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UTAH'S OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES REPORT FOR 2011

Salt Lake City - The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics has released its 2011 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 rose to 3.7 in 2011, up from 3.6 in 2010. Incident rates represent the number of injuries or illnesses per 100 full-time workers.

Private Sector

Two thousand four hundred sixty-four (2,464) 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 2011.

- The overall incidence rate for the private sector rose to 3.6 in 2011, up from 3.4 work-related injury and illness cases per 100 full-time workers in 2010.
- From these injuries and illnesses, cases with days away from work decreased from 0.8 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2010 to 0.7 in 2011.
- Cases with job transfer or restrictions were unchanged from 0.7 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2010 to 0.7 in 2011.
- The incidence rate for other recordable cases was increased from 2010 at 1.9 cases per 100 full-time workers to 2.1 in 2011. 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-seven (237) 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 2011.

- The overall incidence rate for the public sector decreased from 4.4 work-related injury and illness cases per 100 full-time workers in 2010, down to 4.2 in 2011.
- From these injuries and illnesses, cases with days away from work decreased from 0.7 in 2010 to 0.6 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2011.
- Cases with job transfer or restriction increased from 0.4 in 2010 cases per 100 full-time workers to 0.5 in 2011.
- The incidence rate for other recordable cases decreased from 3.3 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2010 to 3.1 in 2011.

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 additional attachment for more details. There are additional tables and charts available upon request.

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