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BLS Releases 2016 State, National Injury/Illness Rates

South Carolina's on-the-job injury/illness rate for private industry was essentially unchanged at 2.5 injuries/illnesses per 100 full-time equivalent workers in 2016. The U.S. rate for private industry in 2016 was 2.9.

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 2016 estimate for the injury/illness rate for the public sector was 4.4, compared to 4.7 in 2015.

Among the private sub-sector industries with the highest non-fatal occupational injury and illness incidence rates for total cases in the state were:

- Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing, 6.3
- Wood product manufacturing, 5.9
- Nursing and residential care facilities, 5.7
- Hospitals, 4.6
- Food manufacturing, 3.9