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Hoosier Workplace Injuries and Illnesses Again Fall to Historic Low

INDIANAPOLIS (November 15, 2016) – Today, the Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) released its annual nonfatal workplace injury and illness report for 2015. Indiana’s nonfatal occupational injury and illness rate matched its historic low from 2013 with an estimated 3.8 injuries or illnesses per 100 full-time workers.

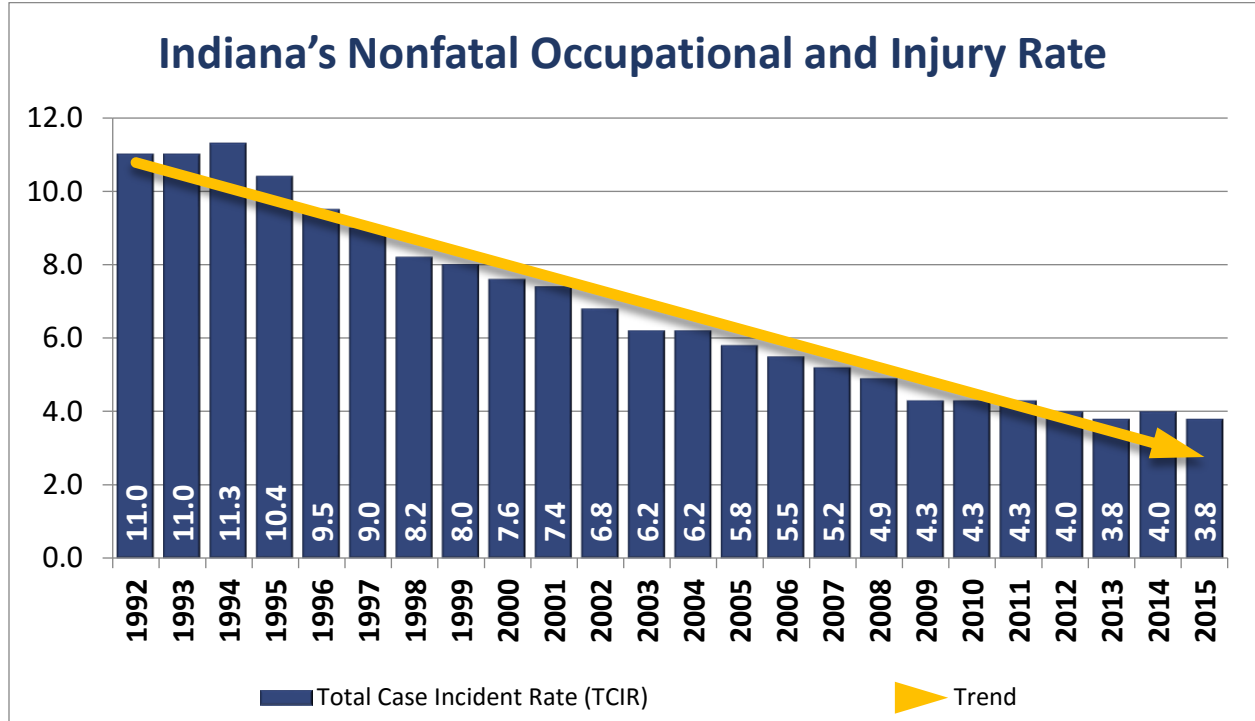
The 2015 rate represents a five percent decrease from the 2014 rate of 4.0, and the fourth consecutive year the injury and illness rate has been at or below 4.0.

“The foundation of Indiana’s success in safety and health is based on cooperative relationships with Hoosier employers,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “These historic low rates demonstrate the continued dedication of employers, employees, IOSHA enforcement and INSafe programs, organized labor, trade associations, and safety councils to the safety of Hoosiers in the workplace.”

Some findings in the 2015 report include:

- The overall state nonfatal injury and illness rate for 2015 is 3.8 injuries or illnesses per 100 full-time workers, the lowest rate since the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) report was introduced in its current form in 1992. The 2015 rate represents a one-year decline of five percent from the 2014 rate and is consistent with the 2013 rate.
- The real estate and rental and leasing industry experienced the greatest one-year decline in nonfatal worker injuries and illnesses, 58 percent.
- The Indiana construction industry experienced an 18 percent decline in nonfatal worker injuries and illnesses from 2014 (2.8 per 100 full-time workers in 2015 compared to 3.4 in 2014).
- The Hoosier manufacturing industry saw a 4 percent decrease in injuries and illnesses from the 2014 rate of 4.9 to 4.7 in 2015.

For more information about the SOII, please visit: www.in.gov/dol/2341.htm.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses 1992-2015 (per 100 full-time employees)

About the Indiana Department of Labor:

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and voluntary compliance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter: [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook: facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor.

About the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) Data:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses data for Indiana includes nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses. On an annual basis, the Indiana Department of Labor's Quality, Metrics, and Statistics (QMS) Division staff work with approximately 5,800 Hoosier employers to obtain information on nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses. SOII began tracking the data in 1992.