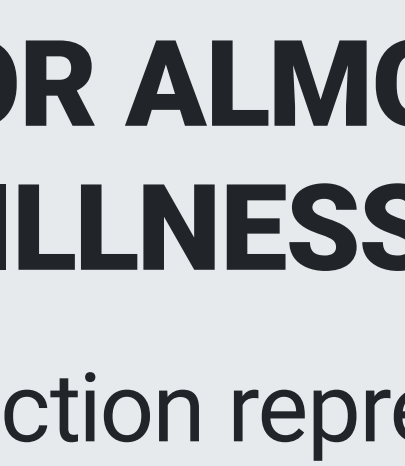


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5 MUST-KNOW STATS ABOUT CONSTRUCTION WORKPLACE INJURIES

Construction and contracting are dangerous occupations and, unfortunately, workplace injuries are not uncommon. In addition to the physical and mental impact on employees, injuries result in lost productivity and financial costs that could be avoided with improved training and oversight.

Read on to better understand the extent of job-related illness and injury and get tips for how to enhance protection for your employees and your company.



IN 2019, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES ACCOUNTED FOR ALMOST 20% OF ALL WORKPLACE ILLNESS AND INJURY.

Even though construction represents only **6%** of the workforce, it accounted for about **20%** of the injuries.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



TWO TYPES OF ACCIDENTS WERE THE CAUSE OF MOST CONSTRUCTION INJURIES.

The physical environment of the job site contributes to accidents.



The top three injuries are musculoskeletal.

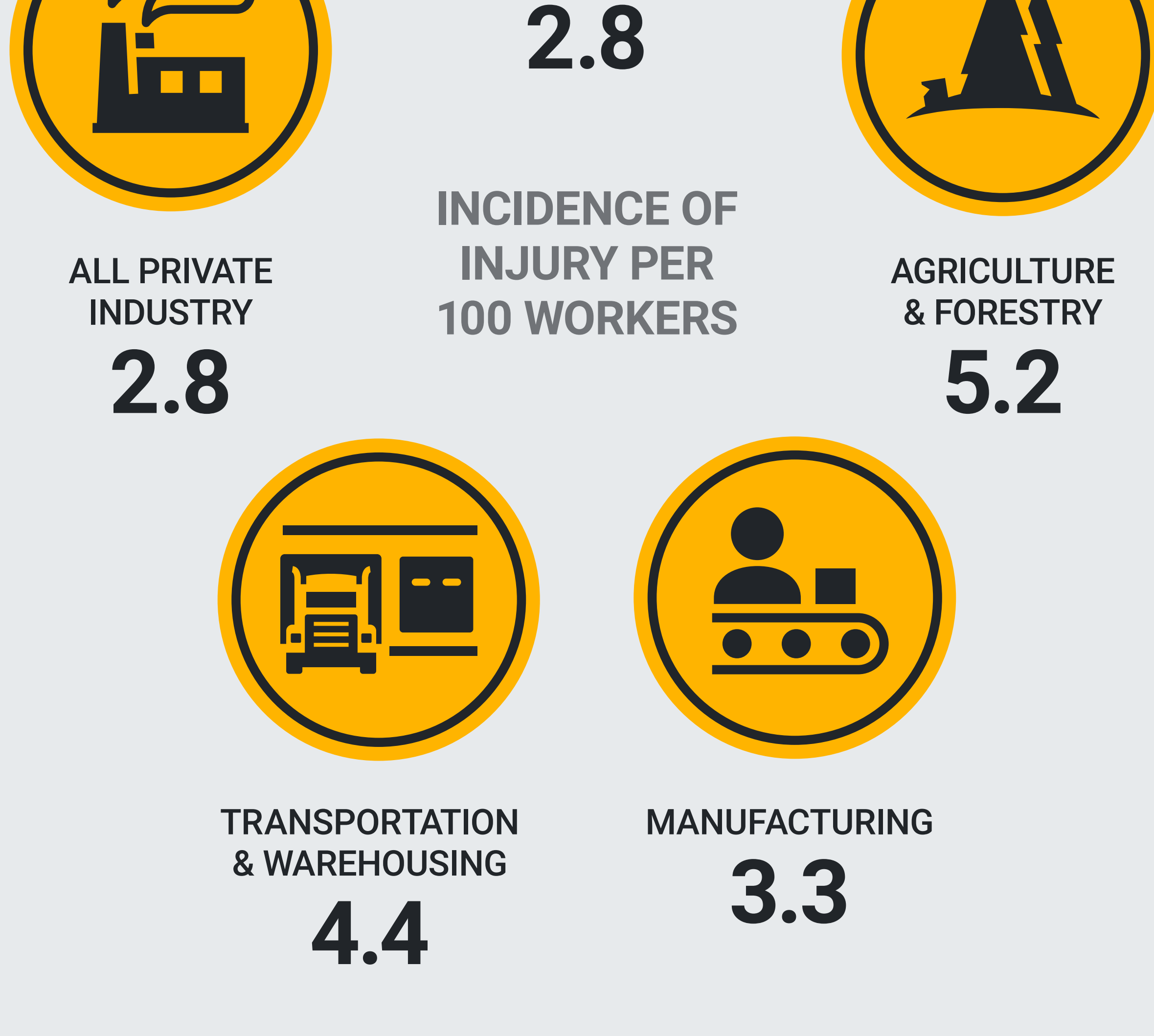


Source: Injury Facts



DESPITE THE NUMBERS, CONSTRUCTION WAS ON PAR WITH ALL OTHER INDUSTRIES FOR PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYEES INJURED.

