Private sector results – new record low

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 2010 calendar year, the lowest ever recorded. Of the 42,366 total recordable cases in 2010, 56.8 percent resulted in cases with lost work time (days away from work, restriction, or transfer).

DART

The private sector cases with days away from work, job transfer, or restriction rate (DART) was 2.2 in 2010. The 2002 to 2010 rates are based on the revised recordkeeping requirements and are not comparable with those from prior years.

In 2010, the highest DART rate among industry divisions was 3.9, recorded by transportation and warehousing. Finance and insurance reported the lowest rate of 0.1.

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 case incidence rate of 4.6 in 2010. State government recorded a total case rate of 3.2, while local governments’ rate was 5.1. The 2010 public sector DART rate consists of the state government rate of 1.8 and local government rate of 2.3. The overall public sector DART rate was 2.2.
National survey results
The total cases incidence rate for the private sector nationwide was 3.5 in 2010. The DART rate was 1.8, and the incidence rate for other recordable cases was 1.7. The Oregon total cases incidence rate and DART rate exceeded the national rates by 11.4 percent and 22.2 percent, respectively. The Oregon and national cases-without-lost-workdays incidence rates were 1.7 each. One reason Oregon rates are higher than national rates is attributable to a higher proportion of Oregon’s workforce in hazardous industries.

Comparison of Oregon and national incidence rates

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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 further information or to access the 2010 Oregon Occupational Injury and Illness tables and appendices, please visit our website at http://www4.cbs.state.or.us/ex/imd/external/ or call the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Information Management Division, 503-378-8254.