The Retail Trade Industry sector (NAICS code 44-45) includes establishments involved in retailing merchandise, generally without transformation, and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise. Establishments involved in store and non-store retailers are included in this sector. In 2015, there were 58,709 total employees and 4,587 total establishments in the private Wholesale Trade industry in Montana. Grocery stores (16%), other general merchandise stores (12%), gasoline stores (9%), and automobile dealers (7.6%) employed the most workers in this industry in Montana in 2015.

### Number of Work-Related Injuries & Illnesses

In 2015, an estimated 2,400 non-fatal injuries and illnesses occurred in Montana’s private Retail Trade Industry.

### Rate of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses

In 2015, there were 6.3 estimated cases of non-fatal injuries and illnesses per 100 full-time workers in Montana’s private Retail Trade Industry, which was higher than the national rate 3.1 cases per 100 full-time workers for this industry. Montana’s private Retail Trade Industry has seen a slight increase in rates of injury since 2011.

### Work-Related Injury and Illness Facts

Of 710 total injuries involving days away from work:

- 34% of injuries were women
- 24% of injuries were workers aged 25-34
- 34% injuries occurred in retail sales workers
- 7 days: median number of days away from work
- 24% of injuries involved the back and spine
- 58% of injuries were sprains, strains, or tears
- 52% of injuries were overexertion and bodily reaction
- 31% of injuries involved the lower extremities
- 24% of injuries involved containers, furniture, and fixtures

### Work-Related Fatal Injury Facts

From 2011 to 2015, there were 4 work-related fatalities in Montana’s Retail Trade Industry.

- In 2014: 1 work-related fatality in Montana’s Retail Trade industry due to a fall, slip, or trip.
- In 2015: 3 work-related fatalities in Montana’s Wholesale Trade industry due to transportation incidents.

### Questions or Comments?

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

**Sources**

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