



2012 Missouri Summary Press Release

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics released its nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses data obtained through the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The data indicated a total of 60,300 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses in Missouri private industry in 2012. Less than half (29,900) of these cases were the more serious cases that involved days away from work, job transfer, or restriction (DART cases).

The incidence rate (number of injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers) for total recordable cases of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses in Missouri private industry in 2012 was 3.3, not statistically significantly changed from the 2011 rate of 3.4. The incidence rate of cases with days away from work, job transfer, or restriction was 1.6.

Workplace illnesses accounted for 5.5 percent (3,300) of the total cases of injuries and illnesses in Missouri private industry in 2012. The incidence rate (number of illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers) of workplace illnesses was 18.0. Both the number and the rate of workplace illnesses in Missouri private industry were statistically significantly decreased from 2011.

Private industry goods-producing industries, such as natural resources, construction, and manufacturing, as a whole had an incidence rate of 4.4 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers in 2012. The manufacturing major industry sector and sector (NAICS 31-33) had an incidence rate of 4.5 for 2012. This was statistically significantly reduced from the 2011 rate of 4.9.

Private industry service-providing industries, such as retail trade, transportation, health care, and leisure and hospitality, as a whole had an incidence rate of 3.1 per 100 equivalent full-time workers in 2012.

Statistical data on Missouri nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses are obtained from the annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The Survey is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Research and Analysis Section. Occupational injury and illness data are randomly collected from approximately 5,700 Missouri employers each year.

Additional case and demographic data related to these nonfatal injuries and illnesses will be released next month by the U.S. Department of Labor. This information will provide the nature of the injury or illness, part of body affected, source of injury or illness, and event or exposure that caused the injury or illness. In addition, worker demographics, such as race, age, and sex will be provided.

For more information regarding this survey, please visit www.labor.mo.gov/Lmi or www.bls.gov/iif or call the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Research and Analysis Section at (573) 751-9677.