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preface

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 case and demographic characteristics data on cases that involve one 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. Such data 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 and case and demographic data gathered from the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The second section is located on an included compact disk and contains tables presenting detailed data by industry, case characteristics, and worker demographics as well as appendices that present the scope and methodology of the survey.

In addition to these two sections a second compact disk includes the Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Profiles System. This 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 2004.

This bulletin contains most, but not all, of the tabulations that were available from the 2004 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. For example, supplementary data on injury and illness 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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