A number of different types of events led to fatal work injuries in 2008.

Transportation-related incidents accounted for the largest number of fatal events—about 2 out of every 5 fatal work injuries. Highway incidents alone accounted for almost 1 out of every 4 fatal work injuries in 2008.

Contact with objects and equipment accounted for another 18 percent of the fatal injuries recorded.

Workers who were fatally injured as a result of assaults and violent acts accounted for 16 percent of all fatal work injuries, and falls accounted for 13 percent.