Maryland

Occupational Health and Safety

Tracking occupational health indicators allows Maryland to increase consistency and availability of occupational disease and injury surveillance data

In 2011, Maryland added **Indicator 20**: Hospitalizations for Work-Related Low Back Disorders

- In 2013, **356** Maryland workers were hospitalized for low back disorders and **284** had surgery for low back disorders.

- **15-20%** of Americans report back pain¹
- **100 million** U.S. workdays are lost annually to low back disorders¹
- **2/3** of all U.S. low back pain cases are attributable to work activities¹

In 2012, Maryland added **Indicator 22**: Hospitalizations for Work-Related Severe Traumatic Injury

- Acute work-related trauma is a leading cause of death and disability among U.S. workers.¹
- In 2013, there were **239** work-related severe traumatic injury hospitalizations in Maryland, at a rate of **8.2** per 100,000 workers.

In 2013, Maryland added **Indicator 24**: Emergency Department Visits for Occupational Heat-Related Illness

- In 2013, there were **43** occupational heat-related illness ED visits, at a rate of **1.5** per 100,000 workers.


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¹ www.cste.org/general/custom.asp?page=OHIndicators

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