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### **UTAH'S OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES REPORT FOR 2012**

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics has released its 2012 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 3.5 in 2012, down from 3.7 in 2011. Incident rates represent the number of injuries or illnesses per 100 full-time workers.

#### **Private Sector**

Two thousand six hundred and three (2,603) private sector employers in Utah were surveyed for information concerning their average number of employees and hours worked, as well as details on any nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses that occurred during calendar year 2012.

- The overall incidence rate for the private sector decreased to 3.4 in 2012, down from 3.6 work-related injury and illness cases per 100 full-time workers in 2011.
- From these injuries and illnesses, cases with days away from work were unchanged from 0.7 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2011 to 0.7 in 2012.
- Cases with job transfer or restrictions were unchanged from 0.7 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2011 to 0.7 in 2012.

- The incidence rate for other recordable cases was decreased from 2011 at 2.1 cases per 100 full-time workers to 2.0 in 2012. 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-six (236) public sector employers in Utah were surveyed for information concerning their average number of employees and hours worked, as well as details on any occupational injury and illnesses that occurred during calendar year 2012.

- The overall incidence rate for the public sector decreased from 4.2 work-related injury and illness cases per 100 full-time workers in 2011, down to 4.0 in 2012.
- From these injuries and illnesses, cases with days away from work were unchanged from 0.6 in 2011 to 0.6 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2012.
- Cases with job transfer or restriction decreased from 0.5 in 2011 cases per 100 full-time workers to 0.3 in 2012.
- The incidence rate for other recordable cases increased from 3.1 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2011 to 3.2 in 2012.

### **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 additional tables and charts available upon request.

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