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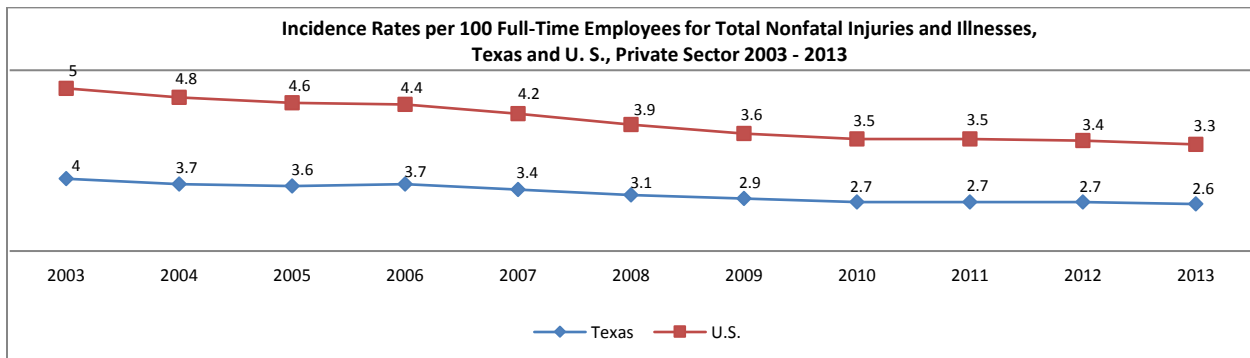
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Texas Workplace Injury, Illness Rate Decreased in 2013

AUSTIN, TX — The Texas incidence rate of nonfatal injuries and illnesses in private industry decreased to 2.6 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers in 2013, down from 2.7 in 2012. The Texas rate is below the national rate of 3.3.



(Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2014)

The 2013 nonfatal injury and illness data in this release are the latest available from the annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) conducted by the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (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. Employers with questions about participating in this survey may call the BLS at 866-237-6405.

The data collected in this survey assists the DWC, employers, safety professionals, and policymakers in identifying 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, with a focus on industries with high injury and illness incidence rates. 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.

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Private Sector Key Findings

Private industry workplaces in Texas reported a total of 198,843 nonfatal injuries and illnesses during 2013, a decrease of 3 percent from 2012. The incidence rate for goods producing industries decreased from 2.7 in 2012 to 2.6 in 2013. Although the overall rate for natural resources and mining (sectors 11-21) decreased 10 percent, agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting (sector 11) experienced a 33 percent increase. The incidence rate in the manufacturing sector decreased nine percent, while the construction industry rate increased slightly.

The service providing industries' incidence rate also decreased from 2.7 in 2012 to 2.6 in 2013. Within this group, notable rate decreases were seen in the utilities (43 percent), information (39 percent), and financial activities (21 percent) sectors. The professional and business services and transportation and warehousing sectors reported increases of 15 percent and 10 percent respectively in 2013. (Table 1)

Table 1. Incidence Rates of Total Recordable Nonfatal Occupational Injuries and Illnesses by Private Industry Sector, 2009-2013, Texas

Industry Sector	NAICS Code	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Private Industry – Nation		3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3
Private Industry – Texas		2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6
Goods Producing		3.0	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6
Natural Resources and Mining	11-21	--	1.9	2.2	1.9	1.7
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	11	3.4	4.1	4.1	3.9	5.2
Mining	21	--	1.4	1.8	1.6	--
Construction	23	2.6	2.5	2.8	2.3	2.4
Manufacturing	31-33	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.0
Service Providing		2.9	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	42-48	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6
Wholesale Trade	42	2.5	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.5
Retail Trade	44-45	4.1	3.9	3.6	4.1	4.1
Transportation and Warehousing	48-49	4.6	4.7	4.5	3.9	4.3
Utilities	22	2.9	2.1	4.1	2.3	1.3
Information	51	2.0	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.1
Financial Activities	52-53	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.1
Professional and Business Services	54-56	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5
Education and Health Services	61-62	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.2	2.9

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Educational Services	61	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.3	1.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	62	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.0
Leisure and Hospitality	71-72	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.9
Other Services, Except Public Administration	81	3.1	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.4

The complete Texas nonfatal injury and illness incidence rate and number data tables by industry can be found on the TDI website at <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/sis/nonfatalhomepag.html>. For additional information, contact the DWC at 512-804-5020 or via email at injuryanalysis@tdi.texas.gov.

Footnotes

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 = numbers of injuries and/or illnesses, EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year, 200,000= base for 100 equivalent full-time employees (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

The NAICS Code represents the industry code from the North American Industry Classification System, 2007 Edition. For more information regarding NAICS 2007 revisions, visit the BLS website at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm>.

Private industry data excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

Totals include data for industries not shown separately.

Data for mining (Sector 21 in the NAICS – United States, 2007) include establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) rules and reporting, such as those in oil and gas extraction and related support activities. Data for mining operators in coal, metal, and nonmetal mining are provided to BLS by MSHA, U. S. Department of Labor. Independent mining contractors are excluded from the coal, metal, and nonmetal mining industries. These data do not reflect the changes Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) made to its recordkeeping requirements effective January 1, 2002; therefore estimates for these industries are not comparable to estimates in other industries.

Data for employers in rail transportation are provided to BLS by the Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

NOTE: Because of rounding, components may not add to totals. A dash indicates data do not meet publication guidelines.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, in cooperation with participating State agencies.

The TDI-DWC will follow up this release with more in-depth case and demographic data about the 2013 injury and illness cases involving days away from work. Additional Texas nonfatal occupational injury and illness data are available by contacting 512-804-5020 or 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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