

# **Annual Report**

**of**

## **Occupational Injuries and Illnesses**

### **2003**

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF INJURIES/ILLNESSES  
LISTED BY *GENDER* - 2003**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Female	5,260	39.22%
Male	8,141	60.69%
Unknown	12	0.09%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF INJURIES/ILLNESSES  
LISTED BY *INDUSTRY* - 2003**

<b>Industry</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	109	0.81%
Mining	111	0.83%
Construction	1,079	8.04%
Manufacturing	2,672	19.92%
Transportation, Utilities	970	7.23%
Wholesale Trade	287	2.14%
Retail Trade	1,614	12.03%
Finance, Real Estate, Ins.	116	0.86%
Services	2,859	21.32%
Public Administration	606	4.52%
Non-classifiable	26	0.19%
Other	2,964	22.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF INJURIES/ILLNESSES RESULTING IN *DEATH*  
LISTED BY CAUSE - 2003**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Fire or Flame	1	1.16%
From Ladder, Scaffold	3	3.49%
Motor Veh/Collision	9	10.47%
Airplane Crash	1	1.16%
Vehicle Upset	7	8.14%
Stationary Object	1	1.16%
Struck/Inj by falling object	6	6.98%
Motor Vehicle	3	3.49%
Electrical current	2	2.33%
Person(Criminal act)	3	3.49%
Cumulatv(all others)	36	41.86%
Other Misc. Causes	14	16.28%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## NUMBER OF INJURIES/ILLNESSES LISTED BY NATURE

**2003**

<b>Description</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Unknown	217	1.62%	Sprain	614	4.58%
Asbestosis	1	0.01%	Strain	4,396	32.77%
Amputation	90	0.67%	Vascular Loss	31	0.23%
Burn	210	1.57%	Vision Loss	4	0.03%
Concussion	10	0.07%	All Other injury-nec	3,701	27.59%
Contusion	738	5.50%	Mental Stress	52	0.39%
Crushing	82	0.61%	Resp Disorder/gas,fume	36	0.27%
Dislocation	75	0.56%	Poisoning-chemical	7	0.05%
Electric Shock	14	0.10%	Poisoning-general	1	0.01%
Dermatitis	24	0.18%	Mental Disorder	5	0.04%
Foreign Body	42	0.31%	All Other Occ. Disease	7	0.05%
Fracture	910	6.78%	Loss of Hearing	11	0.08%
Freezing	2	0.01%	Contagious Disease	5	0.04%
Hear Loss/traumatic	17	0.13%	Mult Inj- Physical only	365	2.72%
Heat Prostration	21	0.16%	Mult Inj - Physical&Psych	10	0.07%
Hernia	167	1.25%	Carpal Tunnel Synd.	306	2.28%
Infection	34	0.25%	No Physical Injury	13	0.10%
Inflammation	220	1.64%	Silicosis	3	0.02%
Laceration	665	4.96%	Cancer	2	0.01%
Myocardial Infarction	15	0.11%	Asphyxiation	1	0.01%
Puncture	190	1.42%	Aids	1	0.01%
Severance	15	0.01%	Swoon,Faint, etc.	17	0.13%
Rupture	26	0.19%	All Other Cumul. Inj.	40	0.30%
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**NUMBER OF INJURIES/ILLNESSES  
LISTED BY PART OF THE BODY AFFECTED  
2003**

