Allsup Study of Workplace Injuries

Most Work-Threatening Industry Groups Nationwide

Using BLS data, we can look at the most work-threatening industries nationwide based on the rates of injuries that are serious enough to involve "days of job transfer or restriction." The following table compares those national rates to individual states to find places that are significantly higher or lower than the national average. As industry classifications get more specific, fewer state-level results are reported, either because the industry itself is small or it has a small (or nonexistent footprint) in a specific state.

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As determined by four-digit NAICS code (e.g., dairy product manufacturing = 3115XX) State-level rates of injury and illness per 100 full-time private industry workers Cases involving days of job transfer or restriction

#	Industry	U.S. Average	Highest States	Lowest States
1	Amusement parks and arcades	3.2	No state rates available.	
2	Animal slaughtering and processing	3.1	Oregon - 8.3 Nebraska - 5.5 Kansas - 4.5 Tennessee - 4.4 Indiana - 3.9	Washington - 2.2 South Carolina - 2.1 Maryland - 1.9 New Jersey - 1.2 Louisiana - 0.7
3	Beverage manufacturing	2.7	Oklahoma - 6.6 Tennessee - 4.2 Michigan - 3.7 California - 3.5 Minnesota - 3.0	Washington - 2.4 Massachusetts - 2.3 North Carolina - 1.5 Kentucky - 0.9 Louisiana - 0.7
	Foundries	2.7	Utah - 6.1 Wisconsin - 3.6 Kentucky - 3.4 California - 3.1 Texas - 3.0	Tennessee - 2.6 Alabama - 2.2 Oregon - 2 Virginia - 1.1 Michigan - 1.0
5	Nursing care facilities	2.6	Maine - 5.1 Minnesota - 3.5 Wisconsin - 3.0 Utah - 2.7	



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6	Beer, wine, and distilled alcoholic beverage merchant wholesalers	2.4	Texas - 2.8 New Jersey - 2.6	Nevada - 1.9 Maryland - 1.5 Massachusetts - 1.4 Louisiana - 0.8 New York - 0.5
7	Motor vehicle body and trailer manufacturing	2.3	Washington - 6.8 Texas - 3.2 Indiana - 3.1 Nebraska - 3 Oklahoma - 2.4	Minnesota - 1.9 Alabama - 1.9 Oregon - 1.6 Utah - 1.5 Michigan - 1.3
8	Hog and pig farming	2.2	No state rates.	
	Motor vehicle manufacturing	2.2	North Carolina - 3.5 Indiana - 3.2 Texas - 2.8	Michigan - 2.2 Minnesota - 2.0 South Carolina - 1.3 Tennessee - 1.1
	Community care facilities for the elderly	2.2	Maine - 3.7 Utah - 3.2 Wisconsin - 2.4	
	Poultry and egg production	2.2		Missouri - 1.9

Notes:

The following states do not consistently report data to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and so could not be incorporated into this study: Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Rhode Island and South Dakota. Florida has participated in this reporting program in the past, but 2011 data are not available. See methodology section for more information.

Under the NAICS industrial classification system, the first two digits describe the industry sector, the third the industry subsector, the fourth the industry group, and the fifth the specific industry.

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