CONSTRUCTION

The Construction Industry sector (NAICS code 23) includes establishments primarily involved in the construction of buildings or engineering projects. Establishments involved in preparing new construction sites or subdividing land for building sites are also included. Independent contractors are not included in these data sources. In 2015, there were 26,462 total employees and 5,665 total establishments in the private Construction industry in Montana. Building equipment contractors (24%), residential building construction (15%) and foundation, structure, and building exterior contractors (9%) employed the most workers in this industry in Montana in 2015.

Number of Work-Related Injuries & Illnesses

In 2015, an estimated 1,500 non-fatal injuries and illnesses occurred in Montana’s private Construction industry.

Rate of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses

In 2015, there were 6.2 estimated cases of non-fatal injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers in Montana’s private Construction industry, which was higher than the national rate of 3.5 cases per 100 full-time workers in this industry. Montana’s private Construction industry has consistently higher rates of injury than the industry nationwide.

Work-Related Injury and Illness Facts

Of 630 total injuries involving days away from work:
- 97% of injuries were men
- 41% of injuries were workers aged 20-34
- 41% injuries occurred in construction laborers
- 7 days = median number of days away from work
- 30% of injuries were falls to same or lower level
- 22% of injuries involved the back, including spine
- 33% of injuries were sprains, strains, or tears
- 14% of injuries involved the head

Work-Related Fatal Injury Facts

In 2015, there were 4 work-related fatalities in Montana’s Construction industry.

From 2011 to 2015, there were 18 work-related fatalities in Montana’s Construction industry.
- 5 (28%) of those fatalities were due to falls, slips, and trips.
- Falls are a leading cause of death for workers in the Construction industry nationwide. In 2015, falls accounted for 350 of the 937 construction fatalities in the United States.

Questions or Comments?

Please contact the Montana Occupational Health & Safety Surveillance Program at: (406) 444-1722 or visit http://mtworkerhealth.mt.gov.

Sources

- BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII)
- BLS Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFDI)
- BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)
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