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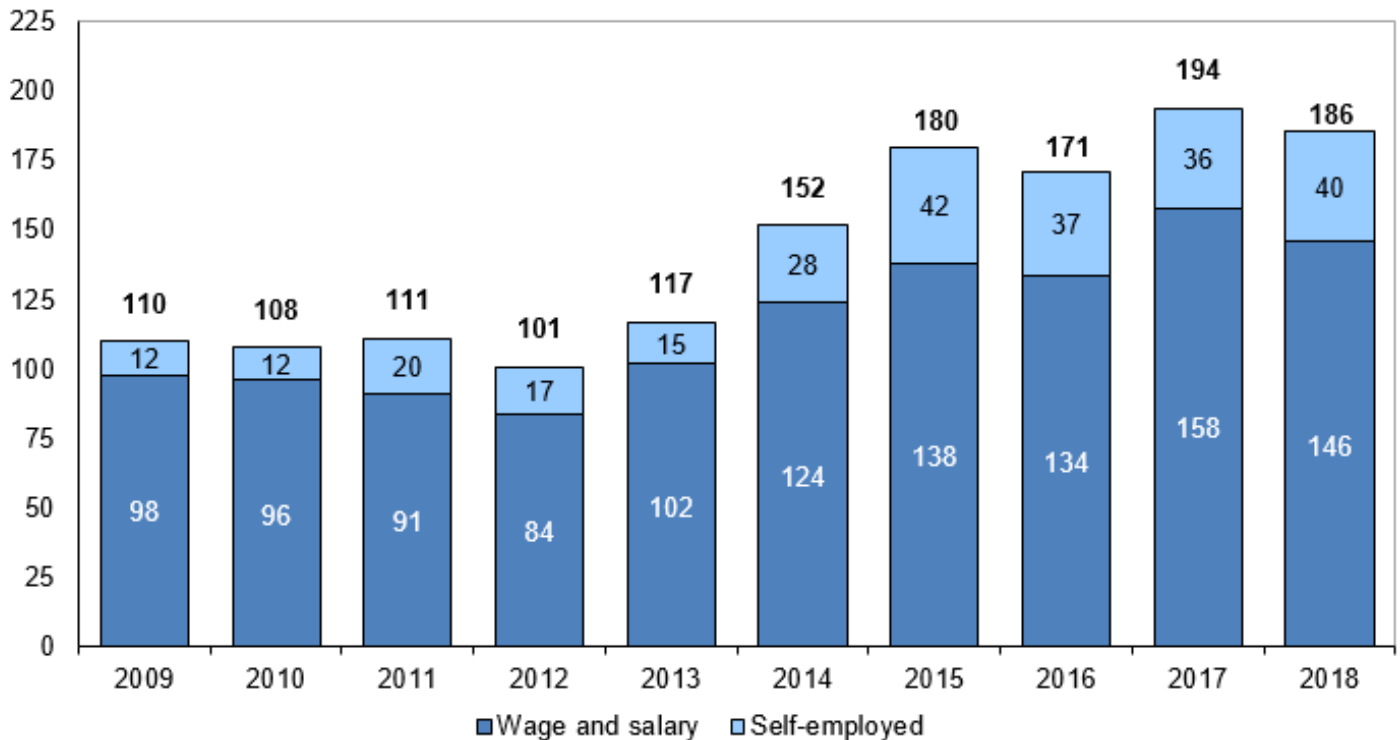
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Fatal Occupational Injuries in Georgia – 2018

Fatal work injuries totaled 186 in 2018 for Georgia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that the number of work-related fatalities in Georgia was down from 194 in the previous year. Fatal occupational injuries in the state have ranged from a high of 249 in 1994 to a low of 101 in 2012. (See [chart 1.](#))

Nationwide, a total of 5,250 fatal work injuries were recorded in 2018, up from the 5,147 fatal injuries in 2017, according to the results from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program.

