



OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

An informational quarterly newsletter.

INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT: HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

In 2015, Montana's private Health Care and Social Assistance industry had 2,300 non-fatal work-related injuries. This high number of injuries translated into a rate of 5.1 injuries for every 100 full-time workers in Montana's private Health Care and Social Assistance industry in 2015, which was higher than the national rate. There were about 64,000 employees in this private industry in Montana in 2015.

Rate of non-fatal work-related injuries per 100 full-time workers in the private Health Care and Social Assistance industry in Montana and the U.S., 2011-2015



INJURY CHARACTERISTICS

In 2015, 700 of the 2,300 non-fatal injuries in this private industry sector in Montana involved **missed days from work**. Of those 700 injuries with missed days from work:

- 51% of those injuries were **nursing, psychiatric, or home health aides**
- 50% of those injuries were **sprains, strains, or tears**
- 36% of those injuries were caused **by patients**
- 24% of those injuries involved the **back, including the spine**

Workplace Violence: Assaults on health care workers often go unreported. Based on estimates that are available, the rates of injuries that could be considered **assaults on health care workers** are **higher** in Montana than the national rate.

- From 2011 to 2015, the rate of injuries involving intentional hitting, kicking, beating, or shoving by another person increased from 5.6 to 13.1 injuries per 10,000 full-time workers in the private Health Care industry in Montana.

Source: BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) (private industry)

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Industry Spotlight Fact Sheets [online now!](#)

- [Health Care and Social Assistance Spotlight](#)

Health & Safety Resources:

Our full report on [Assaults Health Care Workers in Montana](#) is available online!

[Safe Patient Handling:](#)

Resources on safe patient handling practices from the American Nurses Association

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