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The number of skin diseases, respiratory conditions, poisoning, and hearing loss illness cases remained relatively unchanged from 2004.

Among the types of illnesses, only the number of "all other illnesses" changed significantly in 2005, declining by 5 percent.

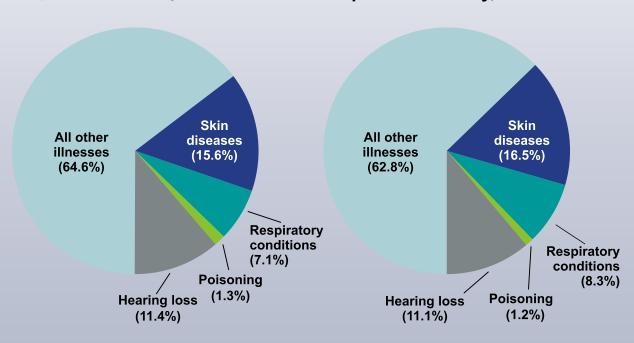
Hearing loss accounted for 11 percent of all illnesses in 2005. Prior to 2004, hearing loss cases were included in "all other illnesses."



Percent of nonfatal occupational illnesses, 2004 and 2005

Nonfatal illness cases, by category of illness, private industry, 2004

Nonfatal illness cases, by category of illness, private industry, 2005



249,000 total cases

242,500 total cases

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, October, 2006