HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Health Care and Social Assistance Industry sector (NAICS code 62) includes establishments that provide health care and social assistance for individuals. Establishments in this sector may provide only medical care, medical care and social assistance, or only social assistance. In 2015, there were 63,647 total employees and 3,618 total establishments in the private Health Care and Social Assistance industry in Montana. There were 1,711 federal government employees and 771 local government employees in this industry in 2015. Private general medical and surgical hospitals (33%) and private physician offices (9.5%) employed the most workers in Montana in 2015.

Number of Work-Related Injuries & Illnesses

In 2015, an estimated 2,300 non-fatal injuries and illnesses occurred in Montana’s private Health Care and Social Assistance industry.

Rate of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses

In 2015, there were 5.1 estimated cases of non-fatal injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers in Montana’s private Health Care and Social Assistance industry, which was higher than the national rate of 4.3 cases per 100 full-time workers for this industry.

Work-Related Injury and Illness Facts

Of 700 total injuries involving days away from work:
- 76% of injuries were women
- 33% of injuries were workers aged 45-54
- 29% of injuries were workers aged 25-34
- 51% injuries occurred in nursing aides, psychiatric aides, and home health aides
- 6 days: median number of days away from work
- 24% of injuries involved the back, including the spine
- 50% of injuries were sprains, strains, or tears
- 47% of injuries were overexertion and bodily reaction events
- 20% of injuries were falls, slips, or trips
- 36% of injuries involved patients
- 9% of injuries involved intentional hitting, kicking, beating, or shoving by another person

Work-Related Fatal Injury Facts

From 2011 to 2015, there were no work-related fatalities in Montana’s Health Care and Social Assistance industry.

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 (CFOI)
BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW)

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