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UTAH'S OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES REPORT FOR 2013

SALT LAKE CITY (January 5, 2015) - The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics has released its 2013 nonfatal occupational injury and illness data which was obtained through the annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The overall incident rate in Utah for public and private sectors combined decreased to 3.4 in 2013, down from 3.5 in 2012. Incident rates represent the number of injuries or illnesses per 100 full-time workers.

Private Sector

Two thousand four hundred and fifteen (2,415) private sector employers in Utah were surveyed for information concerning their average number of employees and hours worked, as well as details on nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses that occurred during calendar year 2013.

- The overall incidence rate for the private sector remained the same at 3.4 in 2013 from 2012 per every 100 full-time workers.
- From these injuries and illnesses, cases with days away from work increased from 0.7 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2012 to 0.8 in 2013.
- Cases with job transfer or restrictions increased from 0.7 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2012 to 0.8 in 2013.
- The incidence rate for other recordable cases decreased from 2012 at 2.0 cases per 100 full-time workers to 1.8 in 2013. Other recordable cases are work-related injuries or illnesses that required more than first aid, but did not require days away from work, job transfer or restriction.

Public Sector

Two hundred thirty (230) public sector employers in Utah were surveyed for information concerning their average number of employees and hours worked, as well as details on occupational injury and illnesses that occurred during calendar year 2013.

- The overall incidence rate for the public sector decreased from 4.0 work-related injury and illness cases per 100 full-time workers in 2012, to 3.8 in 2013.
- From these injuries and illnesses, cases with days away from work increased from 0.6 in 2012 to 0.8 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2013.
- Cases with job transfer or restriction decreased from 0.3 in 2012 cases per 100 full-time workers to 0.2 in 2013.
- The incidence rate for other recordable cases decreased from 3.2 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2012 to 2.8 in 2013.

Background

The survey was administered by the Utah Labor Commission, Statistics Department. The 2007 version of the North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS 2007) was used to group company data by industry. Over 3,000 Utah employers are randomly selected for the survey each year.

Please refer to the accompanying table for more detail. There are many additional tables and charts available upon request.

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