<b>Description</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Unknown	36	0.27%	Multiple Trunk	335	2.50%
Multiple Head Injury	120	0.89%	Upper Back-thoracic	92	0.69%
Skull	63	0.47%	Lower Back-lumbar	2,081	15.51%
Brain	13	0.10%	Trunk Vertebrae(noc)	14	0.10%
Ear(s)	36	0.27%	Shoulder(s)	305	2.27%
Eyes(s)	116	0.86%	Chest-ribs, sternum	152	1.13%
Nose	11	0.08%	Lungs	17	0.13%
Teeth	6	0.04%	Sacrum and Coccyx	29	0.22%
Mouth	11	0.08%	Pelvis	23	0.17%
Other Soft Tissue	65	0.48%	Abdomen(Inc. Groin)	170	1.27%
Trachea	2	0.01%	Internal Organs	182	1.36%
Facial Bones	16	0.12%	Heart	21	0.16%
Multiple Neck Injury	30	0.22%	Multiple Low Extrem	218	1.63%
Vertebrae	9	0.07%	Hip	96	0.72%
Spinal Cord - neck	1	0.01%	Thigh	67	0.50%
Disc-Neck	9	0.07%	Buttocks	15	0.11%
Disc-Back	25	0.19%	Knee	1,259	9.39%
Soft Tissue	118	0.88%	Lower Leg	331	2.47%
Mult. Upper Extrem.	575	4.29%	Ankle	491	3.66%
Upper Arm	739	5.51%	Foot	426	3.18%
Elbow	168	1.25%	Toe(s)	75	0.56%
Lower Arm	341	2.54%	Great Toe	17	0.13%
Wrist	461	3.44%	No Physical Injury	28	0.21%
Wrist(s) & Hand(s)	52	0.39%	Insufficient Info	118	0.88%
Hand	578	4.31%	Body System & Multi	25	0.19%
Finger(s)	623	4.64%	Artificial Appliance	1	0.01%
Thumb	206	1.54%	Multiple Body Parts	2,395	17.86%
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## NUMBER OF INJURIES/ILLNESSES LISTED BY CAUSE

2003

Description	No.	Percent	Description	No.	Percent
Acid Chemicals	18	0.13%	Obj being lifted/handled	69	0.51%
Contact, Hot Objects	36	0.27%	Stationary Object	243	1.81%
Temperature Extremes	11	0.08%	Step on Sharp Object	19	0.01%
Fire or Flame	17	0.13%	Strike against/step Misc	58	0.43%
Cold Objects or substance	4	0.03%	Struck/inj Falling Obj	385	2.87%
Steam or Hot Fluids	91	0.68%	Hand Tool/mach in Use	63	0.47%
Dust, Gases, Fumes	35	0.26%	Motor Vehicle	52	0.39%
Welding Operations	14	0.10%	Machine Moving Parts	38	0.28%
Contactw/noc-radiation	20	0.15%	Obj Handled by Others	36	0.27%
Machinery	174	1.30%	Struck/injured Misc.	145	1.08%
Object Handled	44	0.33%	Elect. Current Contact	20	0.15%
Caught In/between Misc	123	0.92%	Animal or Insect	90	0.67%
Cut/scrap Broken Glass	17	0.13%	Explosion/flare Back	21	0.16%
Hand Tool, Not Powered	76	0.57%	Foreign Body in Eye	31	0.23%
Powered Hand Tool	186	1.39%	Person-criminal Assault	63	0.47%
Cut/scrape/puncture,misc.	141	1.05%	Person(not in act of crime)	99	0.74%
Fall/slip Diff Level	572	4.26%	Other than Physical	42	0.31%
From Ladder, scaffold	211	1.57%	Repetitive Motion	878	6.55%
From Liquid Grease Spills	208	1.55%	Cumulative (All Others)	1,427	10.64%
Into opening	66	0.49%	Wielding/Throwing	4	0.01%
On ice or snow	8	0.06%	Absorption/Ingestion/	27	0.20%
On stairs	57	0.43%	Continual noise	32	0.24%
On Same Level	511	3.81%	Crash of water vehicle	2	0.01%
Slipped, Not Fall	112	0.84%	Sand,Scrap,Clean,Opr	2	0.01%
Fall/slip/trip Misc.	995	7.42%	Abnormal Air pressure	1	0.01%
Motor Vehicle/collision	497	3.71%	Rubbed/Abraded NOC	2	0.01%
Fixed Object/collision	13	0.10%	Other Misc. Causes	494	3.69%
Vehicle Upset	162	1.21%			
Motor Vehicle Misc.	68	0.51%	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Jumping/Twisting	137	1.03%			
Holding or Carrying	112	0.84%			
Lifting	1,961	14.62%			
Pushing or Pulling	638	4.76%			
Reaching	140	1.04%			
Using Tool or Machine	84	0.63%			
Strain/inj Misc.	1,136	8.47%			
Strike/step Moving-parts	7	0.05%			
Lifted/handled Obj	372	2.77%			

