Workers in certain industries sustain non-fatal injuries and illnesses at much higher rates than the overall workforce. The proportion of the workforce that is employed in these high-risk industries varies by state. This variation can help explain differences in injury and illness rates among states.

**About this Indicator:**

Why is this Indicator Important?

Work-related injuries and illnesses are preventable, and control of occupational hazards is the most effective means of prevention. Concentrating on high-risk industries for non-fatal injuries and illnesses helps prioritize limited resources.

Limitation of Indicator:

It is possible that some new employers are not counted in the County Business Patterns mid-March survey. In addition, differences in regional industrial practices may cause the ranking of high-risk industries within a specific State to differ from those identified from national data.

For more information on this indicator or occupational health in Maryland, visit the DHMH website.

**Data Source for this Indicator:** Census Bureau County Business Patterns