From 13 weeks after reporting sick registration of sickness absence by the Dutch Social Security Agency (SSA)

First day of reporting sick between August 1st and October 31st of 2003

workers without an employment contract sick-listed for at least 13 weeks (N = 14854)

excluding doubles

N = 14764
2613 temporary agency workers
6608 unemployed workers
5543 remaining workers without employment contract

random sample

N = 3500
1600 temporary agency workers
1600 unemployed workers
300 remaining workers

response

N = 1179
426 temporary agency workers
416 unemployed workers
301 remaining workers
36 not classified in questionnaire

analysing first day of sick-leave analysing type of worker

N = 1077
407 temporary agency workers
402 unemployed workers
235 remaining workers without employment contract
33 not classified in questionnaire