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## Indiana Workplace Injuries, Illnesses Remain at Historic Low

**INDIANAPOLIS (Nov. 17, 2020)** – The Indiana Department of Labor has released the state’s results from the 2019 Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses report, which shows Hoosier workplace injuries and illnesses have continued to remain at a historical low for eight years in a row.

The report measures incidents of nonfatal workplace injuries and illnesses on an annual basis. Indiana’s nonfatal occupational injury and illness tied with the 2018 historic low rate of 3.3 per 100 full-time workers.

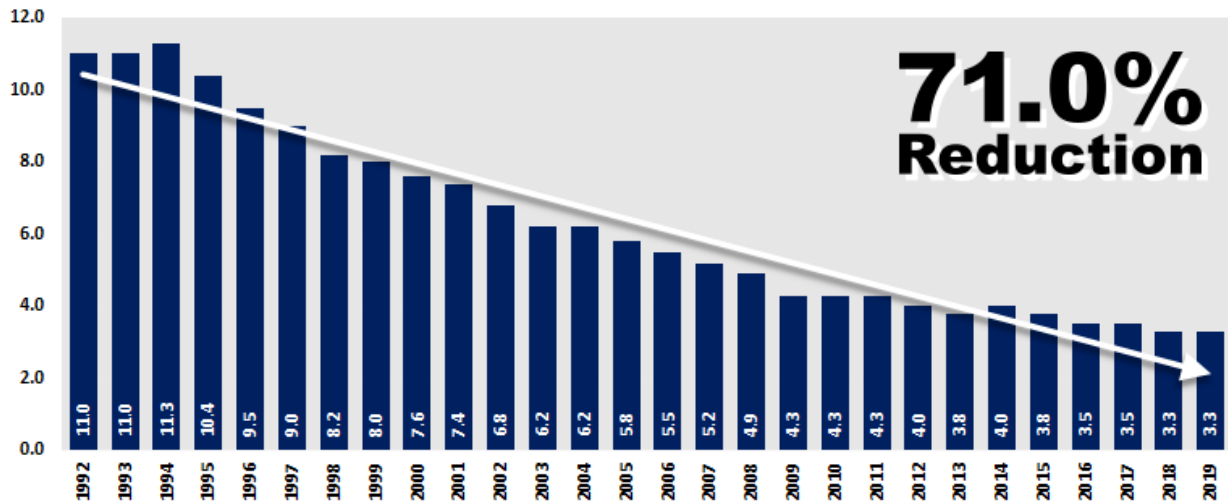
The 2019 report marks the eighth consecutive year the injury and illness rate has been at or below 4.0. The injury and illness rate has **decreased by 71 percent** since the all-time high of 11.3 injuries or illnesses per 100 full-time workers in 1994.

“Indiana has a strong culture of workplace safety and health,” said Joe Hoage, DOL commissioner. “The state’s occupational injury and illness rate remains at the historic low because of Hoosier employers prioritizing worker wellbeing. The entire state benefits from proactive safety and health in the workplace, and we must maintain due diligence.”

The report finds that nine Hoosier industries experienced decreases in the nonfatal workplace injury and illness rate.

Educational services experienced a 42.86% decrease from a rate of 2.8 in 2018 to 1.6 in 2019. This is the largest percentage of decrease in rate in any industry for 2019. The Hoosier manufacturing industry experienced nearly a 10% decrease from 4.1 in 2018 to 3.7 per 100 full-time workers. The information industry had the largest percentage increase of 81.82% from a rate of 1.1 in 2018 to a rate of 2.0 in 2019. Local Government rate also increased by 15.22% from the 2018 rate of 4.6 to the 2019 rate of 5.3.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the full report.



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**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 at [@INDeptofLabor](#) and Like on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](http://www.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.

*At the time of initial publication of this document (11/2020), INSafe, the Indiana Consultation State Plan, receives 79.2% of its budget from a grant of \$893,000 in federal funds. The remaining 20.8% of the State Plan budget is financed through \$234,572 in Indiana state funds.*

*At the time of initial publication of this document (11/2020), IOSHA, the Indiana Enforcement State Plan, receives 48.1% of its budget from a grant of \$2,308,000 in federal funds. The remaining 51.9% of the State Plan budget is financed through \$2,492,006 in Indiana state funds.*