

Nonfatal occupational illnesses by category of illness, private industry, 1993-97

Category	Number (000's)					Percent of total illness cases					Incidence rate ¹				
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total illness cases	482.1	514.7	494.8	439.0	429.8	100	100	100	100	100	61.1	63.7	60.7	52.2	49.8
Skin diseases or disorders	60.2	65.7	64.2	58.1	57.9	12	13	13	13	13	7.6	8.1	7.9	6.9	6.7
Dust diseases of the lungs	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.5	2.9	1	1	1	1	1	.3	.3	.3	.4	.3
Respiratory conditions due to toxic agents	24.2	25.3	24.4	21.7	20.3	5	5	5	5	5	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.4
Poisoning	7.6	7.2	7.5	4.8	5.1	2	1	2	1	1	1.0	.9	.9	.6	.6
Disorders due to physical agents	20.1	21.7	22.4	16.8	16.6	4	4	5	4	4	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.0	1.9
Disorders associated with repeated trauma	302.4	332.1	308.2	281.1	276.6	63	65	62	64	64	38.3	41.1	37.8	33.5	32.0
All other occupational illnesses	64.8	60.0	65.3	53.0	50.6	13	12	13	12	12	8.2	7.4	8.4	6.3	5.8

¹ 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).

NOTE: Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees. Because of rounding, components may not add to totals.

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