Chart 1. Total fatal occupational injuries, Georgia, 2009–2018



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

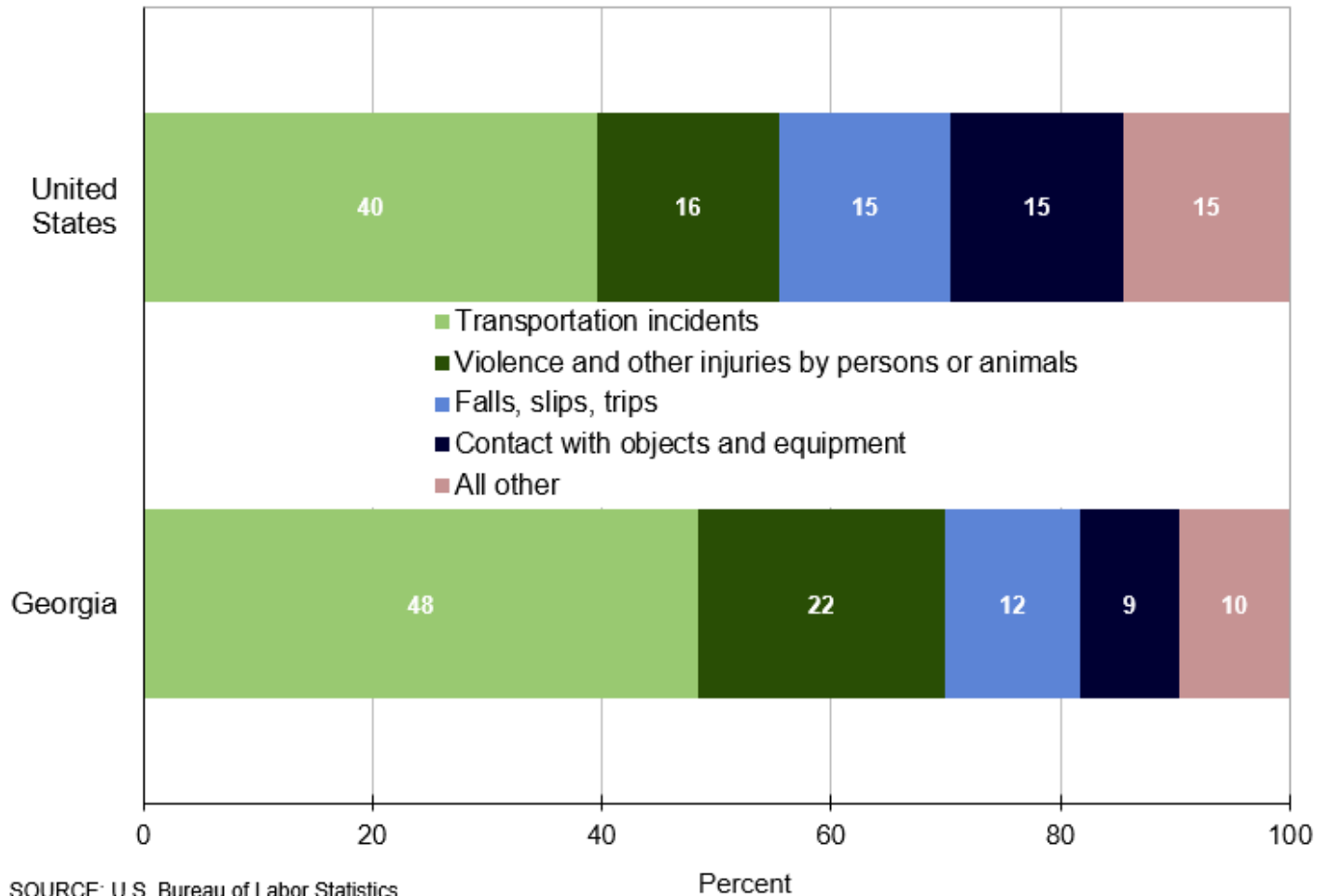
Type of incident

In Georgia, transportation incidents resulted in 90 fatal work injuries, and violence and other injuries by persons or animals accounted for 40 fatalities. These two major categories accounted for 70 percent of all workplace fatalities in the state. (See [table 1.](#)) Worker deaths from transportation incidents were down from 96 over the year and worker fatalities due to violence and other injuries by persons or animals were up from 30 in 2017.

Falls, slips, and trips was the third-most frequent fatal work event with 22 fatalities, down from 27 in the prior year. Contact with objects or equipment resulted in 16 work-related deaths compared to 25 in 2017.

Nationally, transportation incidents were the most frequent fatal workplace event in 2018, accounting for 40 percent of fatal work injuries. (See [chart 2.](#)) Violence and other injuries by persons or animals was the second-most common fatal event (16 percent), followed by falls, slips, and trips (15 percent) and contact with objects and equipment (15 percent).

