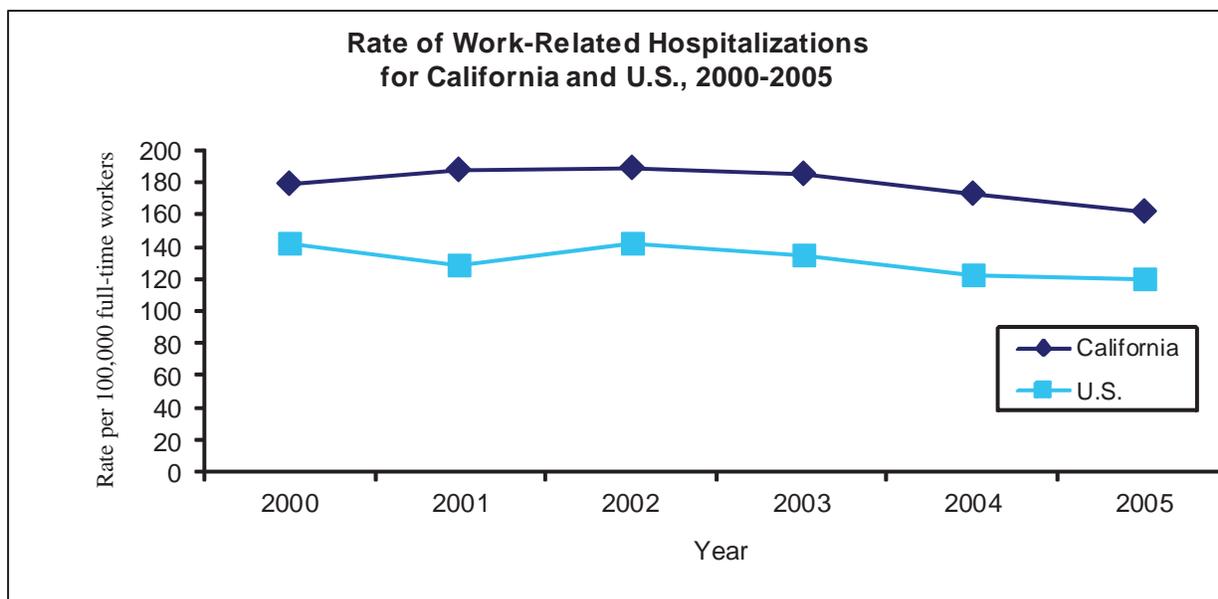


Work-Related Hospitalizations

Workers who are hospitalized due to injuries and illnesses caused by work suffer some of the most serious and costly adverse work-related health outcomes. Hospital discharge data from non-federal acute care hospitals are used to calculate the number of work-related hospitalizations per year by counting the individuals whose care was paid for by workers' compensation. Since many people with work-related illnesses and injuries do not file for workers' compensation, or are not covered by workers' compensation (e.g., self-employed individuals), the true numbers of hospitalizations due to a work-related injury or illness are likely to be undercounted. Most identified work-related hospitalizations are for treatment of musculoskeletal disorders or acute injuries, rather than illnesses.



Year	California						U.S.
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005
Rate per 100,000 Full-Time Workers	179.0	187.5	188.8	185.0	173.3	161.0	119.8
Number of Hospitalizations	29,078	30,823	30,668	30,125	28,542	26,920	169,814

Data Sources: Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Non-Public Hospital Discharge Data, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey