

Performance of labour inspection systems, selected countries

Reference period	Criterion	Algeria	Australia	Brazil	Costa Rica	Cyprus	Dominican Republic	El Salvador	France	Guatemala	Honduras	Ireland
2007	Inspection actions	90 669	19 600	428 079	10 332	5 870	79 484	29 450	215 588	5 515	14 723	13 631
	No. of inspectors	...	220	3 172	88	85	192	159	1 743	239	118	127
	Inspection actions per inspector	...	89.09	134.95	117.41	69	413.98	185.22	123.7	23.08	125	107
2008	Inspection actions	108 372	33 600	356 174	12 235	5 805	85 265	29 948	251 093	11 127	17 392	16 009
	No. of inspectors	...	310	3 112	90	87	202	159	1 910	238	120	127
	Inspection actions per inspector	...	108.39	114.45	135.94	66.72	422.1	188.35	131.5	46.75	144.93	126.06
2009	Inspection actions	126 326	30 418	334 625	14 385	...	86 816	29 728	...	13 131	15 277	18 451
	No. of inspectors	876	330	2 949	93	...	203	159	...	238	120	127
	Inspection actions per inspector	144.21	92.18	113.47	154.68	...	427.67	186.97	...	55.17	127.31	145.28
2009/07 % change	Inspection actions	39.3	55.2	-21.8	39.2	-1.1 (08/07)	9.2	0.9	16.5 (08/07)	138.1	3.8	35.4
	No. of inspectors	...	50	-7	5.7	2.4 (08/07)	5.7	0	9.6 (08/07)	-0.4	1.7	0
	Inspection actions per inspector	...	3.5	-15.9	31.7	-3.3 (08/07)	3.3	0.9	6.3 (08/07)	139.0	1.8	35.8

Reference period	Criterion	Latvia	Netherlands	New Zealand	Nicaragua	Peru	Poland	Singapore	South Africa	Spain	Switzerland	Viet Nam
2007	Inspection actions	13 538	36 621	9 582	4 383	59 900	80 525	6 904	180 767	1 229 163	35 511	4 655
	No. of inspectors	134	455	172	92	340	1 513	185	779	1 729	266	141
	Inspection actions per inspector	101.03	80.5	55.71	47.64	176	53.22	37.32	232.05	710.9	133.30	33
2008	Inspection actions	13 238	35 000	9 388	6 716	77 590	80 500	6 714	200 665	1 047 977	36 360	5 695
	No. of inspectors	124	473	189	94	424	...	178	...	1 746	252	154
	Inspection actions per inspector	106.76	74	49.67	71.45	183	...	37.72	...	600.2	144.57	37
2009	Inspection actions	...	35 404	9 372	6 861	84 095	88 000	5 643	153 697	1 122 513	37 258	3 146
	No. of inspectors	...	458	189	96	411	1 397	194	965	1 854	262	175
	Inspection actions per inspector	...	77.3	49.59	71.47	204.61	62.99	29	159.27	605.45	142.02	17.98
2009/07 % change	Inspection actions	-2.2 (08/07)	-3.3	-2.2	56.5	40.4	9.3	-18.3	-15	-8.7	4.9	-32.4
	No. of inspectors	-7.5 (08/07)	0.7	9.9	4.3	20.9	-7.7	4.9	23.9	7.2	-1.5	24.1
	Inspection actions per inspector	5.7 (08/07)	-4	-11	50	16.3	18.4	-22.3	-31.4	-14.8	6.5	-45.5

Note: These tables contain a sample of statistics collected by the Office on the activities of selected national labour inspection systems (LIS) between 2007 and 2009. The data cover 22 countries representing every geographic region. Countries were selected based on the completeness and reliability of available data. Figures on LIS were primarily drawn from article 22 reports on the Labour Inspection Convention, 1947 (No. 81), submitted to the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations. Other sources included the Eurostat Health and Safety at Work database, websites of national labour ministries responsible for labour inspection, replies to an Office questionnaire, ILO technical memoranda and project information on national labour inspection systems. The ILO Labour Administration and Inspection Programme (LAB/ADMIN), is currently working with the Department of Statistics to promote greater and more proficient use of statistics by labour inspection authorities through technical assistance and the development of global tools. For additional information on other countries, see the LIS data set prepared by LAB/ADMIN, at http://www.ilo.org/labadmin/info/lang=en/docName=WCMS_141485/index.htm.

Inspection actions: The total number of individual workplace visits, follow-up visits and document reviews, as well as advisory or preventive services and consultations carried out by labour inspectors during the given period.

No. of inspectors: The total number of persons of either sex who, for the given period, are formally recognized as labour inspectors and/or who exercise inspection functions (e.g. sub-inspectors, *contrôleurs du travail*, technical labour inspectors).

Inspection actions per inspector: This figure is a rudimentary efficiency indicator, showing the average number of inspection actions carried out in a country by each labour inspector in the given period.

... = Data not available.