

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE: NORA SECTOR BULLETIN



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rapidly changing economic conditions, accuracy and consistently high statistical quality, and impartiality in both subject matter and presentation.

The BLS website also contains information on nonfatal injuries and illnesses that occur in the wholesale and trade industry. See Table below. This information and more can be found on their website at:

<http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshwc/osh/os/ostb1619.pdf>

Top 10 Nonfatal Injuries and Illnesses in WRT

The WRT sector consists of 146 sub-sectors or unique businesses. The BLS recently released the latest "Industry and Illnesses" incidence rates (IRs) for 2005. IRs refer to the number of new reported events in a defined period, usually annually, per 100 full-time equivalent workers. The IRs for the top 10 WRT sub-sectors range from a high of 9.6 per 100 workers for the business with a NAICS code 4248 to a low of 6.9 per 100 workers for those employed in the NAICS 4233 sub-sector. The average for all private industries was **4.6/100**.

1. 4248 -- Beer, wine and distilled alcoholic beverage merchant wholesalers: **9.6/100**
2. 44411 -- Home centers: **9.3/100**
3. 4441 -- Building material and supplies dealers: **7.9/100**
4. 4244 -- Grocery and related product merchant wholesalers: **7.8/100**
5. 4235 -- Metal and mineral (except petroleum) merchant wholesalers: **7.6/100**
6. 45291 -- Warehouse clubs and superstores: **7.6/100**
7. 444 -- Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers: **7.5/100**
8. 4529 -- Other general merchandise stores: **7.2/100**
9. 44419 -- Other building material dealers: **7.0/100**
10. 4233 -- Lumber and other construction materials merchant wholesalers: **6.9/100**

*NAICS is the North American Industry Classification System

Employers Cost for Employee Compensation

According to the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), employer costs for employee compensation averaged \$27.31 per hour worked in September 2006. Wages and salaries, which averaged \$19.12, accounted for the remaining 70 percent of those costs, while benefits, which averaged \$8.18, accounted for the remaining 30 percent.



Employer costs for insurance benefits (life, health, and disability) averaged \$2.22 per hour which accounts for 8.1 percent of total compensation. Legally required benefits, including Social Security, Medicare, unemployment insurance, and worker's compensation, averaged \$2.19 per hour, which accounts for 8.0 percent of total compensation. Paid leave benefits (vacations, holidays, sick leave, and other leave) averaged \$1.91, which accounts for 7.0 percent of total compensation; and retirement and savings benefits averaged \$1.18 per hour worked.

Additional information on employer cost for employee compensation can be found in the Bureau of Labor Statistics News released on December 13, 2006. This document can be found on the BLS website at: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ecec.pdf> or you can request a copy from Debbie Hornback, Editor, WRT Newsletter at: dhornback@cdc.gov or 513-533-8484.

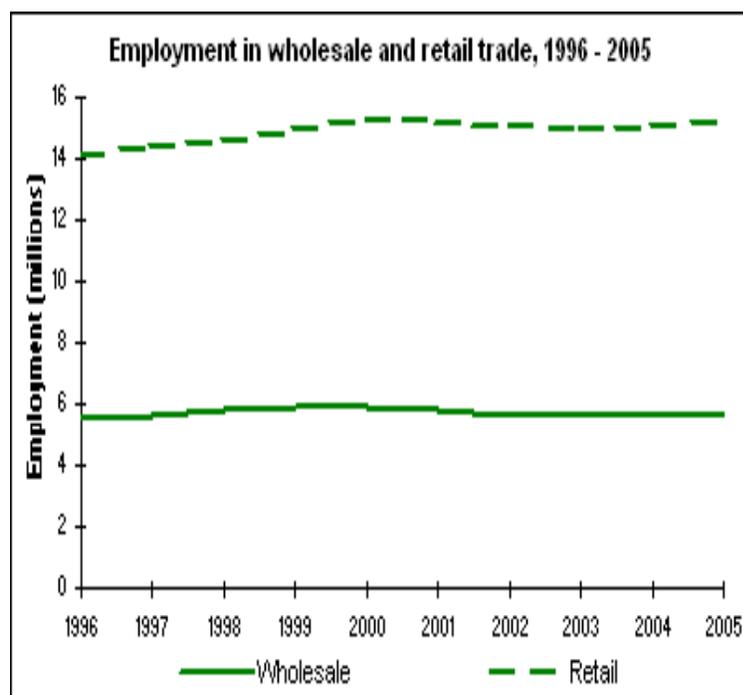
Employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade 1996–2005

The wholesale and retail trade super-sector is made up of two parts: the wholesale trade sector (NAICS sector 42), and the retail trade sector (NAICS sector 44 - 45).

The wholesale trade sector comprises establishments engaged in wholesaling merchandise, generally without transformation, and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise. The wholesaling process is an intermediate step in the distribution of merchandise.

The retail trade sector comprises establishments engaged in retailing merchandise, generally without transformation, and rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise. The retailing process is the final step in the distribution of merchandise; retailers are, therefore, organized to sell merchandise in small quantities to the general public.

Additional employment information on the WRT sector can be found on the OSHA website at: <http://www.bls.gov/iag/wholretailtrade.htm>



What's New in the WRT News?

The following articles and websites provide additional follow-up information about topics that were mentioned in this issue. If you are interested in receiving copies of these documents, please contact Debbie Hornback, Editor, WRT Newsletter at: dhornback@cdc.gov or 513-533-8484.

1. *The Impact of Overtime and Long Work Hours on Occupational Injuries and Illnesses: New Evidence from the United States.* AE Dembe, JB Erickson, RG Delbos, and SM Banks, Occupational Environmental Medicine 62:588-597 (2005)
2. *Labor Productivity Growth in Wholesale Trade, 1990-2000*, Christopher Kasik, David Kiernan, and Brian Friedman, Monthly Labor Review, December 2002.
3. "Setting Retail in Motion" NRF 96th Annual Convention and Expo, Jacob K. Jarvits Convention Center, New York City, January 14-17, 2007.
<http://nrf.a2zinc.net/annual07/public/enter.aspx>
4. NRF Loss Prevention Conference and Expo, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA, June 11-13, 2007. <http://nrf.a2zinc.net/lp07/public/enter.aspx>
5. *Employer Costs for Employee Compensation - September 2006*, News, United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Wednesday, December 13, 2006. <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/ecec.pdf>

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