Appendix E. All Worker Profile 1995-2004.

The table presented in this section shows the 59,532 workplace fatalities for the past ten years by various characteristics of both worker and incident. Note that workplace fatalities have been in general decline since 1995, reaching a series low in 2002. However, the total has increased for the past two years, and in 2004 was 4 percent higher than the 2002 low.

The most frequent fatal event has for all years been highway incidents, which has varied little from the annual average of 1,392 fatalities. Two other major events—falls to lower level and homicides—have shown opposite trends over the ten-year period. Falls to lower level have risen, reaching a series peak in 2004 with 738 fatalities. Homicides, once the second most common event, have been in general decline, reaching a series low in 2004 with 559 fatalities.