A total of 6.1 million injuries and illnesses occurred in private industry workplaces during 1997, resulting in a rate of 7.1 cases for every 100 equivalent full-time workers. This was the lowest rate ever recorded and the first time that injury and illness rates declined 5 years in a row.

December 1998
The 1992-97 decline in rates per 100 full-time workers for both goods-producing and service-producing industries (20 and 19 percent, respectively) about matched the decrease in the overall rate over the same period.

December 1998
The incidence rate for lost workday cases has declined steadily from 4.1 cases per 100 full-time workers in 1990 to 3.3 cases per 100 full-time workers in 1997. Rates for the two types of lost workdays cases moved in opposite directions, however.

December 1998
Nonfatal workplace injury and illness incidence rates by industry division, 1993-97

Rates per 100 full-time workers declined from 1993 to 1997 in most industry divisions.

December 1998
In 1997, the overall rate in construction remained below the rate in manufacturing.

December 1998
Total case incidence rates for injuries only by establishment employment size group, 1997

Nationwide, injury rates generally are higher for mid-size establishments employing 50 to 249 workers than for smaller or larger establishments, although this pattern does not hold within certain industry divisions.

December 1998
Nine industries, each having at least 100,000 injuries, accounted for about 1.7 million injuries, or 30 percent of the 5.7 million total.
Manufacturing accounted for three-fifths of all newly reported occupational illnesses for private industry in 1997.

December 1998
Of the 6.1 million nonfatal injuries and illnesses reported in 1997, 5.7 million were injuries, i.e., cases that resulted in either lost work-time, medical treatment other than first aid, loss of consciousness, restriction of work or motion, or transfer to another job. The remainder of these private industry cases (430,000 cases) were work-related illnesses. Sixty-four percent (277,000 cases) of the workplace illnesses were disorders associated with repeated trauma, such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

December 1998
Disorders associated with repeated trauma declined for 3 consecutive years, 1995-97. About 277,000 cases were reported in 1997 compared with a high of 332,000 cases in 1994.

December 1998