

TABLE 6. Incidence rates¹ and numbers of nonfatal occupational illnesses by major industry sector and category of illness, 2006

Industry sector	Total cases	Skin diseases or disorders	Respiratory conditions	Poisonings	Hearing loss	All other illnesses
Incidence rates per 10,000 full-time workers						
Private industry ²	24.6	4.5	1.9	0.4	2.6	15.2
Goods-producing ²	42.6	5.8	1.7	.6	9.1	25.4
Natural resources and mining ^{2,3}	28.3	9.2	.9	1.0	1.6	15.6
Construction	14.9	3.4	1.1	.8	.4	9.1
Manufacturing	57.7	6.6	2.1	.4	14.2	34.4
Service-providing	18.8	4.0	2.0	.3	.5	11.9
Trade, transportation, and utilities ⁴	15.4	2.6	1.3	.2	1.1	10.1
Information	14.0	1.8	.5	.1	1.4	10.2
Financial activities	10.8	.9	1.2	.1	.1	8.5
Professional and business services	14.7	4.6	1.2	–	.2	7.9
Education and health services	37.4	7.3	5.1	.2	.1	24.7
Leisure and hospitality	16.2	5.4	1.5	.2	.2	8.9
Other services, except public administration	10.8	3.4	1.1	.2	.2	5.9
Numbers of illnesses in thousands						
Private industry ²	228.0	41.4	17.7	3.4	24.4	141.1
Goods-producing ²	96.9	13.2	3.8	1.3	20.8	57.7
Natural resources and mining ^{2,3}	4.4	1.4	.1	.2	.2	2.4
Construction	10.4	2.4	.8	.5	.3	6.4
Manufacturing	82.1	9.4	2.9	.6	20.2	48.9
Service-providing	131.1	28.1	13.9	2.1	3.6	83.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities ⁴	34.1	5.7	3.0	.5	2.5	22.4
Information	3.9	.5	.1	(⁵)	.4	2.8
Financial activities	8.0	.7	.9	.1	(⁵)	6.3
Professional and business services	19.1	6.0	1.6	–	.3	10.3
Education and health services	49.0	9.6	6.7	.3	.1	32.3
Leisure and hospitality	13.8	4.6	1.3	.2	.2	7.5
Other services, except public administration	3.3	1.0	.3	.1	.1	1.8

¹ The incidence rates represent the number of illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as: (N/EH) x 20,000,000, where

N = number of illnesses
 EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year
 20,000,000 = base for 10,000 equivalent full-time workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year)

² Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

³ Data for Mining (Sector 21 in the *North American Industry Classification System*-- United States, 2002) include establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration 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 the Mine Safety and Health Administration, 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 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration made to its recordkeeping requirements effective January 1, 2002; therefore, estimates for these industries are not comparable to estimates in other industries.

⁴ Data for employers in railroad transportation are provided to BLS by the Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

⁵ Data too small to be displayed.

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

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor