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BLS Releases 2013 State, National Injury/Illness Rates

South Carolina's on-the-job injury/illness rate for private industry was 2.9 injuries/illnesses per 100 workers in 2013, a decline from 2012's rate of 3.0 and 2011's rate of 3.3. The U.S. rate for private industry in 2013 was 3.3.

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 rate for manufacturing fell from 3.4 to 3.1. Construction went up slightly from 2.3 to 2.4.

The state's 2013 injury/illness rate for the public sector was 4.9, compared to 4.4 in 2012.

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, 6.6
- repair and maintenance, 6.5
- wood product manufacturing, 6.2
- hospitals, 6.0
- textile products mills, 5.5

Private Sector Injury/Illness Rates by Year

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