Establishment Characteristics in Injury Underreporting

Unreported workers’ compensation claims to the BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses: Establishment factors

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Key Findings

▪ An estimated 70% of SOII-eligible workers’ compensation claims were reported in the SOII.

▪ Claims among State and Local Government employees were most likely to be reported in the SOII.

▪ In general, claim reporting increased with establishment size – claims among larger establishments were more likely to be reported than claims among smaller establishments.

▪ When compared to large manufacturing firms, unreported claims were most common in:
  o Large Construction establishments
  o Small Educational Services establishments

Impact

Injury underreporting to the BLS SOII by employers varies by establishment characteristics, making it difficult to identify and prioritize meaningful prevention efforts.

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