

Fatal and non-fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in Japan in 1999-2022

tunnel construction work industry Code No.030102

Type of accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Type of accidents	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total
fall from height	24	18	30	20	14	22	21	15	22	20	13	8	6	12	10	10	5	10	10	7	13	9	9	10	338
falling to same level	6	7	12	9	7	2	4	8	5	5	7	3	4	4	4	4	8	4	6	6	9	7	3	4	138
crash	3	8	7	9	3	4	3	8	3	5	3		4	2	1	3	3	9	5	4	3		2	3	95
struck by flying or falling object	32	24	26	25	14	13	25	22	9	15	12	14	9	14	9	3	13	13	13	12	10	14	7	14	362
collapse	17	17	11	18	10	6	8	10	7	7	10	5	4	8	4	8	7	11	9	8	4	2	9	7	207
crashed by	12	20	16	6	14	6	14	6	7	12	7	5	10	8	7	6	6	5	3	7	7	7	10	6	207
caught in/between	34	32	27	17	22	20	16	17	25	19	18	12	13	12	18	9	22	12	12	15	16	23	10	18	439
cut	2	3	2	2	4	4	3	3	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	4			1			41
injury to the sole of the foot			2										1				1								4
drown																					1		1		2
contact to high/low-	1	2	1	1	1	1	1		3	2		2	1	4	1			1	1	2	2			2	29

temperature																									
contact to harmful substance	1	7	6	8	1	6	5		2	3	1	2	1	1				1	2		6	2	2	1	58
electric shock												2													2
explosion		2								4			4												10
burst	1					2		1			1										1		1		7
fire		1	1		1			1																1	5
traffic accident (public road)	3	4	4	12	15	3	8	3	1	1	3	6	3	1	2	1		3		4		1	3	2	83
traffic accident (others)							1																		1
reaction to motion/improper motion	4	5	4	3	2	2	4	2	1	1	2	2	4	1	2	1		2	3	3	5	4	2		59
others		1				1	1	22				1				1	1	2	11		2	16	27		86
unclassifiable	1				1				1								1								4
total	141	151	149	130	109	92	114	118	87	95	79	64	61	72	59	48	68	74	79	68	79	86	86	68	2,177

Causal agents (large) of fatal and non-fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Causal (L) agents	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total
machine	40	52	41	22	31	27	22	19	20	22	16	13	17	14	14	13	13	21	18	15	12	18	9	19	508

crane, conveying machine	27	26	22	25	23	19	25	20	13	16	18	13	13	11	15	7	18	11	8	16	7	15	18	10	396
other equipment	11	11	11	16	12	4	15	13	9	9	7	9	2	6	3	4	3	9	9	8	8	7	9	8	203
temporary buildings, establishments	18	20	37	26	13	16	17	20	17	18	14	10	13	20	13	10	14	8	13	6	17	14	10	14	378
substance, material	16	14	17	15	12	15	20	11	9	15	7	7	7	10	5	7	7	4	6	8	17	8	7	8	252
load	1	4	3				2	1	5		1		1	1			2	2		2	2		1	1	29
environment	27	22	18	24	15	10	13	33	11	14	14	11	7	9	8	7	9	15	14	12	10	8	5	8	324
others	1	2		2	3	1		1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1		2	4	11	1	6	16	27		87
total	141	151	149	130	109	92	114	118	87	95	79	64	61	72	59	48	68	74	79	68	79	86	86	68	2,177

Causal agents (middle) of fatal and non-fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Causal (M) agents	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total	
engine												1												1	2	
power transmission mechanism							1					1														2
woodworking machine	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	1	1	1			1	1	1			2	2						22	

circular sawing machine			1	2	2	1	1	1					1		2	2							13	
band sawing machine																								
wood planer machine													1										1	
hollow chisel mortiser, wood borer																								
chamfering machine, router, woodworking milling machine																								
chain saw																								
other woodworking machines												1											1	
leveling, transporting or loading machine				3		1	1	2	1	1	1		1		1	2	5		1		1		1	22
excavating machine			12	4		6	5	1	6	2		3	3	5	4	6		2	5	3	1	2	1	71
foundation work machine				3				1								1			1		2	1	1	10
hardening machine												2					1							3

pressure vessel					1						1										1	3	
other pressure vessels																							
chemical facilities																							
gas welding equipment																							
arc welding equipment					1																		1
other welding equipment																							
kiln, caldron																							
industrial dryer																							
other kiln, caldron																							
transmission								1															1
electric power facilities									1			2										2	5
other electrical equipment																						1	1
human power cranes								2		1		1		1	1				1			1	8
human power hauling equipment					1		1		2	1									1			1	7