**NUMBER INJURIES/ILLNESSES  
LISTED BY MONTH - 2003**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
January	1,029	7.67%
February	1,053	7.85%
March	1,168	8.71%
April	1,167	8.70%
May	1,090	8.13%
June	1,136	8.47%
July	1,229	9.16%
August	1,244	9.27%
September	1,150	8.57%
October	1,192	8.89%
November	1,021	7.61%
December	875	6.52%
Unknown	59	0.44%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**NUMBER OF INJURIES/ILLNESSES  
LISTED BY DAY OF WEEK - 2003**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Sunday	667	4.97%
Monday	2,561	19.09%
Tuesday	2,366	17.64%
Wednesday	2,314	17.25%
Thursday	2,341	17.45%
Friday	2,147	16.01%
Saturday	958	7.14%
Unknown	59	0.44%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## NUMBER OF INJURIES/ILLNESSES BY COUNTY

2003

Description	No.	Percent	Description	No.	Percent
			Leflore	203	1.5
Adams	151	1.1	Lincoln	170	1.3
Alcorn	188	1.4	Lowndes	253	1.9
Amite	37	0.3			
Attala	73	0.5	Madison	474	3.5
Benton	19	0.1	Marion	124	0.9
Bolivar	98	0.7	Marshall	93	0.7
Calhoun	31	0.2	Monroe	143	1.1
Carroll	13	0.1	Montgomery	37	0.3
Chickasaw	122	0.9	Neshoba	189	1.4
Choctaw	26	0.2	Newton	77	0.6
Claiborne	24	0.2	Noxubee	39	0.3
Clarke	32	0.2	Oktibbeha	143	1.1
Clay	145	1.1	Panola	162	1.2
Coahoma	100	0.7	Pearl River	106	0.8
Copiah	91	0.7	Perry	34	0.3
Covington	63	0.5	Pike	159	1.2
DeSoto	419	3.1	Pontotoc	110	0.8
Forrest	463	3.5	Prentiss	83	0.6
Franklin	13	0.1	Quitman	10	0.1
George	28	0.2	Rankin	615	4.6
Greene	31	0.2	Scott	104	0.8
Grenada	138	1.0	Sharkey	8	0.1
Hancock	178	1.3	Simpson	86	0.6
Harrison	1068	8.0	Smith	43	0.3
Hinds	1766	13.2	Stone	37	0.3
Holmes	23	0.2	Sunflower	148	1.1
Humphreys	32	0.2	Tallahatchie	29	0.2
Itawamba	103	0.8	Tate	77	0.6
Jackson	356	2.7	Tippah	77	0.6
Jasper	72	0.5	Tishomingo	87	0.6
Jefferson	20	0.1	Tunica	160	1.2
Jefferson Davis	22	0.2	Union	89	0.7
Jones	440	3.3	Walthall	22	0.2
Kemper	8	0.1	Warren	226	1.7
Lafayette	127	0.9	Washington	194	1.4
Lamar	69	0.5	Wayne	48	0.4
Lauderdale	447	3.3	Webster	20	0.1
Lawrence	20	0.1	Wilkinson	19	0.1
Leake	78	0.6	Winston	71	0.5
Lee	613	4.6	Yalobusha	41	0.3

Yazoo	68	0.5	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,413</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Out-of-state	687	5.1			
Unknown	101	<u>0.8</u>			

