

**WISCONSIN CENSUS OF
FATAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES - 1999**

One hundred five (105) people were killed while on the job in Wisconsin, an increase of 9% from the 97 fatalities in 1998. The Wisconsin workforce decreased by 3% in 1999.

Motor vehicle accidents, both on and off the road were again the leading cause of deaths. Workers having contact with objects/equipment were second, and the third most common cause of death was assaults and violent acts.

Farming accounted for 22 deaths (21%) of all Wisconsin workplace fatalities.

Men accounted for 90% of workplace fatalities in Wisconsin. Of the 105 persons killed, 95 were men, which is an increase of nine percent from 1998. Men accounted for 54% of the 1999 workforce.

Twenty-two fatalities occurred in the state's most populous county, Milwaukee. Rock county recorded ten, Waukesha reported 7, Sauk at 6 and Jefferson reported 5 deaths.

Wisconsin accounted for about 1.7% of the nation's fatal injuries and has 2% of the nation's workforce. Ninety-three percent of the fatally injured workers were men. Eighty-three percent of the fatally injured were white and 10% were black. Occupations with the largest share of fatalities were truck drivers (15%), farming (12%) and construction trades (11%). Forty-three percent of the fatal work injuries were the result of transportation accidents. Just over half of these were highway accidents. Eleven percent of the fatally injured workers were victims of homicide, which was the 2nd most leading cause of fatal work injuries for women at 29%. The Construction industry accounted for 20% of the fatal injuries, followed by Transportation at 17% and Ag, Forestry and Fishing at 13%. Manufacturing and Services were both at 12% while Government was at 9%. Retail Trade was at 8% and Finance, Insurance & Real Estate was lowest at 2%. Workers at the

Deaths by Percentage of Industry
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