The health care and social assistance industry includes the two industries with the greatest number of cases: hospitals and nursing/residential care facilities.

The total recordable rate in health care and social assistance declined by 0.3 case, to 5.9 cases per 100 full-time employees.

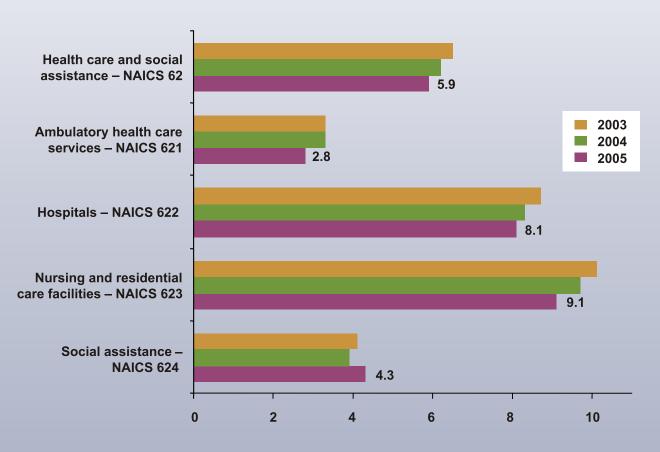
The decline in the rate for health care and social assistance was driven by a decline in both the number of cases and the rate for ambulatory health care services, which reported 11 percent fewer cases and a rate that fell by 0.5 case, to 2.8 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2005.

Rates for the remaining three-digit NAICS industries in health care and social assistance were not significantly different in 2005.

The rate of illnesses experienced by workers in hospitals was 66.2 cases per 10,000 full-time workers, compared with 26.7 cases for all private industry in 2005.

Total recordable nonfatal occupational injury and illness incidence rates, health care and social assistance, 2003–05

(per 100 full-time workers)



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, October, 2006