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Nonfatal Work Injuries Increase in Wisconsin in 2012

The annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) reported nonfatal workplace injuries in Wisconsin increased 2% from 2011 to 2012, with 23,610 employees requiring days away from work. Conversely, nonfatal lost time injuries decreased by 2% nationwide in 2012.

Among all private, state, and local government sector employees in 2012, 4.1 per 100 full-time employees were injured at work in Wisconsin, which was higher than the national rate of 3.7.

SOII is the largest work injury data collection conducted nationwide. The Wisconsin SOII program collects data from a representative sample of 6,000 establishments in both the private and public sector.

Key findings for SOII 2012:

- The leading cause of lost time injuries in Wisconsin and the U.S. was overexertion and bodily reaction
- 40% of injuries involving lost work days were due to sprains/strains and tears in 2012
- Natural resources and mining industry had the highest injury-illness rate at 5.6 per 100 full time employees
- State-owned hospitals and care facilities in Wisconsin had markedly lower injury/illness rates than state-owned hospitals across the country
- Wisconsin's construction industry saw a substantial decline from 2011 to 2012 in building construction and specialty trade contractors from 8 to 5.8, and 6.8 to 4.7 injuries per 100 fulltime employees, respectively, while heavy and civil engineering remained steady at 4.5

For complete data profiles, charts, and analysis, please visit: www.slh.wisc.edu/bls or www.bls.gov/iif/oshstate.htm

The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH), a part of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is the state's public, environmental and occupational health laboratory. The WSLH's Bureau of Labor Statistics/Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Unit has a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to conduct their annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses and Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries in Wisconsin.

NOTE: 2012 Census of Fatal Injury (CFOI) data for Wisconsin was released on 12/11/13 by the U.S Department of Labor/Bureau of Labor Statistics. The news release is posted at www.slh.wisc.edu/bls