**Statistics associated with Self-Insured Employers  
2003**

	Year - 2003	
	Total	Handled by Self-Insured
<b>Cases Controverted</b>	<b>2,727</b>	<b>848</b>
<b>Cases Settled</b>	<b>2,316</b>	<b>776</b>
<b>Admin. Judge order</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Full Commission cases</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Appealed to Circuit Court</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Appealed to Supreme Court</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Full Commission order</b>	<b>2,414</b>	<b>824</b>

**Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
For Fiscal Year 2003  
**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE FUND**

Cash Balance in State Treasury July 1, 2002 .....	\$	5,605,272.00	
Accounts Receivable .....		46,515.00	
Interest Receivable .....		<u>6,723.00</u>	
Total .....			\$5,658,510.00

**RECEIPTS:**

Workers' Comp Administration Fees .....	\$	5,112,768.95	
Interest on Investments .....		68,434.09	
Other Income .....		<u>52,683.47</u>	
Total .....			\$ 5,233,886.51

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Salaries .....	\$	2,764,668.02
Employers' Retirement Matching .....		269,555.73
Social Security Matching .....		205,557.96
Workers' Compensation Coverage .....		15,861.00
Life Insurance Premium Contribution .....		7,299.60
Health Insurance Premium Contribution .....		188,541.00
Cafeteria Plan - Adm. & Salary Reduction .....		279.00
Unemployment Insurance Tax .....		4,554.00
Travel Expense .....		114,222.70
Tuition .....		6,825.00
Postage & Box Rent .....		80,824.00
Telephone Service .....		31,971.21
Transportation of Things .....		856.89
Utilities .....		58,006.61
Rental of Office Equipment .....		30,839.97
Rental of EDP Equipment .....		3,760.82
Repairing & Servicing - Buildings & Grounds .....		47,695.93
Repairing & Servicing - EDP Equipment .....		159,714.34
Repairing & Servicing - Office Equipment .....		1,595.26
SAAS, MMRS, SPAHRS, Audit Dept, MERLIN & SPB Fees .....		23,669.08
Professional Fees (IS & Misc) .....		129,194.80
Witness Fees .....		24,400.00
Liability Insurance Pool Contributions .....		7,344.00
Insurance & Fidelity Bonds .....		7,671.00
Software & Hardware Acquisition .....		24,547.00
Dues & Subscriptions .....		3,672.00
Printing & Binding .....		281.25

Office Supplies & Material . . . . .	19,069.38	
Paper Supplies . . . . .	5,152.00	
Maps, Manuals & Instruction Materials . . . . .	11,566.47	
Photographic & Reproduction Supplies . . . . .	8,036.64	
Building & Grounds Supplies . . . . .	4,117.83	
Hardware, Plumbing & Electrical Supplies . . . . .	1,296.04	
Janitorial Supplies . . . . .	2,728.60	
Miscellaneous Expense . . . . .	305.53	
Transfer to Other Funds & Miscellaneous Refunds . . . . .	350,000.00	
Equipment . . . . .	<u>86,849.03</u>	
Total . . . . .	\$	<u>4,702,529.69</u>
Balance from Operations . . . . .	\$	<u>531,356.82</u>
Balance June 30, 2003 . . . . .		6,189,866.82
Accounts Receivable - Assessments Insurance Companies & Self Insurers . . . . .		27,076.00
Interest Receivable . . . . .		<u>5,210.00</u>
Total Cash & Receivables June 30, 2003 . . . . .	\$	<u>6,222,152.82</u>
 <u>COMMITMENTS:</u>		
FY 2004 Budget - Operating . . . . .	\$	5,440,100.00
Reserve for Contingencies, Shortfall in Assessment Collection & Interest Income, Increases in Operating Costs . . . . .		<u>782,052.82</u>
Total . . . . .	\$	<u>6,222,152.82</u>