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### **Fatal Work Injuries in Ohio — 2013**

Fatal work injuries totaled 148 in 2013 for Ohio, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Charlene Peiffer noted that while the 2013 count was preliminary, the number of work-related fatalities in Ohio was 13 fewer than the previous year. Fatal occupational injuries in the state have ranged from a high of 222 in 1999 to a low of 137 in 2009. (See [chart 1.](#))

Nationwide, a preliminary total of 4,405 fatal work injuries were recorded in 2013, down from a revised count of 4,628 fatalities in 2012, according to results from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program. Final 2013 CFOI data will be released in late spring of 2015.

Of the 148 fatal work injuries reported in Ohio in 2013, 51 resulted from transportation incidents, 33 from falls, slips, or trips, and 30 from contact with objects and equipment. Together these three major categories accounted for more than three-quarters of all workplace fatalities. Other major event categories recorded 23 or fewer deaths each. (See [table 1.](#)) Within transportation incidents, roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicles was the most frequent type of workplace fatality with 32 deaths. This category accounted for just over one-fifth of all work-related fatalities in the state. In the contact with objects and equipment and category, 21 of the 30 deaths occurred as a result of being struck by an object or equipment. In the falls, slips, or trips category, falls to a lower level accounted for 24 fatalities. (Note that transportation counts presented in this release are expected to rise when updated 2013 data are released in late spring of 2015 because key source documentation detailing specific transportation-related incidents has not yet been received.)

In the United States, transportation incidents were also the most frequent fatal workplace event in 2013, accounting for 40 percent of fatal work injuries. Ohio's share of fatalities due to this event was smaller at 34 percent. (See [chart 2.](#)) Violence and other injuries by persons or animals was the second most frequent type of event nationally with 17 percent of work-related fatalities, similar to Ohio's share at 16 percent. Contact with objects and equipment and falls, slips, or trips each accounted for 16 percent of the nation's workplace fatalities, while in the state, these events were responsible for 20 and 22 percent of workplace fatalities, respectively.

### **Additional key characteristics:**

- The transportation and warehousing industry had the largest number of workplace fatalities with 26, the same as the previous year. Transportation incidents accounted for 15 worker deaths in this industry. (See [table 2](#).)
- The construction industry had the next highest count with 19 fatalities, lower than the previous year's count of 29. Falls, slips, or trips accounted for nine worker deaths and transportation incidents accounted for five worker fatalities in the industry.
- Transportation and material moving occupations had the highest number of fatal work injuries with 39. (See [table 3](#).) The majority of these fatalities were heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers (25). Workers in construction had the next highest fatality count at 27. Nearly two-thirds (17) were construction trades workers.
- Men accounted for 135, or 91 percent, of the work-related fatalities in the state. (See [table 4](#).) Transportation incidents made up just over one-third of these fatalities.
- In Ohio, 86 percent of those who died from a workplace injury were white non-Hispanics. Nationwide, this group accounted for 68 percent of work-related deaths.
- Workers 25-54 years old—the prime working age group—accounted for 91, or just under two-thirds of the state's work-related fatalities in 2013. Nationally, workers in this group accounted for 60 percent of on-the-job fatalities.
- Of the 148 fatal work injuries in Ohio, 78 percent worked for wages and salaries; the remaining were self-employed. The most frequent fatal event for the wages and salaries group was transportation incidents (43), while contact with equipment (10) was the most frequent cause of death in the self-employed group.

### **Technical Note**

**Background of the program.** The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, part of the BLS occupational safety and health statistics program, compiles a count of all fatal work injuries occurring in the United States during the calendar year. The program uses diverse state, federal, and independent data sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. This assures counts are as complete and accurate as possible.

For technical information about the CFOI program, please go to the BLS Handbook of Methods on the BLS web site at [www.bls.gov/opub/hom/homch9.htm](http://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/homch9.htm).

**Federal/State agency coverage.** The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries includes data for all fatal work injuries, whether the decedent was working in a job covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or other federal or state agencies or was outside the scope of regulatory coverage. Thus, any comparison between the BLS fatality census counts and those released by other agencies should take into account the different coverage requirements and definitions being used by each agency.

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**Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure, Ohio, 2012-2013**

Event or exposure <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	2013 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total .....	161	148	100
Violence and other injuries by persons or animals .....	22	23	16
Intentional injury by person .....	19	23	16
Intentional injury by other person .....	15	16	11
Shooting by other person--intentional .....	12	12	8
Self-inflicted injury--intentional .....	4	7	5
Transportation incidents .....	57	51	34
Pedestrian vehicular incident .....	5	4	3
Roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicle .....	36	32	22
Roadway collision with other vehicle .....	16	22	15
Roadway collision--moving in same direction .....	3	5	3
Roadway collision--moving perpendicularly .....	4	4	3
Roadway collision with object other than vehicle .....	17	8	5
Vehicle struck object or animal on side of roadway .....	17	7	5
Nonroadway incident involving motorized land vehicles .....	13	11	7
Nonroadway noncollision incident .....	10	9	6
Jack-knifed or overturned, nonroadway .....	6	7	5
Fires and Explosions .....	5	4	3
Falls, slips, trips .....	32	33	22
Falls on same level .....	9	9	6
Falls to lower level .....	22	24	16
Fall through surface or existing opening .....	3	4	3
Other fall to lower level .....	17	18	12
Exposure to harmful substances or environments .....	10	7	5
Exposure to other harmful substances .....	3	4	3
Nonmedical use of drugs or alcohol--unintentional overdose .....	3	4	3
Contact with objects and equipment .....	35	30	20
Struck by object or equipment .....	18	21	14
Struck by powered vehicle--nontransport .....	7	11	7
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects .....	13	4	3
Caught in running equipment or machinery .....	8	4	3
Engulfment in other collapsing material .....	1	4	3

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS) 2.01 implemented for 2011 data forward. Total may include other events not shown.

