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Rate of Nonfatal Occupational Injuries and Illnesses for Private Industries in Texas Declined in 2010

AUSTIN, TX – Private industry workplaces in Texas reported a seven percent decrease in nonfatal injuries and illnesses during 2010 with a total of 189,841. The incidence rate of 2.7 cases per 100 equivalent full-time employees marks the eighth consecutive year that the incidence rate has dropped. The rate was 2.9 in 2009. The Texas rate remains below the national rate of 3.5 for 2010.

The 2010 injury and illness data are the latest available from the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses conducted by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The occupational injury and illness rates are based on a statistical sample of private firms in Texas.

Beginning with the 2003 reference year, the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses began using the 2002 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). As of the 2009 reference year, data is based on the latest edition of NAICS 2007. For information regarding NAICS 2007 revisions, visit the BLS website at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm>.

Highlights of the 2010 Annual Survey

In the private sector, the incidence rate for the goods producing super sector decreased from 3.0 in 2009 to 2.8 in 2010. The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting sector experienced an increase from 3.4 in 2009 to 4.1 in 2010.

The service providing super sector showed an overall decrease in incidence rate from 2.9 in 2009 to 2.6 in 2010. Within this group, three sectors reported increases; wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing and educational services (Table 1).

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Table 1. Incidence rates of total recordable nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses by private industry sector, 2006-2010, Texas.

Industry Sector	NAICS Code	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Private Industry – Nation		4.4	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.5
Private Industry – Texas		3.7	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.7
Goods producing		4.3	4.0	3.4	3.0	2.8
Natural resources and mining		3.5	2.7	2.3	--	1.9
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting	11	5.2	5.3	5.1	3.4	4.1
Mining	21	3.1	2.2	1.9	--	1.4
Construction	23	3.8	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.5
Manufacturing	31-33	4.8	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.3
Service providing		3.5	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.6
Trade, transportation, and utilities		4.6	4.2	4.0	3.7	3.7
Wholesale trade	42	3.8	3.2	3.3	2.5	2.8
Retail trade	44-45	4.6	4.3	3.9	4.1	3.9
Transportation and warehousing	48-49	6.1	5.8	5.4	4.6	4.7
Utilities	22	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.9	2.1
Information	51	1.4	1.7	1.5	2.0	1.3
Financial activities	52-53	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.0
Professional and business services	54-56	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.2
Education and health services	61-62	4.8	3.9	3.5	3.8	3.4
Educational services	61	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.9
Health care and social assistance	62	5.1	4.1	3.7	3.9	3.5
Leisure and hospitality	71-72	3.9	4.2	3.2	3.0	2.7
Other services, except public admin	81	2.0	2.1	3.0	3.1	1.9

Of the major private sector industries reporting the highest incidence rates in 2010, couriers and messengers and air transportation are the top two. Couriers and messengers reported the largest increase of 21% from 7.7 in 2009 to 9.3 in 2010. Air transportation reported the largest decrease at 20% from 8.9 in 2009 to 7.1 in 2010 (Table 2).

Table 2. Major industries with the highest nonfatal occupational injury and illness incidence rates per 100 full-time employees for total cases, 2010, Texas.

Industry	NAICS Code	2010 Rate
Couriers and messengers	492	9.3
Air transportation	481	7.1
Hospitals	622	6.4
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing	312	6.3
Nursing and residential care facilities	623	5.7
Primary metal manufacturing	331	5.6
Food and beverage stores	445	5.5
Food manufacturing	311	5.3
General merchandise stores	452	4.9

Regarding the data reported in this news release:

- Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers and were calculated as $(N/EH) \times 200,000$ where N = Number of injuries and illnesses, EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year, 200,000 = base for 100 equivalent full-time workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year);
- Industry is based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) 2007 Edition;
- Data excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees;
- Dashes indicate data do not meet publication guidelines; and
- Data for mining (Sector 21 in the 2007 NAICS) includes establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) rules and reporting, such as these in oil and gas extraction and related support activities. Data are provided to BLS by MSHA and do not reflect the changes that OSHA made to its recordkeeping requirements effective January, 2002; therefore estimates for these industries are not comparable to estimates in other industries.

The TDI-DWC collects occupational injury and illness data in order to assist employers, safety professionals, and policymakers in identifying safety and health issues in the state. Likewise, the TDI-DWC Workplace Safety program area provides various safety and health services to help reduce injuries and illnesses in the workplace through accident and illness prevention. Services include: free safety and health consultations on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations; regional and statewide safety conferences; customized on-site safety training; free safety and health publications; free safety training audio visual loans; and the Safety Violations Hotline. For more information on these services, visit the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/index.html> or call 800-687-7080. Employers with questions about participating in this survey may call 866-237-6405.

In November, the TDI-DWC will release more in-depth case and demographic data about the 2010 injury and illness cases involving days away from work. Additional Texas nonfatal occupational injury and illness data are available by calling 512-804-4664 or sending an e-mail to injuryanalysis@tdi.texas.gov.

Details about the national BLS injury and illness data can be found on the BLS website at <http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshsum.htm>.

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