2008 Hoosier Fast Stats

• In 2008, Indiana reported 132 workplace fatalities. Indiana’s most recent fatality rate is 4.8 per 100,000 employees.

• The number of occupational injuries and illnesses reported in 2008 was 112,100. This represents a decrease of 12,900 injuries and illnesses as compared to 2007.

• The Occupational Injury and Illness Rate in Indiana in 2008 is 4.9 per 100 employees. Historically, this is the lowest rate for Indiana; however, Indiana is above the national rate of 4.2.

• In 2008, 50% of the workplace fatalities in Indiana involved a vehicle.

• Thirty-five percent (35%) of the injuries and illnesses that resulted in days away from work in the state in 2008 were from ergonomically-related events.

Data Sources

Injury, illness and fatality data used in this publication is for calendar year 2008 and was collected in 2009 by the Quality, Metrics & Statistics Division of the Indiana Department of Labor in partnership with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Injury and illness data for 2009 will be released in October 2010. For more information, visit the BLS website at www.bls.gov/home.htm.

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Workplace Injury & Illness Prevention

The Indiana Department of Labor’s INSafe Division provides free on-site occupational safety and health consultation to Hoosier employers. By proactively managing occupational safety and health, employers will be able to:

• Reduce worker injury and illness rates.
• Decrease Worker’s Compensation costs.
• Reduce lost workdays, limit damage to equipment and minimize product loss.
• Help to improve employee morale.

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Select Characteristics of U.S. Auto Dealerships Injuries and Illnesses with Days Away from Work (2008)

Total injuries with days away from work = 12,590
Median number of days away from work = 5

Nature of injury
- Sprains, strains: 4,490
- Cuts, lacerations & punctures: 1,650
- Soreness, pain: 1,280
- Fractures: 890
- Bruises, contusions: 760
- Heat burns: 220
- Chemical burns: 210

Event resulting in injury
- Struck by object: 2,290
- Falls on same level: 1,670
- Overexertion in lifting: 1,310
- Overexertion (except lifting): 1,150
- Struck against object: 930
- Transportation accidents: 800
- Exposure to harmful substances: 590
- Slip, trip: 470
- Caught in object, material or equipment: 420
- Falls to a lower level: 380

Source of injury
- Parts & materials: 2,880
- Floors, ground surfaces: 2,130
- Motion or position of injured worker: 1,820
- Vehicles: 1,670
- Hand tools: 940
- Containers: 440
- Chemicals: 350
- Furniture, fixtures: 320
- Machinery: 290

Part of the Body Affected
- Head (1,560)
  - Eyes (990)
  - Neck (120)
- Shoulder (680)
- Back (2,290)
- Trunk (3,670)
- Upper Extremities (3,330)
  - Wrist (370)
  - Hand (750)
  - Finger (1,440)
- Lower Extremities (2,470)
  - Knee (930)
  - Foot (520)
- Multiple Body Parts (1,240)

Worker Demographics
- Gender
  - Male: 11,690
  - Female: 910
- Race
  - White: 7,900
  - Hispanic/Latino: 1,520
  - Black: 740
  - Asian: 120
  - American Indian or Alaskan Native: 40
- Age
  - 16-19: 250
  - 20-24: 1,650
  - 25-34: 3,020
  - 35-44: 2,910
  - 45-54: 2,670
  - 55-64: 1,650
  - 65 & older: 370

†For North American Industrial Classification System 441100 - Automobile Dealers. For this report, the Indiana Department of Labor used the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) and the survey of Occupational Injuries (SOII) research file provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).