**THE FLORIDA OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM**

The Florida Occupational Health and Safety Program (OHSP) at the Florida Department of Health focuses on the causes of work-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths, and the reduction of those risks. A goal of the program is to use this information to inform prevention activities that will improve the health and safety of Florida’s workforce.

**Website:** http://doh.state.fl.us/healthy-environments/occupational-health/

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### OVERVIEW OF FLORIDA’S AVERAGE WORKFORCE 2006–2010

- **Population:** 13.6 million people aged 15–74 years. (Florida Charts)
- **Workforce:** 9.1 million (range 8.8–9.3 million). (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- **Number employed:** 8.5 million (range 8.0–8.9 million). (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- **Unemployment rate:** 7.1% (range 3.3%–11.3%). (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

### OCCUPATIONAL INJURY/ILLNESS

Occupational injury and illness medical costs contribute substantially to overall health care costs in Florida. During the 5-year period 2006–2010, hospital inpatient and emergency department total gross charges for occupationally related injuries and illnesses amounted to over $3.9 billion. Many occupationally related injuries and illnesses are preventable. Substantial cost savings in overall health care costs could result from successful prevention measures. These estimates only capture a portion of the total health care costs associated with occupationally related illness and injuries in Florida.
Occational Injury/Illness Hospital Inpatient Discharges 2006–2010
(Adjusted to 2010 Dollars)

Total gross charges for all occupationally related injury and illness hospital inpatient visits were $2.8 billion. Figure 1 shows gross charges by year. Gross charges have declined since 2006. Table 1 shows total gross charges for the most common occupationally related injuries and illnesses. The primary diagnosis with the highest gross charges ($680,000,000) was diseases of the musculoskeletal system/connective tissue.

Occational Injury/Illness Emergency Department Visits from 2006–2010
(Adjusted to 2010 Dollars)

Total gross charges for all occupationally related emergency department visits were $1.1 billion. Figure 2 shows gross charges by year. Gross charges have declined since 2006. Table 2 shows total gross charges for the most common occupationally related injuries and illnesses. The primary diagnosis with the highest gross charges ($680,000,000) was accidents of the musculoskeletal system/connective tissue.

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