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BLS Releases 2015 State, National Injury/Illness Rates

South Carolina's on-the-job injury/illness rate for private industry was 2.5 injuries/illnesses per 100 full-time equivalent workers in 2015, a decline from 2014's rate of 2.8 and 2013's rate of 2.9. The U.S. rate for private industry in 2015 was 3.0.

The data comes from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses.

The state's 2015 injury/illness rate for the public sector was 4.7, compared to 4.4 in 2014.

Sub-sector industries within private industry with the highest non-fatal occupational injury and illness incidence rates for total cases in the state were:

- Nursing and residential care facilities, 5.7
- Hospitals, 5.3
- Food manufacturing, 4.9
- Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing, 4.8