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FATAL WORK INJURIES IN UTAH DECREASED DURING 2024

Salt Lake City – The Utah Labor Commission’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health Bureau of Labor Statistics (UOSH BLS), in conjunction with the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), has released the 2024 fatal occupational injury data for Utah. The information was obtained through the annual Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) administered by UOSH BLS.

The CFOI produces comprehensive, accurate and timely counts of fatal work injuries. To compile counts that are as complete as possible, the census uses multiple sources to identify, verify, and profile fatal worker injuries. Information about each workplace fatal injury (occupation and other worker characteristics, equipment involved, and circumstances of the event) is obtained by cross-referencing the source records, such as death certificates, workers' compensation reports, and Federal and State agency administrative reports. To be included in the UOSH BLS CFOI, the following criteria are required:

- The fatality must have resulted from a traumatic injury or have been precipitated by an acute injury or exposure event.
- The injury or exposure event must be related to work and must have occurred in Utah.

The scope of CFOI incidents includes accidents, homicides and suicides that occur at the workplace.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024 RESULTS

The number of work-related deaths in Utah decreased from 69 in 2023 to 63 in 2024. The overall fatal injury rate for every 100,000 workers in Utah decreased from 4.1 in 2023 to 3.7 in 2024. The reported national overall fatal injury rate for 2024 was 3.3.

The published fatal injury rates and counts by industry for 2024 are as follows:

Industry	Fatal Injury (rate)
Transportation and Utilities	12.8
Construction	6.1
Other Services, except Public Administration	5.8
Manufacturing	3.8
Professional and Business Services	3.6

Industry	Fatal Injury (count)
Construction	9
Transportation and Warehousing	13
Manufacturing	6
Retail Trade	3
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	6
Mining, Quarrying and Oil & Gas Extraction	2
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	5
Educational Services	1
Health Care and Social Assistance	3
Other Services (except Public Administration)	5
Professional and Business Services	8
Federal Government	1
Local Government	3

Fatalities by Worker Activity

Worker Activity	2020	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL COUNTS	48	52	57	*
Vehicular and transportation operations	13	27	17	*
Using or operating tools, machinery	1	*	4	*
Constructing, repairing, cleaning	12	11	15	*
Protective service activities	*	*	*	*
Material handling operations	7	*	5	*
Physical activities, n.e.c.	3	4	*	*
Other activities	*	*	6	*
Other**	12	10	10	*

Worker Activity	2024
TOTAL COUNTS	63
Emergency and security operations	*
Agriculture, landscaping, and animal activities	5
Heavy industrial construction, production, and materials moving operations	8
Other construction, production and maintenance activities	7
Personal care, service, and administrative activities	2
Miscellaneous activities (including 19 intentional risk-taking activities)	20
Transportation operations	19
Other**	2

Note: For 2023 data, please see <https://www.bls.gov/iif/definitions/oiics-version-3-major-changes.htm> concerning changes to Worker Activity and Event. This change resulted in a break in series for 2023 case characteristic data.

Utah Fatalities by Event

Events	2020	2021	2022	2023
TOTAL COUNTS	48	52	57	*
Transportation	9	26	19	*
Contact with objects or equipment	7	9	5	*
Violence and other injuries by persons or animals	7	8	*	*
Falls, slips, trips	16	6	19	*
Exposure to harmful substances or environments	8	3	7	*
Fires and explosions	*	0	*	*
Other**	1	0	7	*

Events	2024
TOTAL COUNTS	63
Violent acts	14
Transportation incidents	25
Explosions and fires	*
Falls, slips, trips	*
Exposure to harmful substances or environments	10
Contact Incidents	8
Other**	6

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Fatalities by Event

- Violent acts (14 fatalities)
 - Violent acts by other person (5)
 - Intentional self-harm (9)
- Transportation incidents (25 fatalities)
 - Roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicles (10)
 - Pedestrian incidents involving motorized land vehicles (4)
 - Aircraft incidents (2)
 - Nonroad way incidents involving motorized land vehicles (6)
 - Other** (3)
- Exposure to harmful substances or environments (10)
 - Exposure to harmful substances – Drug, alcohol overdose (10)
- Contact incidents (8)
 - Struck by propelled, falling, or suspended object (6)
 - Other** (2)

Fatalities by Worker Characteristic

- Gender
 - 60 Men
 - 3 Women

- Race or ethnic origin
 - 45 White (non-Hispanic)
 - 12 Hispanic or Latino
 - 3 Asian (non-Hispanic)
 - 6 Other**

For more information regarding national fatality statistics, visit the BLS website at <https://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfoi1.htm>. For Utah specific fatality data, please refer to the accompanying tables and charts. There are additional tables and charts available upon request. For more information or to request a copy of the report from UOSH BLS, please contact:

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* Data not available

Other** indicates no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria.