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The States with the highest numbers of workplace fatalities in 2004 were California, Texas, and Florida.

The States with the lowest numbers were Rhode Island, Vermont, and Delaware.

Note that the size of the workforce is the predominant factor in how many fatalities a State reports.

However, one additional factor is industry mix—that is, the types of industries that figure prominently in the State's economic profile. For example, of all the industry sectors, agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting typically has one of the highest fatality rates. Thus, a State with a relatively high representation of this industry would be expected to have a larger number of fatalities, all other things being equal.

For more information on fatal work injuries by State, see Appendix Tables B-1 through B-5.



Number of fatal work injuries, by State of incident, 2004

