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Arbo services continue to grow in 2000

The Arbo services and advice bureaus (all of which are relating to working conditions and health) have shown a continuous growth since 1995. This continued in 2000. The number of employees, turnover and costs all increased, according to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands. The total number of Arbo services and advice bureaus has been declining since 1995 due to mergers and takeovers.

Turnover up

Turnover in the Arbo service sector went up 14% in 2000, reaching 789 million euro. The 1998 growth rate was also 14%, The 1999 growth rate 12%. Costs increased to 764 million euro. Operating profits in 2000 were over 24 million euro, about the same amount as the year before.

More jobs

By the end of 2000 the Arbo services and Arbo advice bureaus had more than 9400 filled jobs, up 11% on 1999. Medical doctors fill almost a quarter of the jobs. About 9% were hygiene and safety experts and labour and organisation consultants.

Fewer enterprises

The number of enterprises has been falling since 1995. The number fell by 74 to 127 in 2000 due to mergers and takeovers. The 10 largest Arbo services made 61% of the turnover in the sector. The smallest 100 enterprises had a 15% share in turnover.

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