Chart 2. Fatal occupational injuries by selected event, United States and Georgia, 2018



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Note: Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Industry

The private construction industry sector had the largest number of fatalities in Georgia in 2018 with 31, compared to 34 in the previous year. Transportation incidents resulted in 12 of the 31 fatalities in the industry. Nineteen, or 61 percent, of those fatally injured in this industry worked in the specialty trade contractors' subsector.

The private transportation and warehousing industry sector had 28 workplace fatalities, down from 39 in the previous year. (See [table 2.](#)) General freight trucking accounted for over half of the fatal injuries in this industry (15).

Occupation

The transportation and material moving occupational group had the highest number of workplace fatalities with 47. (See [table 3.](#)) Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers accounted for 29 of the 47 fatalities among transportation and material moving workers. The construction and extraction occupational group had the second highest number of workplace fatalities with 27. Construction trades workers suffered 23 of the work-related deaths with the construction and extraction group.

Additional highlights

- Men accounted for 95 percent of the work-related fatalities in Georgia, compared to 92-percent nationwide. (See [table 4.](#)) Transportation incidents made up 49 percent of the fatalities for men in Georgia.
- White non-Hispanics accounted for 57 percent of those who died from a workplace injury. Nationwide, this group accounted for 65 percent of work-related deaths.
- Workers 25-54 years old accounted for 62 percent of the state's work-related fatalities in 2018, compared to 58 percent of on-the-job fatalities nationally.
- Of the 186 fatally-injured workers in Georgia, 78 percent worked for wages and salaries; the remainder were self-employed. The most frequent fatal event for wage and salary workers was transportation incidents. For self-employed workers, the most frequent fatal event was violence and other injuries by persons or animals.

Technical Note

Background of the program. The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), part of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Occupational Safety and Health Statistics (OSHS) program, is a count of all fatal work injuries occurring in the U.S. during the calendar year. The CFOI uses a variety of state, federal, and independent data sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. This ensures counts are as complete and accurate as possible. For the 2018 national data, over 24,800 unique source documents were reviewed as part of the data collection process. For technical information and definitions for the CFOI, see the BLS Handbook of Methods on the BLS website at www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cfoi/home.htm.

Federal/State agency coverage. The CFOI includes data for all fatal work injuries, some of which may be outside the scope of other agencies or regulatory coverage. Comparisons between CFOI counts and those released by other agencies should account for the different coverage requirements and definitions used by each agency. For more information on the scope of CFOI, see www.bls.gov/iif/cfoiscope.htm and www.bls.gov/opub/hom/cfoi/concepts.htm.

Acknowledgments. BLS thanks the Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner for their efforts in collecting accurate, comprehensive, and useful data on fatal work injuries. BLS also appreciates the efforts of all federal, state, local, and private sector entities that provided source documents used to identify fatal work injuries. Among these agencies are the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; the National Transportation Safety Board; the U.S. Coast Guard; the Mine Safety and Health Administration; the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (Federal Employees' Compensation and Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation divisions); the Federal Railroad Administration; the National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration; state vital statistics registrars, coroners, and medical examiners; state departments of health, labor, and industrial relations and workers' compensation agencies; state and local police departments; and state farm bureaus.

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Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure, Georgia, 2017–18

Event or exposure ⁽¹⁾	2017	2018	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	194	186	100
Violence and other injuries by persons or animals.....	30	40	22
Intentional injury by person.....	27	39	21
Intentional injury by other person.....	19	25	13
Shooting by other person--intentional.....	19	23	12
Self-inflicted injury--intentional.....	8	14	8
Transportation incidents.....	96	90	48
Aircraft incidents.....	6	16	9
Rail vehicle incidents.....	1	4	2
Pedestrian vehicular incident.....	14	22	12
Roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicle.....	70	39	21
Roadway collision with other vehicle.....	47	20	11
Roadway collision with object other than vehicle.....	13	12	6
Roadway noncollision incident.....	10	7	4
Nonroadway incident involving motorized land vehicles.....	4	9	5
Fires and explosions.....	--	3	2
Explosions.....	--	3	2
Falls, slips, trips.....	27	22	12
Falls on same level.....	--	3	2
Falls to lower level.....	25	18	10
Exposure to harmful substances or environments.....	13	15	8
Exposure to electricity.....	3	5	3
Exposure to temperature extremes.....	--	1	1
Exposure to other harmful substances.....	8	8	4
Exposure to oxygen deficiency, n.e.c.....	1	1	1
Contact with objects and equipment.....	25	16	9
Struck by object or equipment.....	16	11	6
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects.....	6	3	2
Overexertion and bodily reaction.....	--	--	--

Footnotes:

(1) Based on the BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS) 2.01 implemented for 2011 data forward.

