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## **BLS Releases 2014 State, National Injury/Illness Rates**

South Carolina's on-the-job injury/illness rate for private industry was 2.8 injuries/illnesses per 100 full-time equivalent workers in 2014, a decline from 2013's rate of 2.9 and 2012's rate of 3.0. The U.S. rate for private industry in 2014 was 3.2.

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

From 2013 to 2014, the state's rate for manufacturing fell from 3.1 to 3.0 and construction declined from 2.4 to 1.6 for private industry.

The state's 2014 injury/illness rate for the public sector was 4.4, compared to 4.9 in 2013.

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, 7.0
- Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing, 6.3
- Hospitals, 6.1
- Food manufacturing, 4.6
- Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing, 4.4

## Private Sector Injury/Illness Rates by Year

<b>Private Sector Injury/illness</b>	<b><u>SC</u></b>	<b><u>US</u></b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>1998</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>1996</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>7.4</b>