

TABLE XV--ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES, CALENDAR YEAR 1948, BY AGE-GROUPS*

Age-group.	Number of Accidents.		
	To Males.	To Females.	Total.
Under 16	41	7	48
16 to 20	1,061	84	1,145
21 to 24	1,241	63	1,304
25 to 34	2,031	51	2,082
35 to 44	1,608	58	1,666
45 to 54	986	51	1,037
55 and over	576	17	593
Not stated	238	9	247
Total	7,782	340	8,122

* These are preliminary figures only, and include 597 accidents in "bush undertakings" reported under the Bush Workers Act, 1945. "Factory" accidents numbered 7,525. Source: Census and Statistics Department.

TABLE XVI--ACCIDENTS IN FACTORIES, CALENDAR YEAR 1948, BY CAUSE OF ACCIDENT*

Cause.	Number of Accidents.			Percentage Change, 1947 to 1948.
	1946.	1947.	1948.	
Fixed machinery	1,161	1,277	1,767	+ 38
Vehicles	54	126	139	+ 10
Explosions and fires	190	192	207	+ 8
Poisonous and corrosive substances	170	128	143	+ 12
Electricity	12	15	22	+ 47
Fall of persons	460	497	633	+ 27
Stepping on or striking against fixed objects	319	353	367	+ 4
Falling on otherwise moving objects	168	219	231	+ 5
Falls of earth	2	2	5	+150
Handling of objects	2,203	2,366	2,743	+ 16
Hand-tools	1,353	1,563	1,501	- 4
Animals	..	..	36	..
Miscellaneous	296	425	328	- 23
Total	6,388	7,163	8,122	+ 13

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