseminated via press releases on the NSI's website. Data are disseminated on request to users following the established in NSI rules.

Data users on health information are the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Government and other public administration bodies, National Health Insurance Fund as well as European and international organizations – Eurostat, World Health Organization, UNESCO, UNICEF etc.

Main data on causes of death statistics, health network etc. are presented on the NSI's web site (www.nsi.bg).