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Workplace Fatalities in Michigan for 2007

Fatal work injuries in Michigan totaled 120 in 2007, a decrease of 37 from the previous year, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Please note that the 2007 results are preliminary; final results will be released in April 2009. Regional Commissioner Jay A. Mousa noted that the 2007 total was the second lowest workplace fatality count for the State since 1992, the first year data were available. The series low of 110 work place fatalities was recorded in 2005. The decline in fatalities from 2006 to 2007 was spread across several event categories, including falls to a lower level, being struck by an object, and highway crashes. Workplace homicides, on-the-other-hand, increased in 2007.

The most frequent types of workplace fatalities in Michigan in 2007 were highway crashes, homicides, falls to a lower level, and being struck by an object, each with at least 14 fatalities. Taken together, these four events¹ accounted for 60 percent of the workplace fatalities in the State. (See table A.)

The number of fatalities from highway crashes (officially titled highway incidents and includes non-collision incidents) in the State totaled 24, down from the 31 recorded in 2006. Highway crashes accounted for 20 percent of Michigan's fatal work injuries in 2007. Nationally, highway crashes were also the most frequent event leading to workplace fatalities, accounting for nearly one quarter of workplace fatalities in 2007.

There were 20 work-related homicides in 2007 in Michigan, an increase of 9 from a year earlier. Since the inception of the fatality census in 1992, workplace homicides reached their highest level in 1994 in the State when 39 workers were killed while onthe-job. The series low for this event, 11, was recorded in 2006. (See table A.) In 2007, homicides accounted for 17 percent of the fatally injured in Michigan and 11 percent nationwide.

There were 14 fatal work injuries from falls to a lower level in the State in 2007, a decrease of 7 from the previous year. Work-related deaths involving falls to a lower

¹ Fatal events are categorized into several major groupings including transportation incidents, assaults and violent acts, and falls, among others. These major groups are further broken down into more detailed groups. See the Occupational Injury & Illness Classification System (OIICS) Manual at www.bls.gov/iif/oshoiics.htm for detailed information on the categories of fatalities used in this census.

level accounted for 12 percent of workplace fatalities in Michigan and 13 percent nationwide in 2007.

Fourteen workers in Michigan were fatally injured from being struck by an object in 2007, down 5 cases over the year. This fatal work-related injury accounted for 12 percent of the State's and 9 percent of the nation's occupational fatalities in 2007.

Other frequent events leading to workplace fatalities in Michigan in 2007 were being caught in or compressed by equipment or objects (10), exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances (6), pedestrian being struck by a vehicle (6), and self-inflicted injuries (6). Together, these four events were responsible for nearly one-quarter of all fatal work injuries in Michigan in 2007. (See table 1.)

Table A. Fatal occupational injuries in Michigan by selected event groups, 1992-2007

Year	Total fatalities	Highway	crashes	Homi	cides	Falls to lo	ower level	Struck by object		
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1992	143	20	14	26	18	14	10	9	6	
1993	160	33	21	25	16	8	5	18	11	
1994	180	34	19	39	22	10	6	24	13	
1995	149	39	26	23	15	12	8	16	11	
1996	155	39	25	29	19	20	13	14	9	
1997	174	21	12	26	15	21	12	13	7	
1998	179	30	17	22	12	16	9	14	8	
1999	182	37	20	20	11	22	12	11	6	
2000	156	24	15	13	8	17	11	25	16	
2001	175	28	16	24	14	21	12	15	9	
2002	152	26	17	22	14	18	12	17	11	
2003	152	27	18	14	9	13	9	19	13	
2004	127	19	15	22	17	12	9	10	8	
2005	110	20	18	14	13	17	15	13	12	
2006	157	31	20	11	7	21	13	19	12	
20071	120	24	20	20	17	14	12	14	12	

¹ Totals for 2007 are preliminary.

