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2014 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Available Online

TOPEKA, Kan. - The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), released its 2014 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses data through the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The survey produces estimates of annual counts and incident rates for nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses of Kansas employers as well as case circumstances and worker characteristics for cases that involve days away from work. Data are collected from a random sample of over 3,500 Kansas employers each year. Some statistics include:

- Nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses among private industry employers in Kansas had a rate of 3.4 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers. This compares to the National number for 2014 at 3.2 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers.
- Workers in private industries reported an estimated 32,600 nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses in Kansas in 2014 which increased from 31,700 cases in 2013.
- Kansas had a total of 8,640 cases involving injuries and/or illnesses that required days away from work in the private industry. The median number of days away from work was six days and 24.7 percent of these cases involved 31 or more days away from work. Nationally, in the private sector, the median days away from work was nine.
- Men accounted for 69.9 percent of all days away from work cases in Kansas, compared to 61.2 percent nationally.
- Workers aged 25-34 and workers aged 45-54 accounted for 21.9 percent of cases with days away from work in each of those groups, followed by the age group of 55-64 with 17.9 percent.

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 <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=531>.

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The Kansas Department of Labor assists in the prevention of economic insecurity through unemployment insurance and workers compensation, by providing a fair and efficient venue to exercise employer and employee rights, and by helping employers promote a safe work environment for their employees. This facilitates compliance with labor laws while enabling advancement of the economic well-being of the citizens of Kansas.

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