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# P R E F A C E

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports the number and frequency of work-related injuries and illnesses in private industry each year. BLS also provides detailed information on the circumstances of the injury or illness and the characteristics of the worker for cases that involve 1 or more days away from work. The data, which come from the BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, identify the industrial, occupational, and worker groups having relatively high risks of job-related injury and illness. The data also provide the means to focus attention on the severity of the incidents and how they occurred.

This report includes charts and text highlighting summary, case, and demographic data gathered from the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. Supplementary data, such as injury and illness rates by detailed industry and establishment size, can be accessed on the Internet at [www.bls.gov/iif](http://www.bls.gov/iif). The online version of the Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Profiles System can be found at <http://data.bls.gov/GQT/servlet/InitialPage>.

Data on factors used to calculate relative standard error can be found in the online appendix of this report. Supplementary data also are available from BLS:

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