human power machine																								1	1
hand tool			1		1		2		1	2	3	1	2			1	1	1	1	2	1	2		2	24
ladder			3		2		3	2	3	2	1	1		2	1			4			4	1	1	1	31
slinging tool					1		3			1	3	1		1			1		1			1		2	15
other tools			2		4		2	5	1	2		1		2	1			2	2	4	1	1	2		32
other equipment, facilities			5		1		4	3	1			1				3	1	2	4	2	1	2	2		32
scaffolding			4		3		2	2	2	4	1	1	5	3		2		2	2		2		1	1	37
timbering			9		2		3	2	2		1		1	6	3		5	1	2	2	1		3	1	44
stairs, landing stage			2					1	2	1	3			2	1		2	1	1				1	1	18
opening			2				2	1	1	1				2		1			2	2	1	1		1	17
roof, beam, haze, crossbeam, principal rafter									1		1														2
working platform, boot board			4		4		2	3	1		2	1	1				2				2	2		1	25
passage			4		1		3	1		4	3	3	3	3		1	2		2	1	4	2	1	4	42
building, establishment			7		3		4	5	5	6	2	3	2	2	6	1	1	2	4	1	4	5	3	2	68
other temporary buildings,			5				1	5	3	2	1	2	1	2	3	5	2	2			3	4	1	3	45

environment												1			1									3	
high/cold temperature environment							1		1	1		2		3	1			1		1	1			12	
other environments					1		1	22	1				2						1	2	2			1	33
other causal agent								1			1	1						2	9		2	15	27		58
no causal agent					2				2	1	1		1	1			2	2		1	4	1			18
unclassifiable					1				1						1				2						5
total	141	151	149	130	109	92	114	118	87	95	79	64	61	72	59	48	68	74	79	68	79	86	86	68	2,177

Workers age of fatal and non-fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Age	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total	
19 years old or less	1	1	2	1	1		1	2		2	1	2	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21
20-29	20	22	17	17	17	7	18	12	3	7	6	6	5	5	7	3	7	8	8	3	8	12	14	5	237	
30-39	28	33	29	20	25	23	35	34	25	27	21	13	16	13	8	18	12	16	8	11	11	10	8	8	452	
40-49	35	32	42	41	23	18	27	26	16	16	21	15	16	21	18	9	18	15	26	21	20	24	23	11	534	
50-59	42	48	43	42	32	35	27	34	30	32	22	16	19	22	16	13	15	23	20	19	22	16	24	28	640	
60 years old or more	15	15	16	9	11	9	6	10	13	11	8	12	4	11	10	5	16	12	16	13	17	23	16	15	293	
total	141	151	149	130	109	92	114	118	87	95	79	64	61	72	59	48	68	74	79	68	79	86	86	68	2,177	

Workers' number of workplace of fatal and non-fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Workers scale	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total
9 workers or less	27	32	31	28	34	19	18	33	21	20	19	17	14	18	15	10	17	13	24	13	18	26	16	22	505
10-29	70	79	73	63	43	47	57	55	49	53	36	29	22	26	28	24	34	32	32	30	31	35	37	24	1,009
30-49	32	34	28	20	16	20	24	14	13	14	21	13	14	18	8	4	11	15	17	15	12	17	19	12	411
50-99	8	5	11	14	13	4	13	15	2	4	1	1	6	9	6	4	5	11	4	7	12	6	12	5	178
100-299	3	1	5	5	3	2	2	1	2	3	2	4	5	1	2	6	1	1	2	1	5	2	2	4	65
300 workers or more	1		1							1								2		2	1			1	9
total	141	151	149	130	109	92	114	118	87	95	79	64	61	72	59	48	68	74	79	68	79	86	86	68	2,177

Month of fatal and non-fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total
January	14	6	13	9	10	6	13	10	8	10	15	1	7	7	4	4	7	8	5	4	5	5	10	4	185
February	11	15	10	5	13	8	7	8	10	7	9	6	4	11	7	2	4	9	8	4	3	8	2	5	176
March	10	8	27	20	16	8	8	13	9	9	5	6	7	11	4	6	4	5	12	7	3	9	13	8	228
April	8	15	12	4	4	6	8	6	4	8	7	3	7	6	7	2	3	4	2	4	12	5	4	6	147
May	12	18	7	7	3	8	15	3	7	9	4	5	2	10	8	5	4	5	6	6	6	8	8	8	174
June	9	10	16	13	5	8	8	5	7	13	8	3	5	3	6	5	6	8	8	7	8	5	6	8	180