Nationwide, a total of 5,488 fatal work injuries were reported in 2007, a decrease of 6 percent from the revised total of 5,840 fatal work injuries reported in 2006. While these results are preliminary, this figure represents the lowest annual total since the series began in 1992. (See table B.) Highway crashes in 2007 accounted for nearly one out of every four fatal work injuries and continued to lead all other events in the frequency of on-the-job fatalities. Still, the 2007 count of 1,311 fatal highway crashes was the lowest annual total since 1993. The 2007 total of 733 fatal falls to a lower level was the third highest since the fatality census began, but was slightly lower than the 738 recorded in 2006. The number of workers (504) who were fatally injured from being struck by objects or equipment in 2007 was at the lowest level since the fatality census began and represented a 14-percent decline from the 2006 total. Two other events were also at series lows in 2007—fatal work injuries involving electrocutions (212) and fatalities resulting from fires and explosions (151).

Workplace homicides increased by 13 percent to 610 in 2007 from the series low of 540 that was reported in 2006. Even after the increase, workplace homicides have declined 44 percent from the high of 1,080 reported in 1994.

Table B. Fatal occupational injuries in the United States by selected event groups, 1992-2007

Year	Total fatalities	Highway	crashes	Falls to lo	ower level	Homi	cides	Struck by object		
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1992	6,217	1,158	19	507	8	1,044	17	557	9	
1993	6,331	1,242	20	534	8	1,074	17	565	9	
1994	6,632	1,343	20	580	9	1,080	16	591	9	
1995	6,275	1,346	21	578	9	1,036	17	547	9	
1996	6,202	1,346	22	610	10	927	15	582	9	
1997	6,238	1,393	22	653	10	860	14	579	9	
1998	6,055	1,442	24	625	10	714	12	520	9	
1999	6,054	1,496	25	634	10	651	11	585	10	
2000	5,920	1,365	23	659	11	677	11	571	10	
$2001^{\scriptscriptstyle 1}$	5,915	1,409	24	700	12	643	11	553	9	
2002	5,534	1,373	25	638	12	609	11	505	9	
2003	5,575	1,353	24	604	11	632	11	531	10	
2004	5,764	1,398	24	738	13	559	10	602	10	
2005	5,734	1,437	25	664	12	567	10	607	11	
2006^{2}	5,840	1,356	23	738	13	540	9	589	10	
2007³	5,488	1,311	24	733	13	610	11	504	9	

¹Totals for 2001 exclude fatalities due to the events of September 11, 2001 which claimed the lives of 2,886 persons in work status.

Key characteristics of workplace fatalities in Michigan in 2007:

- Men accounted for 86 percent of the work-related fatalities in the State with 103 deaths. Transportation incidents, which include highway, nonhighway, pedestrian, air, water, and rail, were the most prevalent cause, accounting for 28 deaths. The second most frequent fatal event was contact with objects and equipment (26) followed by assaults and violent acts (23). Seventeen women were fatally injured on the job; seven from transportation incidents and four each from assaults and violent acts and falls. (See table 2.)
- Eighty-one percent of those who died from a workplace injury were white, non-Hispanics (97), 12 percent were black, non-Hispanics (14), and 6 percent were Hispanic or Latino (7).
- Workers 25-54 years old—the prime working age group—accounted for 63 percent, or 76, of the State's work-related fatalities in 2007; at the national level, 63 percent of worker deaths also belonged to this group. (See table 2.)
- Seventy-six percent of workers killed on-the-job in Michigan worked for wages and salaries; the rest were self-employed.

²The BLS national news release issued August 9, 2007, reported a total of 5,703 fatal work injuries for calendar year 2006. Since then, an additional 137 job-related fatalities were identified, bringing the total job-related fatality count for 2006 to 5,840.

³Totals for 2007 are preliminary.

