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### **Kansas Nonfatal Workplace Injuries and Illnesses Decrease in 2013**

**Topeka, Kan.** – The survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, conducted by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), Division of Industrial Safety and Health, revealed Kansas had 31,700 nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses reported by workers in private industries in 2013 compared to 33,400 cases in 2012.

The survey was in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data are randomly collected from over 3,500 Kansas employers each year. Other statistics involving the private sector include:

- Nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses in Kansas decreased in 2013 to a rate of 3.5 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers – down from 3.6 per 100 equivalent full-time workers in 2012.
- Kansas had a total of 7,520 cases involving injuries and/or illnesses that required days away from work. The median number of days off the job was seven days, and 23.4 percent of these cases involved 31 or more days away from work. Nationally, also in the private sector, the median number of days away from work was eight.
- Sprains, strains and tears were the primary cause of injury and illness cases in Kansas. They accounted for 2,300 of the 7,520 injuries involving days away from work.
- Within the goods producing industry, the construction sector incidence rate decreased from five injury and illness cases per 100 full-time workers in 2012 to 3.9 cases in 2013.
- 61 percent of the cases that involved days away from work occurred between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The 4 p.m. to midnight time block accounted for 21.9 percent, and midnight to 8 a.m. accounted for 17.1 percent of the cases.

KDOL provides a variety of services to assist in reducing workplace injuries including free, confidential consultations for businesses. By using the consultation program, employers can identify potential hazards at their work sites, improve safety and health management practices and qualify for exemptions from routine Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) inspections.

For more information regarding this survey, please visit [www.bls.gov/iif](http://www.bls.gov/iif). You may also visit the Kansas Department of Labor, Labor Market Information Services web site at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=495>.

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