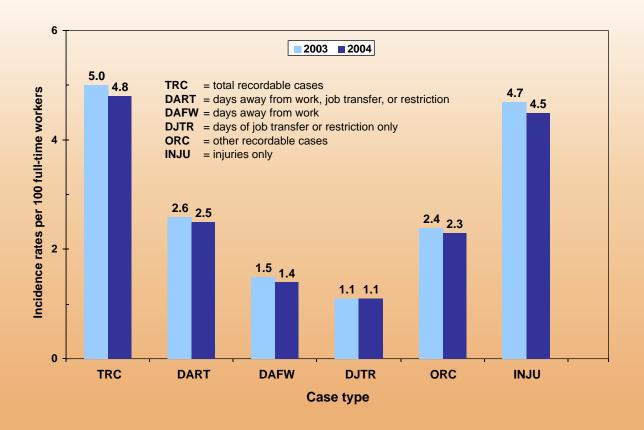
The incidence rate of injuries and illnesses was 4.8 in 2004, a decline from 5.0 cases per 100 full-time workers in 2003. The decline is a result of a 2.5 percent decrease in the number of cases reported, combined with a 1.6 percent increase in the number of hours worked.

Incidence rates were lower in 2004 for all cases except those involving only job transfer or restriction, the incidence rate for which remained unchanged at 1.1 cases per 100 full-time workers.

A total of 4.3 million nonfatal injuries and illnesses were reported in private-industry workplaces during 2004, down from 4.4 million in 2003.



## Nonfatal occupational injury and illness incidence rates, by case type, private industry, 2003 and 2004



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2005