

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 № 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.

Homes for medico-social care for children

The survey "Homes for medico-social care for children" is exhaustive annually survey carried out by NSI. Source of data are homes for medico-social care for children. Data on personnel, beds, distribution of children by main health and social categories and other basic indicators on establishments' activity are ensured.

In accordance with the Law for Health Establishments the homes for medico-social care for children are registered as "other health establishments" where medical and other specialists carry out continuous medical observation and provide specific care for children up to 3 years of age with chronic diseases and medico-social problems.

In accordance with the Law for Child Protection the accommodation of the children in specialised institutions shall be implemented only in the cases when the opportunities for accommodation of the children in family environment have been exhausted. According to the Regulation for organization and activity of homes for medico-social care for children in addition to cases of accommodation in accordance with the Law for Child Protection children with low weight due to prematurely born can be admitted with their parents or guardian agreement.

The number of these children is included in the total number of institutionalized children for the period of stay in homes.

Publicity

More health information can be found in the annual publication 'Health services', issued by NSI and the National Center for Public Health and Analyses at the Ministry of Health. The data sources are the statistical surveys carried out by the both institutions. Main methodological explanations are also included.

Health data are included in "Statistical Reference Book" and publication "Bulgaria - Statistical Panorama" (preliminary data) as well as in "Statistical yearbook". Data on death by causes are included in the publication "Population and demographic processes".

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 website (www.nsi.bg).