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Texas Number and Rate of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses Requiring Days Off Work Decreased in 2013

AUSTIN, TX — According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, private industry employers in Texas reported 51,890 cases involving days away from work and an incidence rate of 66.6 injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time equivalent employees in 2013. These are decreases from 53,290 cases and a rate of 70.1 in 2012. The Texas rate is below the national rate of 99.9

Table A. Nonfatal Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Involving Days Away From Work, Private Industry, Texas 2012-2013

	2012	2013
Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work	53,290	51,890
Incidence rate of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work per 10,000 full-time employees	70.1	66.6
Median days away from work	7	8

The median days away from work, a key measure of severity of injuries and illnesses, for private sector employers in Texas was 8 in 2013. (Table A)

The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (-DWC) released previous communications in 2014 reporting on 2013 data from the BLS occupational safety and health statistical series. On September 11, 2014, the DWC issued the first news release, which covered work-related fatalities from the 2013 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries. On December 4, 2014, the DWC reported that there were 198,843 nonfatal injuries and illnesses in the private sector in Texas in 2013. The data is based on the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses with a sample of private businesses in Texas. This news release is a companion report to the December 4, 2014 news release. It covers the circumstances of the injuries and illnesses as well as the characteristics of the employees reported in the 51,890 cases that involved days away from work. To view the full report: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/documents/casedemo13rlse.pdf>

The survey is conducted by BLS in cooperation with the DWC, which collects survey data in order to assist employers, safety professionals, and policymakers in identifying occupational safety and health issues in the state.

The 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 onsite safety training; free safety and health publications; free safety training DVD 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. In addition, employers that carry workers' compensation insurance in Texas can obtain accident prevention services from their insurance companies at no additional charge.