July	6	11	8	14	7	8	6	10	5	8	5	8	4	3	4	2	9	9	9	8	7	4	3	2	160
August	10	7	7	9	5	8	9	9	11	6	9	4	2	7	3	2	4	6	7	5	5	4	13	2	154
September	20	16	9	21	13	11	18	5	10	7	3	3	7	2	3	2	6	6	3	5	6	4	14	10	204
October	13	14	15	8	13	6	6	8	4	6	3	8	10	2	4	11	5	4	8	4	13	14	7	5	191
November	16	12	18	9	7	10	6	32	5	6	5	8	1	2	6	4	11	3	6	10	4	16	4	4	205
December	12	19	7	11	13	5	10	9	7	6	6	9	5	8	3	3	5	7	5	4	7	4	2	6	173
total	141	151	149	130	109	92	114	118	87	95	79	64	61	72	59	48	68	74	79	68	79	86	86	68	2,177

Prefecture of fatal and non-fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Prefecture	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total
Hokkaido	5	12	7		12		7	30	9	7	8	3	1	2	6	2	4	1	3	6	5	16	12	12	170
Aomori		3			1		2		2	1			1	1				1	1		1		1		15
Iwate	10	5	7				1	3		1	3				1	5	6	8	4	4	5	3	4		70
Miyagi	1	2			1			2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1						1	19
Akita	2	2					3	3	2	1	1	1	2		1				2					1	21
Yamagata	3	2	2					2			3	2	2	1		1			5	1	1		1	2	28
Fukushima	2	2	3		2			3	3	6		3	1	1		4	4	3	3	2	2		2	1	47
Ibaraki	1				1		1	3	1						2										9
Tochigi	1	1	1				1		2	1	3	1			1		1		1					1	15
Gunma	5		5		1			2	1	1											1				16

Saitama	2		3		1			1			1				3	3	1	3						1	19
Chiba					2		6			1	1			1	1		3		2		1	1	3	1	23
Tokyo	7	3	10		12		21	8	2	9	4	11	14	15	8	6	4	3	1	6	6	7	9	4	170
Kanagawa	10	8	3		2		2	4	4	4	4	3	2		2	2		4	5	8	6	3	6	9	91
Niigata	5	5	3		9		5	3	4	6	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	2		1	1	2	2	2	63
Toyama	7	2	2		2			1		1	1	1	3	1	2	2	1								26
Ishikawa	5	2			2		3		1		1	1	1				1	1	1	2	7	3			31
Fukui		1	7		2		3		1	8	2	3	2	3	3	1	1	5	15	3	7	9	14	4	94
Yamanashi	1	2						1	1	1	1	1	6	4		2	3	6	3	1	1	3		1	38
Nagano	4	3	5		5		2	1	1	3	2				2	1		1	1	6	3	1		2	43
Gifu	4	5	9		2		8	7	2	1		2	1			1	6	2	2	3	2	2	6	1	66
Shizuoka	7	7	18		10		10	4	4	4	3	3		3	2			3	1	2	1	1	1	1	85
Aichi	5	1	1		2		1	2	2	5	1	5	1	5	2	2	7	1	1	1	5	5	3	5	63
Mie	2	3	2		4		3	2	6	2	1	2	4	3	1	1		1		1			1	3	42
Shiga		2	3		2					2	1								1				1	1	13
Kyoto	7	11	8		5		2	2	3	1	1	1	1	5	2	1	1			1	1			1	54
Osaka	5	1	2		2		2	3	3	4	7	1	3	3	1	2	1	2	4	2	3			2	53
Hyogo	5	13	5		1		2	4	2	6	1	1		3		4	2	6	1	1	2	1	1		61
Nara	1	4			3		1				3		1	1				1		1					16
Wakayama	1	1			2		1	3	1	2			1		2	2	1	2			1	14	1		35
Tottori			1							2			1				1	3	2	3	1			1	15

