

Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Since the Passage of OSHA¹

Occupational Injury and Illness Incidence Rates
Private Sector, 1972-2006 (Per 100 Workers)

Year	Total Case Rate	Cases with Days Away from Work, Job Transfer or Restriction ¹		
		Total	Cases with Days Away From Work	Cases with Job Transfer or Restriction
1972.....	10.9	3.3	N/A	N/A
1973.....	11.0	3.4	N/A	N/A
1974.....	10.4	3.5	N/A	N/A
1975.....	9.1	3.3	N/A	N/A
1976.....	9.2	3.5	3.3	0.2
1977.....	9.3	3.8	3.6	0.2
1978.....	9.4	4.1	3.8	0.3
1979.....	9.5	4.3	4.0	0.3
1980.....	8.7	4.0	3.7	0.3
1981.....	8.3	3.8	3.5	0.3
1982.....	7.7	3.5	3.2	0.3
1983.....	7.6	3.4	3.2	0.3
1984.....	8.0	3.7	3.4	0.3
1985.....	7.9	3.6	3.3	0.3
1986.....	7.9	3.6	3.3	0.3
1987.....	8.3	3.8	3.4	0.4
1988.....	8.6	4.0	3.5	0.5
1989.....	8.6	4.0	3.4	0.6
1990.....	8.8	4.1	3.4	0.7
1991.....	8.4	3.9	3.2	0.7
1992.....	8.9	3.9	3.0	0.8
1993.....	8.5	3.8	2.9	0.9
1994.....	8.4	3.8	2.8	1.0
1995.....	8.1	3.6	2.5	1.1
1996.....	7.4	3.4	2.2	1.1
1997.....	7.1	3.3	2.1	1.2
1998.....	6.7	3.1	2.0	1.2
1999.....	6.3	3.0	1.9	1.2
2000.....	6.1	3.0	1.8	1.2
2001.....	5.7	2.8	1.7	1.1
2002.....	5.3	2.8	1.6	1.2
2003.....	5.0	2.6	1.5	1.1
2004.....	4.8	2.5	1.4	1.1
2005.....	4.6	2.4	1.4	1.0
2006.....	4.4	2.3	1.3	1.0

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data not available for 1971.

¹ Through 2001, this column reflected Lost Workday Cases, with subcolumns, Total; Cases involving Days Away from Work; and Cases Involving Restricted Activity Only. This new heading reflects changes made in the Recordkeeping standard, which became effective January 1, 2002.