
Nothing is more important to the refining and petrochemical industries than safety. AFPM's member companies have strong safety records and consistently work to improve performance to take care of our people, communities and environment.

Data from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) consistently rank refining and petrochemical manufacturing among the top three of nearly 500 U.S. manufacturing sectors they track. In 2022, petrochemicals ranked first and refining second. In 2023, refining ranked third, though petrochemicals were not tracked.

The OSHA and BLS data track injury and illness rates across U.S. professional and manufacturing sectors. Injury and illness rates in the refining and petrochemical manufacturing industries are lower than in mining, food manufacturing, ship building and paper manufacturing, just to name a few. When sectors beyond manufacturing are included, the refining industry injury and illness rate is below those in business services, agriculture and air transportation, among many others.

"This record underscores AFPM members' commitment to safety, collaboration and zero incidents. There is nothing more important to our industries than the safety of our people, communities and the environment around us," says Lara Swett, AFPM Vice President of Technical and Safety Programs at AFPM.

Incidence Rates of Non-Fatal Injuries or Illnesses Among Manufacturing Sectors

In 2023, petroleum refineries RANKED 3rd OF 500 MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES with a TRIR of 0.5.



*Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) per 100 full time employees
Bureau of Labor Statistics; Industry, Injury, and Illness Data 2023, Summary
Table 1 The Bureau of Labor Statistics did not collect petrochemical data for 2023.

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