The year 2008 was the first year that SOII produced national public sector estimates for injuries and illnesses. The survey covered nearly 14 million local government employees.

Almost 40 percent (a total of 284,500) of all recordable local government injuries and illnesses occurred among elementary and secondary school workers in 2008. The rate for elementary and secondary schools in local government was 5.6 per 100 full-time workers in 2008.