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BLS Releases 2021 State, National Injury/Illness Rates

South Carolina's on-the-job injury/illness rate for private industry went from 2.1 to 2.2 injuries/illnesses per 100 full-time equivalent workers in 2021. The U.S. rate for private industry in 2021 was 2.7.

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 2021 estimate for the injury/illness rate for the public sector was 3.2 in 2021 and 3.6 in 2020.

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

- Hospitals, 5.9
- Nursing and residential care facilities, 4.5
- Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing, 4.1
- Food manufacturing, 3.7
- Plastics and rubber products manufacturing, 3.3