



US CENSUS OF FATAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES SUMMARY 2015

Recently released census data reveals a slight increase in the number of fatal work injuries for 2015 - the highest annual total since 2008. 4,836 workers died from work-related injuries in 2015 - an increase of 15 from 2014. The rate of fatal workplace injuries in 2015 was 3.38 per 100,000 full-time equivalent workers, lower than the 2014 rate of 3.43.

FATAL WORK INJURIES

4,836 2015
4,821 2014

2015 saw the highest rate of fatal work injuries since 5,214 in 2008
65 AND OLDER

650 workers
AGED 65 OR
OLDER LOST
their lives

This represents a decrease from 684 in 2014, but is the second largest recorded figure since records began in 1992

HEAVY AND TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS RECORDED 745 FATAL INJURIES, THE MOST OF ANY OCCUPATION



RATE PER 100,000 FTE (full time equivalent)

2015: 3.38
2014: 3.43

Hispanic/Latino workers incurred 903 fatal injuries. This is the most since 937 were recorded in 2007.

ROADWAY INCIDENT FATALITIES UP 9% FROM 2014

ROAD INCIDENTS ACCOUNTED FOR ONE-QUARTER OF FATAL WORKPLACE INJURIES IN 2015

937

The 937 fatal work injuries in the **private construction industry** in 2015 represented the highest total since 975 cases in 2008.



- 38 %
Fatal injuries in the **PRIVATE OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION** industries were 38 percent lower in 2015 than 2014

This release marks the first time that the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) has published a **single, annual release with no revisions** and will be the only release for 2015 CFOI data. A similar schedule will be followed in future years. **Preliminary releases, which appeared in August or September in past years, will no longer be produced.**

Workplace suicides decreased 18 percent in 2015; homicides were up 2 percent from 2014 totals



US SECRETARY OF
LABOUR,
THOMAS E PEREZ:

"These numbers underscore the urgent need for employers to provide a safe workplace for their employees as the law requires. We have a moral responsibility to make sure that workers who showed up to work today are still alive to punch the clock tomorrow. The fact is, we know how to prevent these deaths. The U.S. Department of Labour is - and will always be - committed to working with employers, workers, community organizations, unions and others to improve safety and health in our nation's workplaces. This effort is essential to ensuring that no more workers are taken unnecessarily from their families."

YEAR ON YEAR DATA:



Twenty-one states reported higher numbers of fatal injuries in 2015 than in 2014 while 29 states and the District of Columbia reported fewer fatalities. Six states recorded fatal injury totals in 2015 that were at or below the lowest total ever reported for those states - Alabama, Alaska, Indiana, Maine, Virginia, and West Virginia.



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