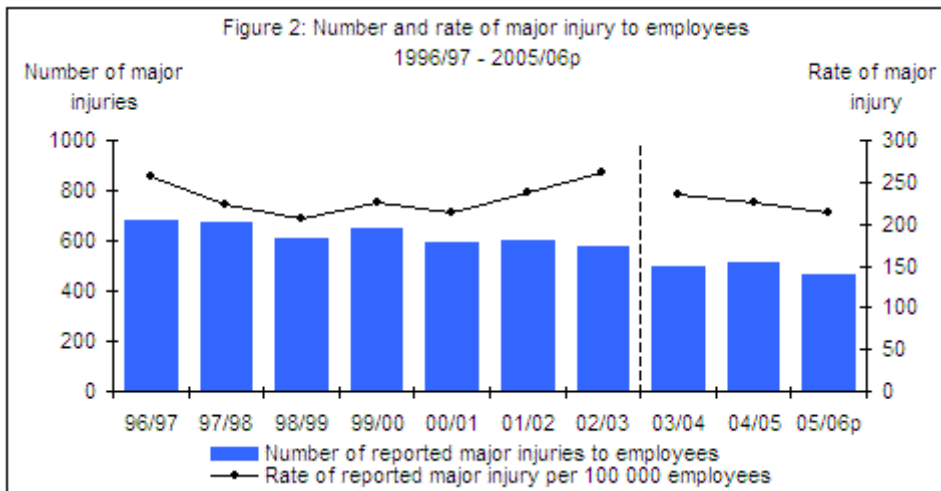


NUMBER AND RATE OF MAJOR INJURIES IN AGRICULTURE

In 2003/04 there was a change to the employer database against which HSE non-fatal injury reports are assigned. This affected the spread of non-fatal injury numbers by industry. The change in coding practice affects injury numbers but not the corresponding workforce figures and hence injury rates will also be affected. The change was particularly marked in the agriculture sector. As a result injury figures prior to 2003/04 cannot be compared with more recent data for this industry group. In essence, they are two separate series. Until more data are available on the new basis, an accurate assessment of a long-term trend cannot be made.



Based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS), the rate of reportable injury in agriculture, hunting, forestry and fishing was 2 020 per 100 000 workers in 2004/05 (three-year average), statistically significantly higher than the average for all industries (1 090 per 100 000 workers).

In 2005/06, both the number and rate of reported non-fatal injuries to employees fell.

