Environment

Non-fatal work-related injuries and illnesses

Control of occupational hazards is the most effective means to prevent work-related injuries and illnesses. Information on reported cases can be used to identify occupational hazards and to implement strategies and strengthen regulations to protect workers.

Oregon’s private sector workers suffered work-related injuries and illnesses at a rate of 3.9 for every 100 full-time employees in the 2012 calendar year. Of the 42,898 total recordable cases in 2012, 57.0 percent resulted in cases with lost work time (days away from work, restriction, or transfer). The private industry divisions with the highest rates of days away from work include transportation and warehousing (2-digit NAICS = 48-49) and agriculture, forestry, and fishing utilities (2-digit NAICS =11).
Mirroring national trends, the rate of nonfatal injury and illness cases requiring missed days of work decreased in Oregon between 2002 and 2012. Although these data provide valuable information, it is well recognized that the annual survey has a number of limitations and underestimates the true burden of workplace injury and illness.

**Additional Resources:** [Occupational Health Indicators](#)

**About the Data:** Data source is the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII). The SOII is a nationwide sample of employers on all work-related injuries and illnesses. Data include estimated annual number and rate of work-related injuries and illnesses involving days away from work for private sector workers. Information is collected on all work-related injuries and illnesses that result in death, lost worktime, medical treatment other than first aid, loss of consciousness, restriction of work activity, or transfer to another job.

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