- Three industry sectors made up 39 percent of the workplace fatalities in the State—the construction and agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industries recorded 16 deaths each and manufacturing, 15. In construction, falls (5) were the leading cause of worker deaths. Contact with objects and equipment accounted for the majority of workplace fatalities in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting and manufacturing, with eight and seven deaths, respectively. Other industry sectors recording more than five work-related deaths included transportation and warehousing (11), retail trade (9), administrative and support and waste management and remediation services (9), accommodation and food services (7), and other services, except public administration (7). (See table 3.)
- Transportation and material moving, management, and construction and extraction occupations had the highest number of worker fatalities with 26, 21, and 15, respectively. Combined, these three groups accounted for over half of all fatal work injuries in Michigan. Within the transportation and material moving occupational group, transportation incidents (15) accounted for more than half of the fatal injuries. In management occupations, assaults and violent acts (6) and contact with objects and equipment (6) were the leading causes of worker deaths. Among construction and extraction workers, falls (5) were the most frequent fatal injury event. (See table 4.)

Additional Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries data are available on the BLS Internet site at www.bls.gov/iif/. For personal assistance or further information on the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries program, as well as other Bureau programs, contact the Midwest Information Office at (312) 353-1880, menu option 0, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Information on the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries and other programs and surveys are available on our Web site at www.bls.gov/ro5/.

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 U.S. in each 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. To get to that document, click on Workplace Injuries on the BLS home page, scroll down to IIF Documentation, and then click on "BLS Handbook of Methods." The technical information and definitions for the CFOI Program are in Chapter 9, Part 2 of the BLS Handbook of Methods.

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.

Several federal and State agencies have jurisdiction over workplace safety and health. OSHA and affiliated agencies in States with approved safety programs cover the largest portion of the nation's workers. However, injuries and illnesses occurring in certain industries or activities, such as coal, metal, and nonmetal mining and highway, water, rail, and air transportation, are excluded from OSHA coverage because they are covered by other federal agencies, such as the Mine Safety and Health Administration and various agencies within the Department of Transportation.

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Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure and major private industry ¹ sector, Michigan, 2007

			Goods p	roducing					Service	providing			
Event or exposure ²	Total fatalities (number)	Total goods producing	Natural resources and mining ³	Construc- tion	Manufac- turing	Total service providing	Trade, transpor- tation, and utilities	Informa- tion	Financial activities	Profes- sional and business services	Education and health services	Leisure and hospitality	Other services
Total	120	47	16	16	15	64	26	4		10	5	11	7
Contact with objects and equipment	27	18	8	3	7	9	6						
Struck by object or equipment	14	11	5		4	3							
Struck by falling object or equipment		7			3								
Struck by rolling, sliding objects or													
equipment on floor or ground level	3	3	3										
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects	10	6	3		3	4	3						
Caught in running equipment or machinery		4											
Compressed or pinched by rolling, sliding, or shifting objects													
Caught in or crushed in collapsing materials													
Caught in or crushed in collapsing													
materials, n.e.c	3												
Falls		6		5		11	3			3			
Fall to lower level		5		5		9				3			
Fall down stairs or steps						3							
Fall from ladder						3							
Fall from roof		3		3									
Fall on same level													
Fall to floor, walkway, or other surface													
Exposure to harmful substances or environments		6		3		4							
Contact with electric current		3											
Contact with overhead power lines		3											
Exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic	i .												
substances	6	3				3							
Inhalation of substance													
Inhalation in open or nonconfined space													
Transportation accidents		g	5			20	8			4	3		
Highway accident	24	5	3			15	5			. 4	3		
Collision between vehicles, mobile equipment	12					7]			I			
Moving in opposite directions, oncoming						์ ว]			<u> </u>			
Vehicle struck object on side of road						4							
Noncollision accident							[]		l <u> </u>	l <u>-</u>] []		I
Jack-knifed or overturnedno collision] []		l	l			I
Nonhighway accident, except rail, air, water]						
Noncollision accident] []						
Pedestrian, nonpassenger struck by vehicle,	l]						
mobile equipment	6					3	3						
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Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure and major private industry 1 sector, Michigan, 2007 - continued

