

2005 Oregon Occupational Injury and Illness Survey Summary

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Private sector results – new record low

Oregon workers employed in the private sector during calendar year 2005 suffered work-related injuries and illnesses at a rate of 5.4 for every 100 full-time employees. The 2005 total-cases-incidence rate of 5.4 is the lowest rate ever recorded by the private sector in Oregon. Of the 59,227 total recordable cases in 2005, 53.8 percent resulted in cases with lost work time (days away from work, restriction, or transfer).

Industry lost-workday-cases rates

The private sector cases with days away from work, restriction, or job transfer (DART) decreased to 2.9 per 100 full-time employees in 2005. The DART rate includes injury and illness cases that resulted in one or more days away from work (lost-workday cases). The following figures compare 1995-2001 occupational injuries and illnesses incidence rates and present 2002-2005 rates based on the revised recordkeeping requirements.

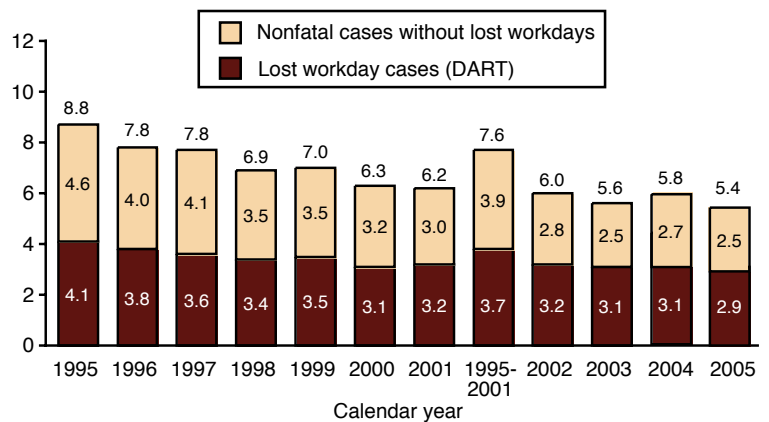
In 2005, the highest rate among industry divisions was 4.9, which was recorded by the utilities industry. Finance and insurance reported the lowest rate of 0.3. Industry data are based on the NAICS. NAICS is the North American Industry Classification System, which replaced the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system as the means of classifying businesses by the type of activity in which they are primarily engaged. The BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses first reported NAICS-based data for its 2003 results.

Public-sector results

The public sector reported a total-cases incidence rate of 5.7 in 2005. State government recorded a total-cases rate of 4.0, while local government registered a rate of 6.4.

The 2005 public sector DART rate consists of the state government's rate of 2.1 and the local government's rate of 3.0. The overall DART rate was 2.7.

Occupational injuries and illnesses incidence rates, private sector, 1995-2005



Note: Due to rounding, lost-workday cases and nonfatal-without-lost-workday cases may not sum to the total-cases rate.

Due to the revised requirements, the estimates from the 2002-2005 survey are not comparable with those from prior years.

Incidence rates of DART cases by industry division, private sector, 2005

Industry	2005
Private sector total	2.9
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting	2.8
Construction	4.2
Manufacturing	4.2
Wholesale trade	3.7
Retail trade	2.9
Transportation and warehousing	4.5
Utilities	4.9
Information	0.9
Finance and insurance	0.3
Real estate, rental and leasing	1.7
Professional, scientific, and technical services	0.8
Management of companies and enterprises	1.0
Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services	1.9
Education services	1.6
Health care and social assistance	3.4
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	2.2
Accommodation and food services	2.2
Other services (except public administration)	1.7

The 2005 rates are based on the NAICS and are not comparable to results from years prior to 2003.

National survey results

The total-cases incidence rate for the private sector nationwide was 4.6 in 2005. The DART rate was 2.4, and the incidence rate for other recordable cases was 2.2. The Oregon total-cases incidence rate and DART rate exceeded the national rates by 17.4 percent and 20.8 percent, respectively. The Oregon cases-without-lost-workdays incidence rate was 13.6 percent higher than the national figure. One reason Oregon rates are higher

than national rates is the higher proportion of Oregon's workforce in hazardous industries.

The number of injuries and illnesses reported in any year can be influenced by the level of economic activity, working conditions and work practices, worker experience and training, and the number of hours worked.

Comparison of Oregon and national incidence rates

	Total cases					DART cases					Cases without lost workdays				
	2001	2002*	2003*	2004*	2005*	2001	2002*	2003*	2004*	2005*	2001	2002*	2003*	2004*	2005*
Oregon rates	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.4	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.5
National rates	5.4	5.3	5.0	4.8	4.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2

Note: Due to rounding, DART cases and nonfatal-without-lost-workday cases rates may not sum to total-cases rates.

*The 2002-2005 rates are based on revised recordkeeping requirements and are not comparable to previous years' rates.

Data in this summary are based upon the annual Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) survey, which collects data from a scientifically selected sample of employer establishments across the state. This should be distinguished from the data collected from workers' compensation claims submitted to the department by insurers.

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