<sup>(2)</sup> Data for 2012 are revised and final

<sup>(p)</sup> Data are preliminary. Revised and final 2013 data are scheduled to be released in the late spring 2015.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding. CFOI fatality counts exclude illness-related deaths unless precipitated by an injury event.

**Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by industry, Ohio, 2012-2013**

Industry <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	2013 <sup>(P)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total .....	161	148	100
Private industry .....	148	139	94
Natural resources and mining .....	22	22	15
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting .....	20	18	12
Crop production .....	13	16	11
Oilseed and grain farming .....	3	5	3
Corn farming .....	2	4	3
Mining <sup>(3)</sup> .....	--	4	3
Construction .....	29	19	13
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Heavy and civil engineering construction .....	--	4	3
Specialty trade contractors .....	20	10	7
Foundation, structure, and building exterior contractors .....	9	4	3
Other specialty trade contractors .....	4	4	3
Site preparation contractors .....	--	4	3
Manufacturing .....	14	19	13
Manufacturing .....	14	19	13
Trade, transportation, and utilities .....	41	43	29
Wholesale trade .....	5	7	5
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods .....	5	5	3
Miscellaneous nondurable goods merchant wholesalers .....	1	4	3
Retail trade .....	8	10	7
Transportation and warehousing .....	26	26	18
Truck transportation .....	21	22	15
General freight trucking .....	13	18	12
General freight trucking, local .....	1	4	3
General freight trucking, long-distance .....	8	14	9
General freight trucking, long-distance, truckload .....	--	4	3
Professional and business services .....	11	10	7
Administrative and waste services .....	--	9	6
Administrative and support services .....	9	8	5
Leisure and hospitality .....	16	12	8
Accommodation and food services .....	11	9	6
Food services and drinking places .....	9	8	5
Limited-service eating places .....	1	4	3
Limited-service eating places .....	1	4	3
Limited-service restaurants .....	1	4	3
Other services, except public administration .....	5	8	5
Other services, except public administration .....	5	8	5

Note: See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by industry, Ohio, 2012-2013 - Continued**

Industry <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	2013 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Repair and maintenance .....	2	5	3
Automotive repair and maintenance .....	2	4	3
Government <sup>(4)</sup> .....	13	9	6
Local government .....	9	7	5

<sup>(1)</sup> Industry data are based on the North American Industry Classification System, 2007. Total may include other industries not shown.

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<sup>(3)</sup> Includes fatal injuries at all establishments categorized as Mining (Sector 21) in the North American Industry Classification System, including establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) rules and reporting, such as those in Oil and Gas Extraction.

<sup>(4)</sup> Includes fatal injuries to workers employed by governmental organizations regardless of industry.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria. CFOI fatality counts exclude illness-related deaths unless precipitated by an injury event.

**Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation, Ohio, 2012-2013**

Occupation <sup>(1)</sup>	2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	2013 <sup>(P)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total .....	161	148	100
Management occupations .....	22	22	15
Other management occupations .....	20	19	13
Farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural managers.....	15	14	9
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Protective service occupations.....	6	5	3
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations .....	6	9	6
Grounds maintenance workers.....	4	5	3
Grounds maintenance workers .....	4	5	3
Sales and related occupations .....	5	12	8
Supervisors of sales workers.....	4	8	5
First-line supervisors of sales workers.....	4	8	5
First-line supervisors of retail sales workers .....	4	7	5
Construction and extraction occupations .....	33	27	18
Supervisors of construction and extraction workers .....	3	4	3
First-line supervisors of construction trades and extraction workers .....	--	4	3
First-line supervisors of construction trades and extraction workers .....	--	4	3
Construction trades workers.....	25	17	11
Construction laborers.....	5	7	5
Construction laborers .....	5	7	5
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations .....	11	9	6
Vehicle and mobile equipment mechanics, installers, and repairers .....	3	5	3
Other installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	5	4	3
Production occupations .....	9	11	7
Metal workers and plastic workers .....	--	4	3
Other production occupations.....	3	4	3
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	43	39	26
Motor vehicle operators .....	30	32	22
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers.....	28	30	20
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers .....	23	25	17
Material moving workers.....	8	5	3

<sup>(1)</sup> Occupation data are based on the Standard Occupational Classification system, 2010. Total may include occupations not shown.

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**Table 4. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics, Ohio, 2012-2013**

Worker characteristics	2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total .....	161	148	100
Employee status .....			
Wage and salary <sup>(2)</sup> .....	117	115	78
Self-employed <sup>(3)</sup> .....	44	33	22
Gender .....			
Men .....	144	135	91
Women .....	17	13	9
Age <sup>(4)</sup> .....			
25 to 34 years .....	18	23	16
35 to 44 years .....	25	26	18
45 to 54 years .....	38	42	28
55 to 64 years .....	38	36	24
65 years and over .....	27	18	12
Race or ethnic origin <sup>(5)</sup> .....			
White, non-Hispanic .....	134	127	86
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic .....	17	15	10

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<sup>(2)</sup> May include volunteers and workers receiving other types of compensation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes self-employed workers, owners of unincorporated businesses and farms, paid and unpaid family workers, and may include some owners of incorporated businesses or members of partnerships.

<sup>(4)</sup> Information may not be available for all age groups.

<sup>(5)</sup> Persons identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. The race categories shown exclude Hispanic and Latino workers.

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