		Goods producing				Service providing							
Event or exposure ²	Total fatalities (number)	Total goods producing	Natural resources and mining ³	Construc- tion	Manufac- turing	Total service providing	Trade, transpor- tation, and utilities	Informa- tion	Financial activities	Profes- sional and business services	and health	and	Other services
Pedestrian struck by vehicle, mobile													
equipment in parking lot or non-roadway area													
Assaults and violent acts	27	6				20	7					7	3
Assaults and violent acts by person(s)	20					17	6					7	
Shooting	13					11	5					3	
Stabbing	5					4							
Self-inflicted injury	6	3				3						l	
Suicide, attempted suicide	6	3				3							

Classified according to the North American Industry Classification System, 2002.
 Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria. n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Data for 2007 are preliminary.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries

³ Includes fatalities at all establishments categorized as Mining (Sector 21) in the North American Industry Classification System, 2002, including establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) rules and reporting, such as those in Oil and Gas Extraction.

Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics and event or exposure, Michigan, 2007

				Event or e	exposure ¹		
Worker characteristics	Total fatalities (number)	Transportation incidents ²	Assaults and violent acts ³	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful sub- stances or environ- ments	Fires and explosions
Total	120	35	27	27	17	11	
Employee Status							
Wage and Salary Workers ⁴		29 6	19 8	18 9	14 3	8	
Gender							
MenWomen		28 7	23 4	26 	13 4	10 	
Age							
Under 16 years							
16 to 17 years							
18 to 19 years							
20 to 24 years							
25 to 34 years		4	4	4	5	3	
35 to 44 years			8	5			
45 to 54 years		12 10	10	/	3	5	
55 to 64 years		10	4	3	4		
Race or Ethnic Origin ⁶		0		3	3	_	
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White, non-Hispanic		25	22	24	14	9	
Black, non-Hispanic	14	7	4				
Hispanic or Latino	7						
American Indian or Alaska Native							
Asian							
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander							

¹ Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual.

categories shown exclude data for Hispanics and Latinos.

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SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries

² Includes highway, nonhighway, air, water, rail fatalities, and fatalities resulting from being struck by a vehicle.

³ Includes violence by persons, self-inflicted injury, and attacks by animals.

⁴ May include volunteers and workers receiving other types of compensation.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Persons identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. The race

Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by industry and event or exposure, Michigan, 2007

					Event or e	exposure ²		
Industry ¹	NAICS code ¹	Total fatalities (number)	Transpor- tation incidents ³	Assaults and violent acts ⁴	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total		120	35	27	27	17	11	
Private Industry		111	29	26	27	17	10	
Goods Producing		47	9	6	18	6	6	
Natural Resources and Mining		16	5		8			
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	. 11	16	5		8			
Crop Production	112	9 5 3	4 	 	3 3 	 	 	
Construction		16			3	5	3	
Construction	. 23	16			3	5	3	
Specialty Trade Contractors Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors Roofing Contractors Building Equipment Contractors Building Finishing Contractors	. 2381 . 23816 . 2382	13 6 3 3 3	 		3 	4 4 3 	 	
Manufacturing		15			7			
Manufacturing	. 31-33	15			7			
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing Transportation Equipment Manufacturing Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing	. 336	3 5 3	 	 	 	 	 	
Service providing		64	20	20	9	11	4	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities		26	8	7	6	3		
Wholesale Trade	. 42	5						
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	424	5						
Retail Trade	. 44-45	9		4		3		
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Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by industry and event or exposure, Michigan, 2007 - continued

