

TOTAL INJURIES AND ILLNESSES

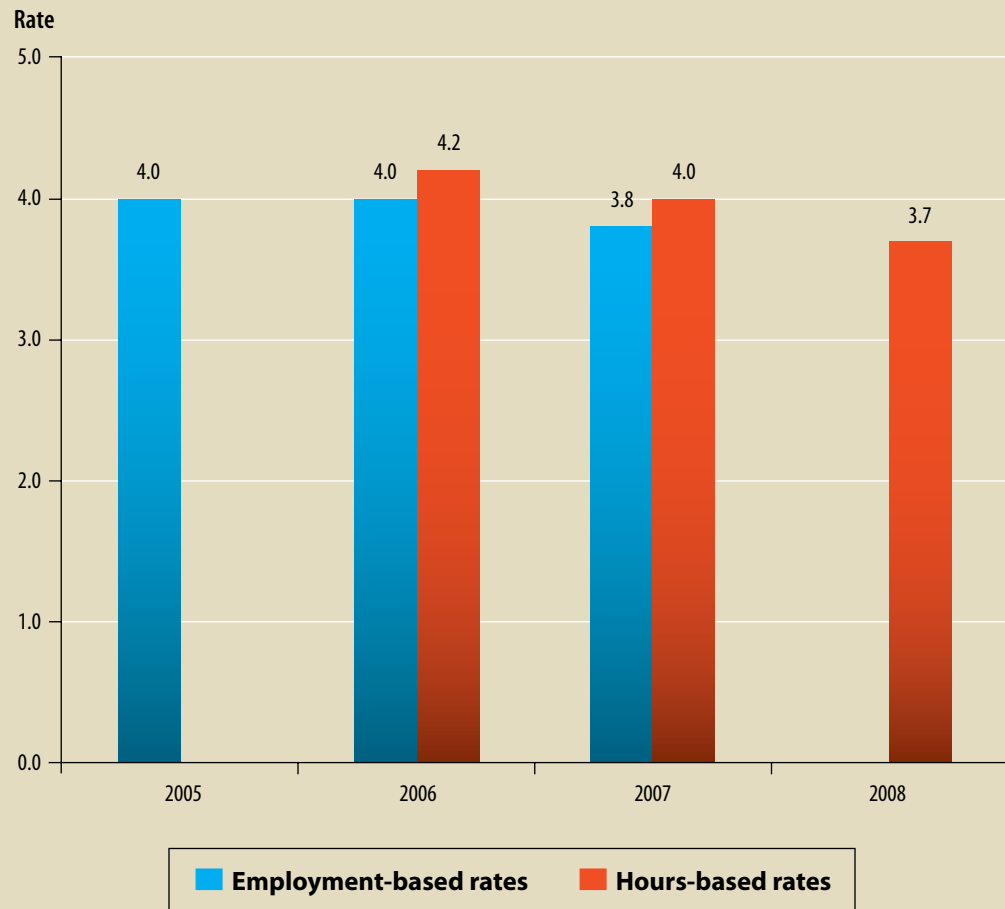
In 2008, BLS implemented a new method for calculating fatal work injury rates. The new method uses hours worked rather than employment.

The rate of fatal work injuries in 2008 was 3.7 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers, down from 4.0 in 2007.

Rates are expressed per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers. Additional information on changes in the fatal work injury rate methodology is found on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshnotice10.htm>.

Estimates of total hours worked are annual average estimates of total employees at work multiplied by average hours for civilians 16 years and older from the Current Population Survey (CPS). Workers under 16 years, volunteer workers, and members of the resident military are not included, in order to maintain consistency with CPS employment estimates.

Rate of fatal work injuries, per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers, 2005–08



NOTE: In 2005, BLS used only employment-based rates. Hours-based rates were phased in in 2006, and employment-base rates were phased out in 2007.

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, April 2010.