Shimane	1	1	4				2	1	2		3	5	1	1			1		1		1				24
Okayama		4	2		1		1	1	1	2	3		2	6	2					1					26
Hiroshima	1	6	3		2		3	2	3	2	1	2	2		2	1			2		1		2	1	36
Yamaguchi	1	3	2				1	1		1	3							1	1						14
Tokushima	3	1	1				1	2	1		1	1		1				2			3				17
Kagawa											2						1		1			2			6
Ehime			3		3		4	4	2		1				1			3	2		1	4	2		30
Kochi	4	4	3		1			1	3		3			1				2	1		1	1	4		29
Fukuoka	2	8	4				6	2	4	2	1	2				1	2	1		1		2	1	2	41
Saga		1						1			1				1	1	2	1	2	1					11
Nagasaki	5	1	2		2		1		1	1							3	3	5	5	2		5	2	38
Kumamoto	2	4	7		4			5		1			1		1		1		1	1	2	2		2	34
Oita	4	4	3		1			1	2	1	2		1	2	4		1	2	2	1	2	3		1	37
Miyazaki	2	6	3		6		1	2	3	4	1	2	2	2	3		1			1	1	3	1	1	45
Kagoshima	7	5	4		1		4		3			4	2	4		1	3	1	1		1				41
Okinawa	1		1				3	1	1		2						1	1			2	1	1		15
total	141	151	149	130	109	92	114	118	87	95	79	64	61	72	59	48	68	74	79	68	79	86	86	68	2,177

Fatal and non-fatal accidents mean fatal and non-fatal injuries and occupational diseases with work absence of 4 days and more.

Data of 2022 year do not include Covid-19 cases. Data of 2020 & 2021 year include Covid-19 cases. Fatal and non-fatal data are same situation.

Data of 2011 year include fatal and non-fatal accidents caused by Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011.

drown														2								1		1			4
contact to high/low-temperature																											
contact to harmful substance																											
electric shock																											
explosion										2				2													4
burst																											
fire			1																								1
traffic accident (public road)																									1		1
traffic accident (others)																											
reaction to motion/improper motion																											
others								9																			9
unclassifiable																											
total	11	13	10	8	10	3	2	15	7	7	5	3	3	12	4	4	4	6	7	6	2	7	3	8		160	

Causal agents (large) of fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

environment																									
high/cold temperature environment																									
other environments							9												1					10	
other causal agent																									
no causal agent																									
unclassifiable																									
total	11	13	10	8	10	3	2	15	7	7	5	3	3	12	4	4	4	6	7	6	2	7	3	8	160

Workers age of fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Age	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total
19 years old or less																									
20-29	1	2	3	1	2			1				1					1	1			1	1			15
30-39		1	1		1			6	1	1	3		3	2		2		2	1	3			1	1	29
40-49	4	4	3	1	2	1	2	2		2		1		3	2	1		1	4			1	1	1	36
50-59	4	6	3	6	4	2		4	6	3	2	1		4	1	1	1	1	1	3				3	56
60 years old or more	2				1			2		1				3	1		2	1	1		1	5	1	3	24
total	11	13	10	8	10	3	2	15	7	7	5	3	3	12	4	4	4	6	7	6	2	7	3	8	160

Workers' number of workplace of fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Workers scale	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total
9 workers or less	1	2	1	3				6	3				1	4	2			2	3			3		1	32
10-29	6	3	4	2	7			6	3	4	1	1	1		1		2	2	2	3	1	2		2	53
30-49	1	6	3	1	2	3	1	1		1	4	1	1	4	1	3		1	1	1	1		1	3	41
50-99	3	1	1	1				2	1	1							1	1	1	1		1	2	2	19
100-299		1	1	1	1		1			1		1		4		1	1			1		1			15
300 workers or more																									
total	11	13	10	8	10	3	2	15	7	7	5	3	3	12	4	4	4	6	7	6	2	7	3	8	160

Month of fatal accidents in tunnel construction work in 1999-2022

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	total
January	1	1				1		1	1	1	1					1		1	1	1		1			12
February		1		1	3				1		1			5	1			1		1		1			16
March	1		2	2	2		2	1								1			1	1	1	2	1		17
April			2	2					1	1				1	1		1		1					1	11
May		2			1					2		1		2	1	1		1	1			1		1	14
June	1		1		1			3	1			1		1		1			1					1	12

Shimane				1									1												2
Okayama												1		6											7
Hiroshima																									
Yamaguchi								1																	1
Tokushima																									
Kagawa																									
Ehime								1															1	2	
Kochi		1												2											3
Fukuoka	1								2	1															4
Saga																									
Nagasaki					1					1								1		1					4
Kumamoto			1					1																	2
Oita																									
Miyazaki					2	1									1		1								5
Kagoshima	1								1																2
Okinawa				1																					1
total	11	13	10	8	10	3	2	15	7	7	5	3	3	12	4	4	4	6	7	6	2	7	3	8	160

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