					Event or e	exposure ²		
Industry ¹	NAICS code ¹	Total fatalities (number)	Transpor- tation incidents ³	Assaults and violent acts ⁴	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful sub- stances or environments	Fires and explosions
Food and Beverage Stores	. 445	3		3				
Grocery Stores	. 4451	3		3				
Transportation and Warehousing	. 48-49	11	6		3			
Truck Transportation	484	7	4					
General Freight Trucking		5	3					
General Freight Trucking, Long-Distance		4						
General Freight Trucking, Long-Distance, Truckload		4						
Information		4						
Information	. 51	4						
Publishing Industries (Except Internet)	. 511	3						
Newspaper, Periodical, Book, and Directory Publishers		3						
Newspaper Publishers		3						
Professional and Business Services		10	4			3		
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	. 56	9	4			3		
Administrative and Support Services	561	7				3		
Services to Buildings and Dwellings		6				3		
Landscaping Services		3						
Education and Health Services		5	3					
Health Care and Social Assistance	. 62	5	3					
Leisure and Hospitality		11		7				
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	. 71	4						
Performing Arts, Spectator Sports, and Related Industries	. 711	4						
Accommodation and Food Services	. 72	7		5				
Food Services and Drinking Places	722	5		5				
Full-Service Restaurants	7221	4		4				
Full-Service Restaurants	72211	4		4				
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Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by industry and event or exposure, Michigan, 2007 - continued

					Event or	exposure ²		
Industry ¹	NAICS code ¹	Total fatalities (number)	Transpor- tation incidents ³	Assaults and violent acts ⁴	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Other Services		7		3				
Other Services, except Public Administration	. 81	7		3				
Repair and Maintenance	811	4						
Automotive Repair and Maintenance Personal and Laundry Services	8111	3						
Personal and Laundry Services	. 812	3						
Government ⁶		9	6					
Local Government		8	6					
Service providing		8	6					
Public Administration		5	3					
Public Administration	. 92	5	3					
Justice, Public Order, and Safety Activities	. 922 . 9221	4 4						

¹ Classified according to the North American Industry Classification System, 2002.

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² Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual.

³ Includes highway, nonhighway, air, water, rail fatalities, and fatalities resulting from being struck by a vehicle.

⁴ Includes violence by persons, self-inflicted injury, and attacks by animals.

⁵ Includes fatalities at all establishments categorized as Mining (Sector 21) in the North American Industry Classification System, 2002, including establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) rules and reporting, such as those in Oil and Gas Extraction.

 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ Includes fatalities to workers employed by governmental organizations regardless of industry.

Table 4. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation and event or exposure, Michigan, 2007

				Event or e	exposure ²		
Occupation ¹	Total fatalities (number)	Transportation incidents ³	Assaults and violent acts ⁴	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful sub- stances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total	120	35	27	27	17	11	
Management occupations	21	5	6	6			
Other management occupations		5	4	6			
Agricultural managers		4		6			
Farmers and ranchers		4		6			
Protective service occupations		3					
Food preparation and serving related occupations	3						
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations							
Grounds maintenance workers							
Grounds maintenance workers							
Personal care and service occupations							
Sales and related occupations	10		5		4		
Supervisors, sales workers	5		4				
First-line supervisors/managers, sales workers	5		4				
First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	5		4				
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	4						
Construction and extraction occupations	15	3			5		
Construction trades workers	12				5		
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	10			4			
Other installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	5						
Industrial machinery installation, repair, and maintenance workers	3						
Production occupations	9			4			
Metal workers and plastic workers							
Other production occupations							
Transportation and material moving occupations		15	3	6			

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Table 4. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation and event or exposure, Michigan, 2007 - Continued

				Event or e	exposure ²		
Occupation ¹ To		Transportation incidents ³	Assaults and violent acts ⁴	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful sub- stances or environments	Fires and explosions
Motor vehicle operators	19	13	3				
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	17	11	3				
Driver/sales workers							
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	11	7					
Material moving workers	7			4			
Industrial truck and tractor operators	3						
Industrial truck and tractor operators							
Laborers and material movers, hand	3						

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria. Data for 2007 are

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