While construction had a high incident rate, some industries were actually higher.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



INJURIES ON CONSTRUCTION WORKSITES LEAD TO MORE MISSED DAYS OF WORK THAN IN OTHER INDUSTRIES.

In half of the cases, employees miss 13 or more days from work.

Occupational injuries and illnesses, median days away from work.



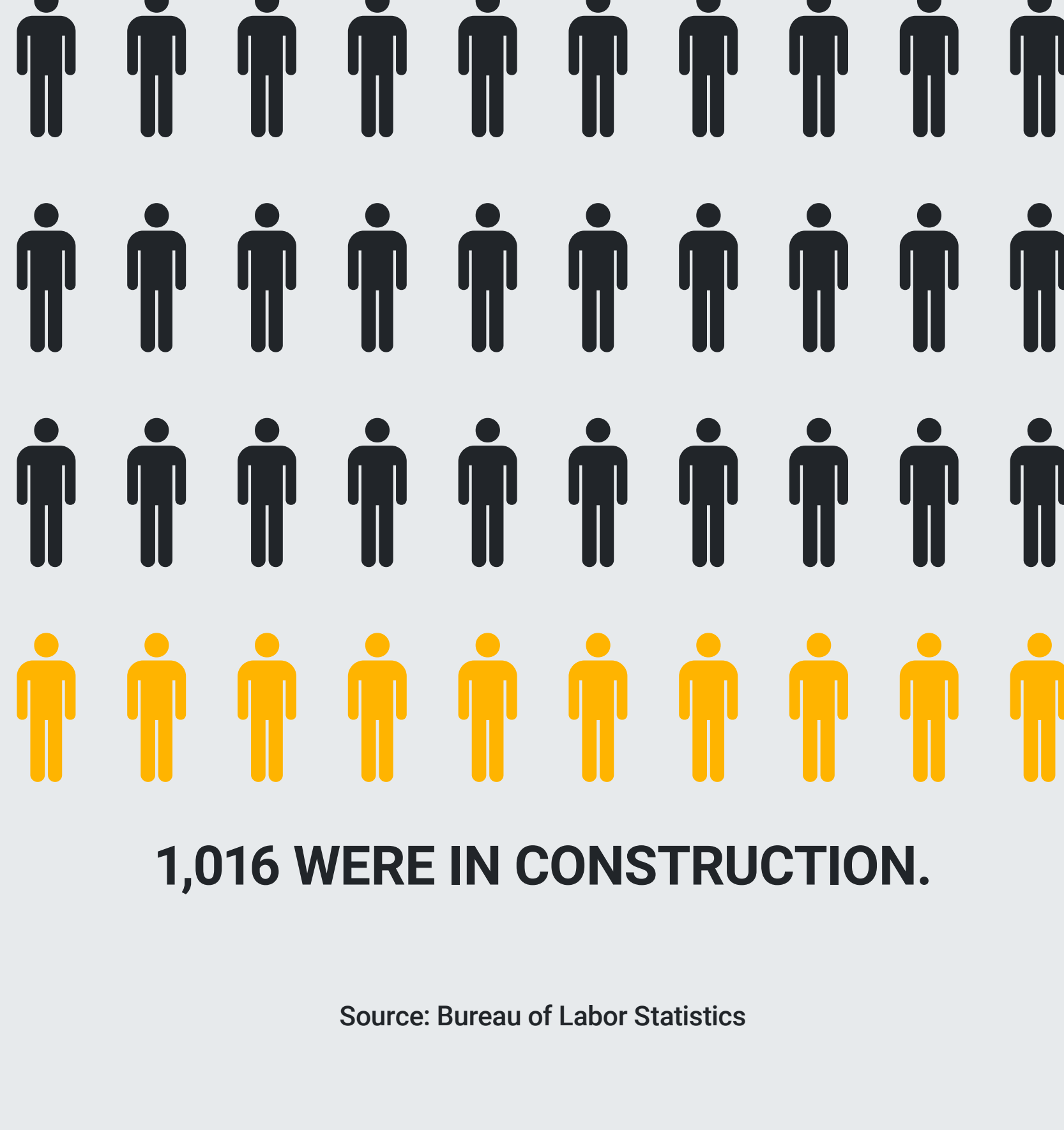
Source: Statista, Bureau of Labor Statistics



TRAGICALLY, IN SOME CASES, AN ACCIDENT OR INJURY RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THE EMPLOYEE.

The construction industry accounts for about 1/5 of these fatalities, most of which were related to falls.

2019 WORKPLACE FATALITIES: 5,333



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Are you doing enough to promote prevention?

Prevention is the hands-down best approach to protect employees, their co-workers, their families and the businesses they work for.

To determine whether your company is doing its best to prevent workplace accidents, consider whether you're leveraging best practices by asking these questions.

- ⚠ Are new employees informed about workplace safety protocols and procedures during onboarding?
- ⚠ Do employees receive specific safety training, including OSHA-mandated training, on a regular basis?
- ⚠ Do supervisors hold regular safety huddles or meetings to discuss the conditions on the jobsite?
- ⚠ Are all employees proficient in operating the equipment and tools needed for their job?
- ⚠ Is adherence to safety rules and protocols part of your employee evaluation process?

If your answer to any of these questions was no, you may need to step up your efforts around employee safety.

It may never be possible to completely remove the risk but the numbers are increasing, and that comes with a real human and dollar cost to the industry. Better [training](#) is one of most impactful things you can do.

Learn more about how to ensure employees receive the important health and safety training they need to protect them—and you. [Read our e-book to learn more.](#)