

TABLE 4. Incidence rates¹ and numbers of nonfatal occupational illnesses by major industry sector and category of illness, 2004

Industry sector	Total cases	Skin diseases or disorders	Respiratory conditions	Poisonings	Hearing loss	All other illnesses
Incidence rates per 10,000 full-time workers						
Private industry ²	27.9	4.4	2.0	0.4	3.2	18.0
Goods producing ²	53.5	6.4	2.1	.6	11.1	33.4
Natural resources and mining ^{2,3}	25.8	7.2	1.7	2.3	1.5	13.1
Construction	13.8	3.7	1.0	.9	.4	7.9
Manufacturing	73.8	7.4	2.6	.3	16.7	46.7
Service providing	19.6	3.7	1.9	.3	.6	13.0
Trade, transportation, and utilities ⁴	17.5	2.8	1.3	.2	1.5	11.6
Information	15.4	2.0	1.0	.4	1.0	10.9
Financial activities	12.0	1.3	.9	.4	(⁵)	9.4
Professional and business services	13.9	4.0	1.3	.3	.3	8.0
Education and health services	38.2	6.0	4.8	.4	.1	26.9
Leisure and hospitality	15.8	5.3	1.4	.2	(⁵)	8.9
Other services, except public administration	12.1	2.6	1.7	.4	.1	7.2
Numbers of illnesses in thousands						
Private industry ²	249.0	38.9	17.6	3.3	28.4	160.9
Goods producing ²	117.6	14.0	4.6	1.3	24.3	73.4
Natural resources and mining ^{2,3}	3.7	1.0	.2	.3	.2	1.9
Construction	8.7	2.3	.6	.5	.3	4.9
Manufacturing	105.2	10.6	3.8	.4	23.8	66.6
Service providing	131.5	24.9	13.0	2.0	4.1	87.4
Trade, transportation, and utilities ⁴	37.9	6.1	2.9	.5	3.2	25.2
Information	4.3	.6	.3	.1	.3	3.1
Financial activities	8.5	.9	.6	.3	(⁶)	6.6
Professional and business services	16.5	4.7	1.6	.3	.4	9.5
Education and health services	47.6	7.4	6.0	.5	.2	33.5
Leisure and hospitality	13.1	4.4	1.1	.2	(⁶)	7.4
Other services, except public administration	3.5	.8	.5	.1	(⁶)	2.1

¹ The incidence rates represent the number of illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as: (N/EH) x 20,000,000, where

N = number of illnesses
EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year
20,000,000 = base for 10,000 equivalent full-time workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year)

² Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

³ Data for Mining (Sector 21 in the *North American Industry Classification System*-- United States, 2002) include establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration rules and reporting, such as those in Oil and Gas Extraction and related support activities. Data for mining operators in coal, metal,

and nonmetal mining are provided to BLS by the Mine Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. Independent mining contractors are excluded from the coal, metal, and nonmetal mining industries. These data do not reflect the changes the Occupational Safety and Health Administration made to its recordkeeping requirements effective January 1, 2002; therefore, estimates for these industries are not comparable to estimates in other industries.

⁴ Data for employers in railroad transportation are provided to BLS by the Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

⁵ Incidence rate less than 0.05.

⁶ Fewer than 50 cases.

NOTE: Because of rounding, components may not add to totals.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor