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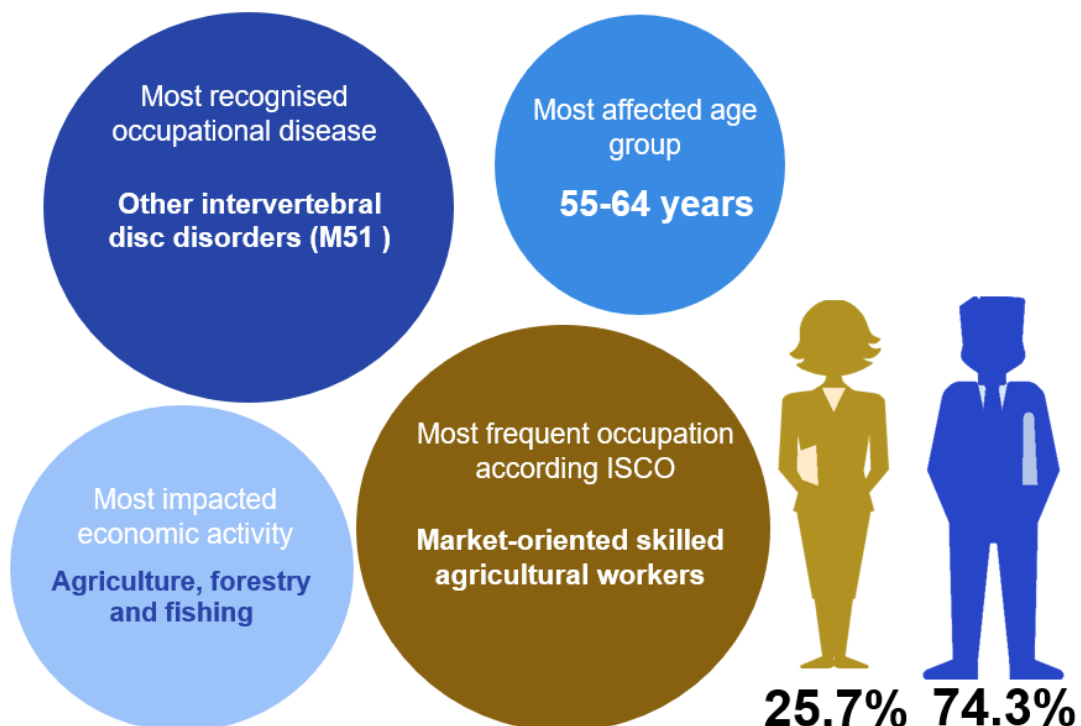
European occupational diseases statistics (EODS) – experimental statistics – Country profile: **Italy**

Introduction

European occupational diseases statistics (EODS) are essential elements for the European Commission's strategy to assess the efficiency of Community legislation on health and safety at work. At present, EODS are experimental statistics. Beyond their occurrence, these statistics reflect the way in which the concept of occupational disease is integrated into the national social security or health systems.

This country profile is based on the EODS short list of occupational diseases. It presents information about the occupational diseases at national level (as aggregated data for the signalled period).

