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## **2017 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses 11% Fewer Injuries in 2017 compared to 2016**

TOPEKA, Kan. - The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), in conjunction with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released its 2017 nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses data through the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses. The survey estimates annual counts and incident rates of nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses of Kansas employers as well as case circumstances and workers characteristics for cases that involve days away from work. Data are collected from 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 3.0 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers. This compares to the national number for 2017 at 2.8 cases per 100 equivalent full-time workers.
- Workers in private industries reported an estimated 28,200 nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses in Kansas in 2017 which decreased from 31,800 cases in 2016.

### Other private industry findings:

- Within the goods producing industry group, the construction sector incidence rate decreased from 4.2 injury and illness cases per 100 full-time workers in 2016 to 3.0 cases in 2017.
- Kansas had a total of 8,120 cases involving injuries and/or illnesses that required days away from work. The median number of days away from work was seven days and 29.4 percent of these cases involved 31 or more days away from work.
- Thursday recorded the most cases involving days away from work with 1,570 cases. Monday came in second with 1,540 cases.
- Men accounted for 62.3 percent of all days away from work cases in Kansas, compared to 61.2 percent nationally.
- Workers aged 25-34 accounted the highest percentage of cases with days away from work at 24.0 percent of the total, followed by the age group of 35-44 with 19.3 percent.

For more information regarding this survey go to [www.bls.gov/iif](http://www.bls.gov/iif). You can also visit the KDOL Labor Market Information Services website at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=531>.

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