NOTE: Data for all years are final. 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. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria.

Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by industry, Georgia, 2017–18

Industry ⁽¹⁾	2017	2018	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total	194	186	100
Private industry	169	161	87
Goods producing	63	58	31
Natural resources and mining	15	13	7
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	14	13	7
Construction	34	31	17
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Construction of buildings	9	4	2
Heavy and civil engineering construction	3	8	4
Specialty trade contractors	22	19	10
Manufacturing	14	14	8
Service providing	106	103	55
Trade, transportation, and utilities	57	47	25
Wholesale trade	7	6	3
Retail trade	11	13	7
Transportation and warehousing	39	28	15
Truck transportation	25	21	11
General freight trucking	18	15	8
Information	4	2	1
Financial activities	6	3	2
Professional and business services	21	24	13
Administrative and waste services	15	23	12
Educational and health services	3	5	3
Leisure and hospitality	9	15	8
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1	6	3
Accommodation and food services	8	9	5
Other services, except public administration	6	7	4
Government ⁽²⁾	25	25	13
Federal government	9	13	7
State government	3	3	2
Local government	13	9	5

Footnotes:

(1) Industry data are based on the North American Industry Classification System, 2012.

(2) Includes fatal injuries to workers employed by governmental organizations regardless of industry.

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Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation, Georgia, 2017–18

Occupation ⁽¹⁾	2017	2018	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	194	186	100
Management occupations.....	9	10	5
Business and financial operations occupations.....	--	3	2
Computer and mathematical occupations.....	--	--	--
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	3	1	1
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	--	--	--
Community and social services occupations.....	--	--	--
Legal occupations.....	--	1	1
Education, training, and library occupations.....	1	2	1
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	3	3	2
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations.....	2	2	1
Healthcare support occupations.....	--	1	1
Protective service occupations.....	13	12	6
Law enforcement workers.....	7	5	3
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	5	4	2
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	11	18	10
Grounds maintenance workers.....	6	12	6
Personal care and service occupations.....	1	1	1
Sales and related occupations.....	11	14	8
Supervisors of sales workers.....	4	9	5
Office and administrative support occupations.....	4	2	1
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	4	5	3
Construction and extraction occupations.....	33	27	15
Construction trades workers.....	24	23	12
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	11	14	8
Production occupations.....	8	8	4
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	67	47	25
Air transportation workers.....	3	2	1
Motor vehicle operators.....	52	39	21
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers.....	46	37	20
Driver/sales workers.....	5	2	1
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers.....	37	29	16
Light truck or delivery services drivers.....	4	6	3
Military specific occupations ⁽²⁾	5	11	6

Footnotes:

(1) Occupation data are based on the Standard Occupational Classification system, 2010.

(2) Includes fatal injuries to persons identified as resident armed forces regardless of individual occupation listed.

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Table 4. Fatal occupational injuries by selected demographic characteristics, Georgia, 2017–18

Worker characteristics	2017	2018	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	194	186	100
Employee status			
Wage and salary workers ⁽¹⁾	158	146	78
Self-employed ⁽²⁾	36	40	22
Gender			
Men.....	173	176	95
Women.....	21	10	5
Age ⁽³⁾			
18 to 19 years.....	2	1	1
20 to 24 years.....	14	19	10
25 to 34 years.....	30	29	16
35 to 44 years.....	41	47	25
45 to 54 years.....	33	39	21
55 to 64 years.....	50	32	17
65 years and over.....	23	19	10
Race or ethnic origin ⁽⁴⁾			
White, non-Hispanic.....	118	106	57
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic.....	43	43	23
Hispanic or Latino.....	24	24	13
Asian, non-Hispanic.....	9	12	6

Footnotes:

(1) May include volunteers and workers receiving other types of compensation.

(2) 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.

(3) Information may not be available for all age groups.

(4) Persons identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. The race categories shown exclude data for Hispanics and Latinos.

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