Figure 1 – Occupational diseases in a nutshell, 2013-2021

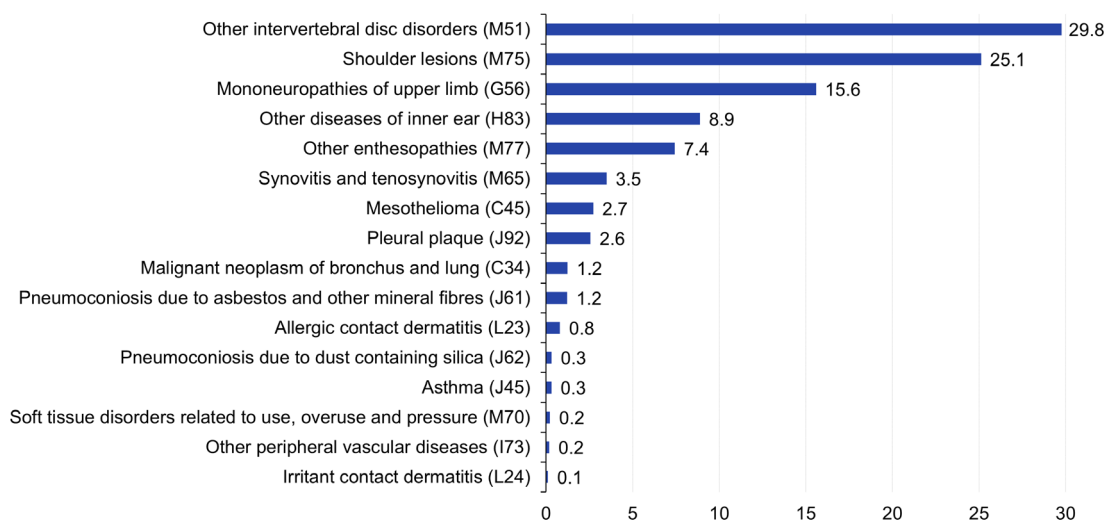


Source: Eurostat EODS extraction

Recognised cases of occupational diseases in EODS short list

Figure 2 – Distribution of the diseases in the short list, 2013-2021

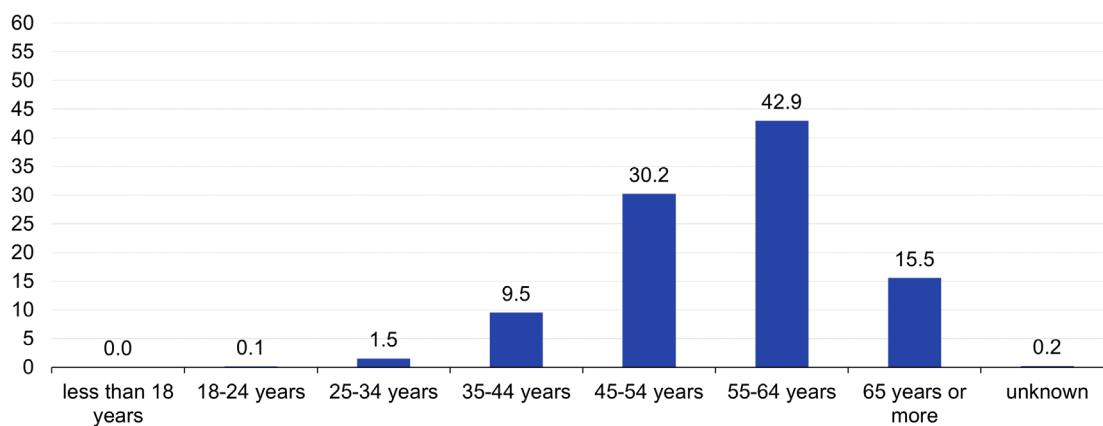
(in %)



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Figure 3 – Distribution of occupational diseases in the short list by age group, 2013-2021

(in %)



Source: Eurostat EODS extraction

Table 1 – Most impacted economic activity (NACE) of EODS short list, 2013-2021

(in %)

| Economic activities (NACE Rev 2) | NACE code | Percentage |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities | 01 | 23.4% |
| Specialised construction activities | 43 | 8.1% |
| Construction of buildings | 41 | 6.6% |
| Manufacture of food products | 10 | 2.7% |
| Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment | 25 | 2.6% |

Source: Eurostat EODS extraction

Definition

An “occupational disease” is any disease contracted primarily because of an exposure to risk factors arising from work activity. The risk factor “must act slowly and progressively on the body. The exposure factor must be direct and capable of producing the disease exclusively or prevalently: the Consolidated Law speaks of diseases contracted in the performance and due to risky processes. The concurrence of extra-professional causes is allowed if they do not interrupt the causal link.

Useful links

- [Experimental statistics – EODS section on Eurostat website](#)
- [EODS short list](#) (PDF)
- [Data](#) (Excel file)
- [Metadata](#) (Excel file)
- [Methodological note](#) (PDF)