

10.2 Children and Student Injury Statistics

CSI releases the overall data on children and student injuries at schools and school facilities for the respective school year through its annual reports (this is the second time this data is being made available). The included analysis is related to only reported injuries. An injury report is prepared whenever the injury is followed by the absence of the injured child or student, whenever the injury is fatal and whenever the report is requested by the injured party or their legal guardian.

In the 2006/2007 school year, the regional inspectorates received a total of 31,149 injury reports. Compared to the total number of children and students in all types of schools, the injury rate, calculated as the number of injuries per 100 persons, is 1.77. 55.51% of the injuries occurred to boys and 44.49% occurred to girls.

In comparing the data for the past two school years, there was a 7.62% annualized rate of decline in the number of injuries, with a 2.43% drop in the total number of children and students. The injury index (per/100 persons injury rate) dropped by 0.12. The ratio between injured boys to injured girls remained almost the same (55:45).

Table 15: Injury Index in Individual Types of Schools

Type of School	2006/2007 Index	2005/2006 Index	Difference
Kindergarten	0.22	0.21	+ 0.01
Primary Schools	2.47	2.47	0.00
Secondary Schools	1.50	1.69	- 0.19
Tertiary Professional Schools	0.68	0.19	+ 0.49

The records obtained indicate that the majority of injuries occurred at primary schools – 21,683 (69.61%) – and that the lowest number of injuries occurred at higher level professional schools – 190 (0.61%). 626 injuries (2.01%) occurred in kindergartens and 8,650 (27.77%) occurred in secondary schools. The injury index is a more objective indicator to follow and its values for the monitored and previous school years are shown in Table 15.

For the current school year, the data in the table shows that the injury rate has increased slightly for kindergartens and that it has stayed approximately the same in primary schools. The injury rate has dropped for students in secondary schools but it has increased for students in higher level professional schools.