Private sector results

Oregon’s private sector workers suffered work-related injuries and illnesses at a rate of 3.9 for every 100 full-time employees in the 2014 calendar year. Of the 46,507 total recordable cases in 2014, 57.3 percent resulted in cases with days away from work, job transfer, or restriction.

DART

The private sector cases with days away from work, job transfer, or restriction rate (DART) was 2.2 in 2014. The 2002 to 2014 rates are based on the revised recordkeeping requirements and are not comparable with those from prior years.

In 2014, the highest DART rate among industry divisions was 5.2, recorded by transportation and warehousing. Management of companies and enterprises reported the lowest rate of 0.2. Industry data are based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), which replaced the Standard Industrial Classification system as the means of classifying businesses by the type of activity in which they are primarily engaged. The Bureau of Labor Statistics Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses first reported NAICS-based data in 2003.

Public sector results

The public sector reported a total cases incidence rate of 4.5 in 2014. State government recorded a total cases rate of 3.2, while the local government rate was 5.1. The 2014 public sector DART rate consists of the state government rate of 2.1 and local government rate of 2.7. The overall public sector DART rate was 2.5.

The 2014 rates are based on the NAICS and are not comparable to results from years before 2003.
National survey results
The total cases incidence rate for the private sector nationwide was 3.2 in 2014. The DART rate was 1.7, and the incidence rate for other recordable cases (those not involving days away from work, job transfer, or restriction) was 1.5. The Oregon total cases incidence rate and DART rate exceeded the national rates by 21.9 and 29.4 percent, respectively. The Oregon and national other recordable cases incidence rates were 1.7 and 1.5, respectively. One reason Oregon rates are higher than national rates is attributable to a higher proportion of Oregon’s workforce in hazardous industries.

The national public sector rates were available for the first time from the Survey of Occupational Injury and Illnesses for reference year 2008. The total cases incidence rate of 5.0 in 2014 has decreased from 5.2 in 2013. State government recorded a total case incidence rate of 4.1, while the local government rate was 5.4 in 2014. The overall public sector DART rate was 2.3.

The number of injuries and illnesses reported in a given year can be influenced by many factors, including 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, private sector

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Note: Due to rounding, the rates of DART cases and nonfatal cases without lost workdays may not sum to the total cases incidence rates.

Data in this summary are based upon the annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII), 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.

For more information or to access the 2013 Oregon Occupational Injury and Illness tables and appendices, visit our website at http://www4.cbs.state.or.us/ex/imd/external/ or call the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Central Services Division, at 503-378-8254.