Manufacturing had the highest rate of occupational illness: 73.8 cases per 10,000 full-time workers.

In general, incidence rates for illnesses are substantially lower than rates for injuries.

The survey measures the number of new work-related illnesses that are recognized, diagnosed, and reported during the year. Some conditions are difficult to attribute to the workplace and may not be adequately recognized and reported. Long-term latent illnesses are believed to be understated in the survey's illness measures. Thus, the overwhelming majority of reported new illnesses are those which are easier to directly relate to workplace activity.

Total recordable nonfatal occupational illness incidence rates, by selected industry sector, 2004

