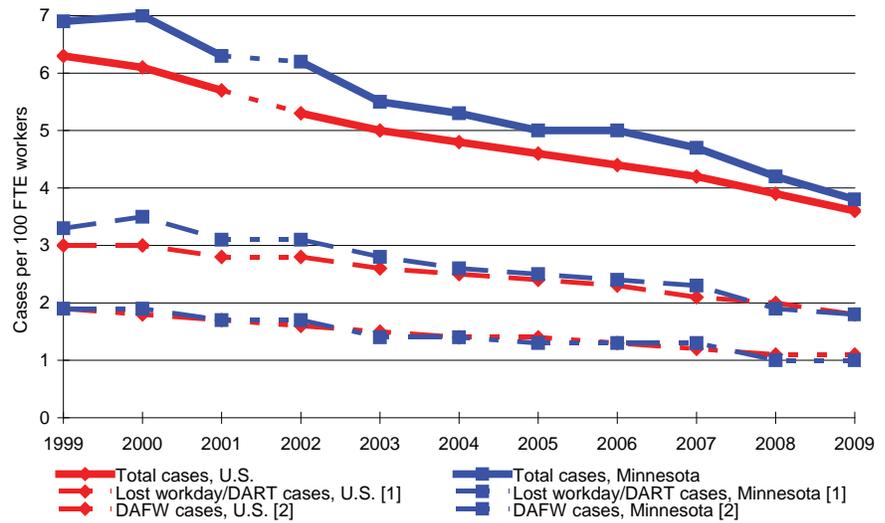


2009 injury and illness survey statistics now available

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According to the annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII), an estimated total of 78,100 nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses were reported in Minnesota's private-industry and public-sector workplaces during 2009, resulting in a rate of 3.8 cases per 100 full-time-equivalent (FTE) workers. These are the lowest numbers and rates since the survey began in 1972. In 2008, there were an estimated 87,900 injury and illness cases, 4.2 cases per 100 FTE workers. The estimated number of recordable injuries and illnesses has decreased by 30 percent since 2003.

Injury and illness case incidence rates for Minnesota and the United States, private sector, 1999-2009

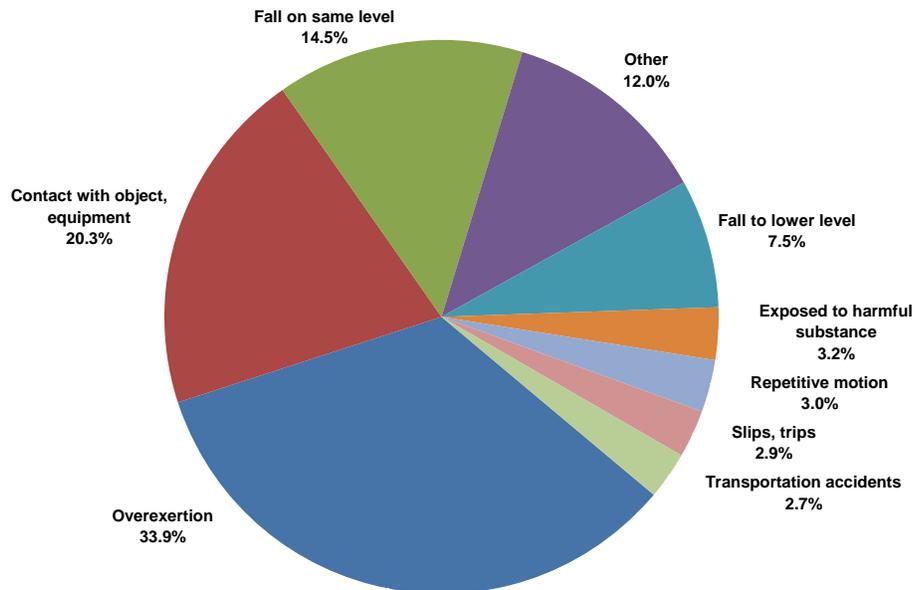


1. Lost-workday cases (1999-2001) and days away from work, job restriction or transfer cases (2002-2009).
2. Days away from work cases.

Nationally, an estimated 4.1 million nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses were reported in private- and public-industry workplaces during 2009, resulting in a rate of 3.9 cases per 100 FTE workers. This was lower than the 2008 national estimates of 4.6 million cases, or 4.2 cases per 100 FTE workers.

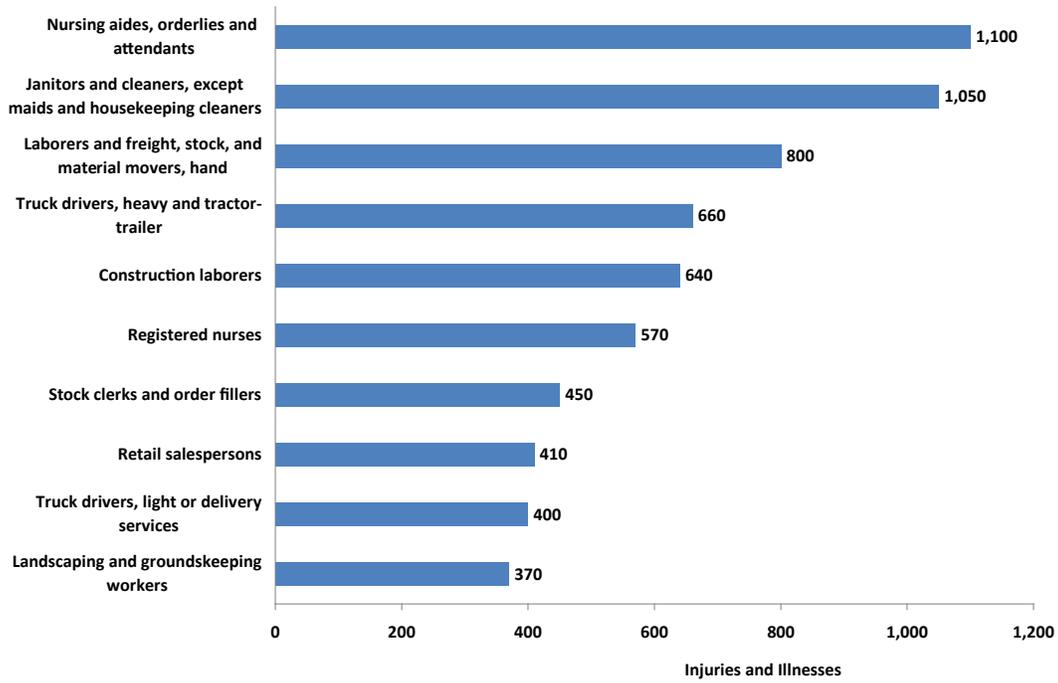
Tables and charts showing Minnesota's estimated incidence rates and numbers of injury and illness cases and the characteristics of cases with one or more days away from work based on the SOII survey are now available on the department's website at www.dli.mn.gov/RS/StatWSH.asp.

Distribution of injuries and illnesses by event or exposure, Minnesota, private industry, 2009



A few of the charts are provided here as examples, showing the private-sector incidence rate trends for Minnesota and the United States, and for private-sector cases with one or more days away from work, the event causing the injury or illness, the occupations with the most cases and the median days away from work by injured worker age group.

**Occupations with the most injuries and illnesses
with days away from work,
Minnesota, private industry, 2009**



**Median days away from work due to injury or illness by age of worker,
Minnesota, private industry, 2009**

