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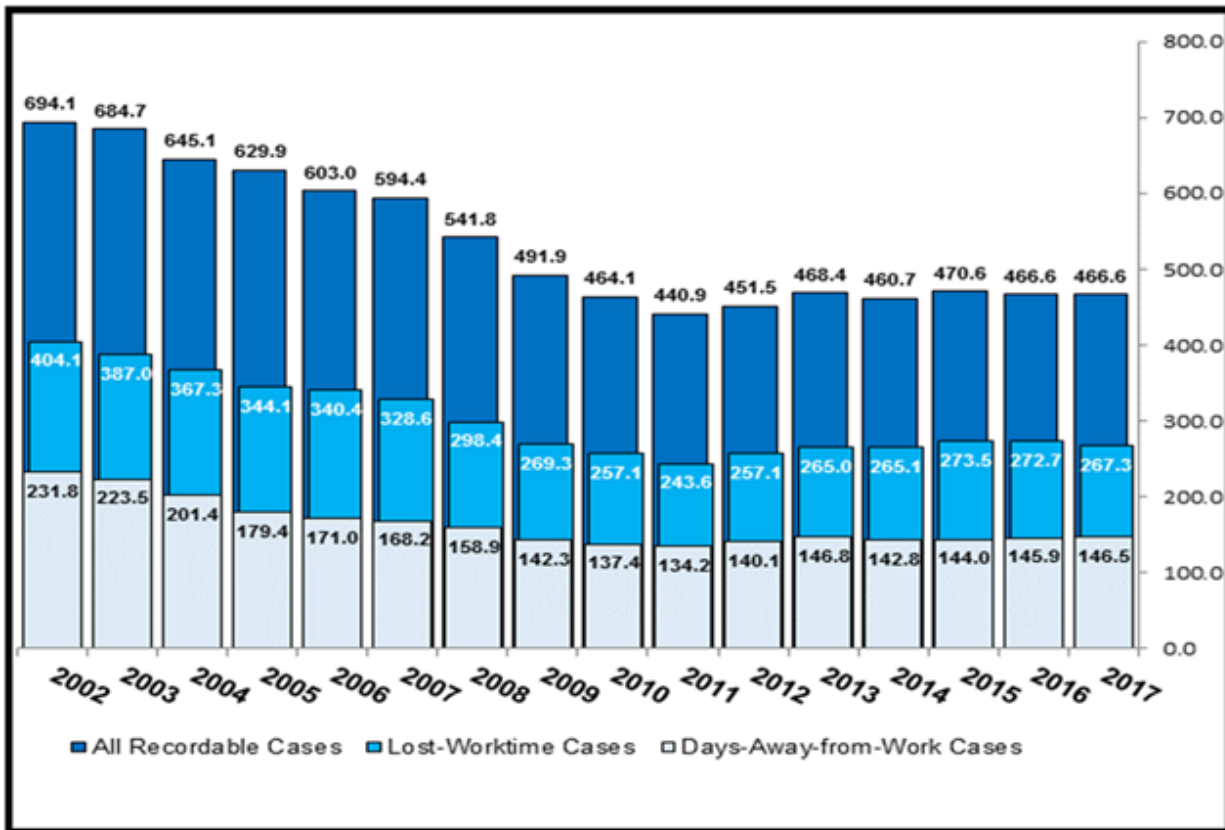
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Injuries and Illnesses Hold Steady in 2017 Maintenance and Construction Leading the Numbers

California's Nonfatal Worker Injuries and Illnesses Stable

Oakland—The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) has posted [California's 2017 occupational injury and illness](#) data on employer-reported injuries. According to the estimates provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses (SOII), California had 466,600 nonfatal occupational injuries in 2017, a number stable from the prior year. The data posted includes detailed case and demographic data.

This chart shows nonfatal injuries/illnesses (in thousands) for all industries 2002–2017:



Data Source: DIR, Director's Office of Policy, Research and Legislation

Of the [466,600 nonfatal reportable job-related injuries and illnesses](#) in 2017, 78% occurred in private industry and 22% in state and local government sectors. Both the statewide all-industry count of “lost time” cases (referred to in the survey as “days away from work, job transfer or restriction” or DART cases) and the number of “days away from work” cases (DAFW) remained steady.

By occupation, DAFW rates were highest in 2017 for cleaning and maintenance workers (311 cases per 10,000 workers), construction (246 cases) and transportation (225 cases).



Estimates for the California Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses are derived from a [statistical sample of employers](#) in the state. The SOII program is administered by the [US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (BLS) in cooperation with participating state agencies. Surveyed employers report data as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Recordkeeping regulation ([29 CFR 1904](#)), using the OSHA 300 Log.

Additional background and methodological information regarding the BLS occupational safety and health statistics program can be found in Chapter 9 of the [BLS Handbook of Methods](#). Employment data are 2015 annual averages from the BLS Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program.

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