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P R E F A C E

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports the number and frequency of work-related injuries and illnesses in private industry each year. BLS also provides detailed information on the circumstances of the injury or illness and the characteristics of the worker for cases that involve 1 or more days away from work. The data, which come from the BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, identify the industrial, occupational, and worker groups having relatively high risks of job-related injury and illness. The data also provide the means to focus attention on the severity of the incidents and how they occurred.

This bulletin has two sections. The first section includes charts and text highlighting summary, case, and demographic data gathered from the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The second section, located on an accompanying compact disk, contains tables presenting detailed data by industry, case circumstances, and worker characteristics, as well as appendices that present the survey scope and methodology. Supplementary data, such as injury and illnesses rates by detailed industry and establishment size, can be accessed on the Internet at www.bls.gov/iif. Supplementary data also are available from BLS:

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In addition to these two sections, there is a second compact disk that includes the Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Profiles System. The Profiles System allows the user to search for all data from the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses and from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries for 2005.

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