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During the 3-year period from 2003 to 2005, 30 States experienced a statistically significant decrease in their fatality rates compared with the period from 2000 to 2002.
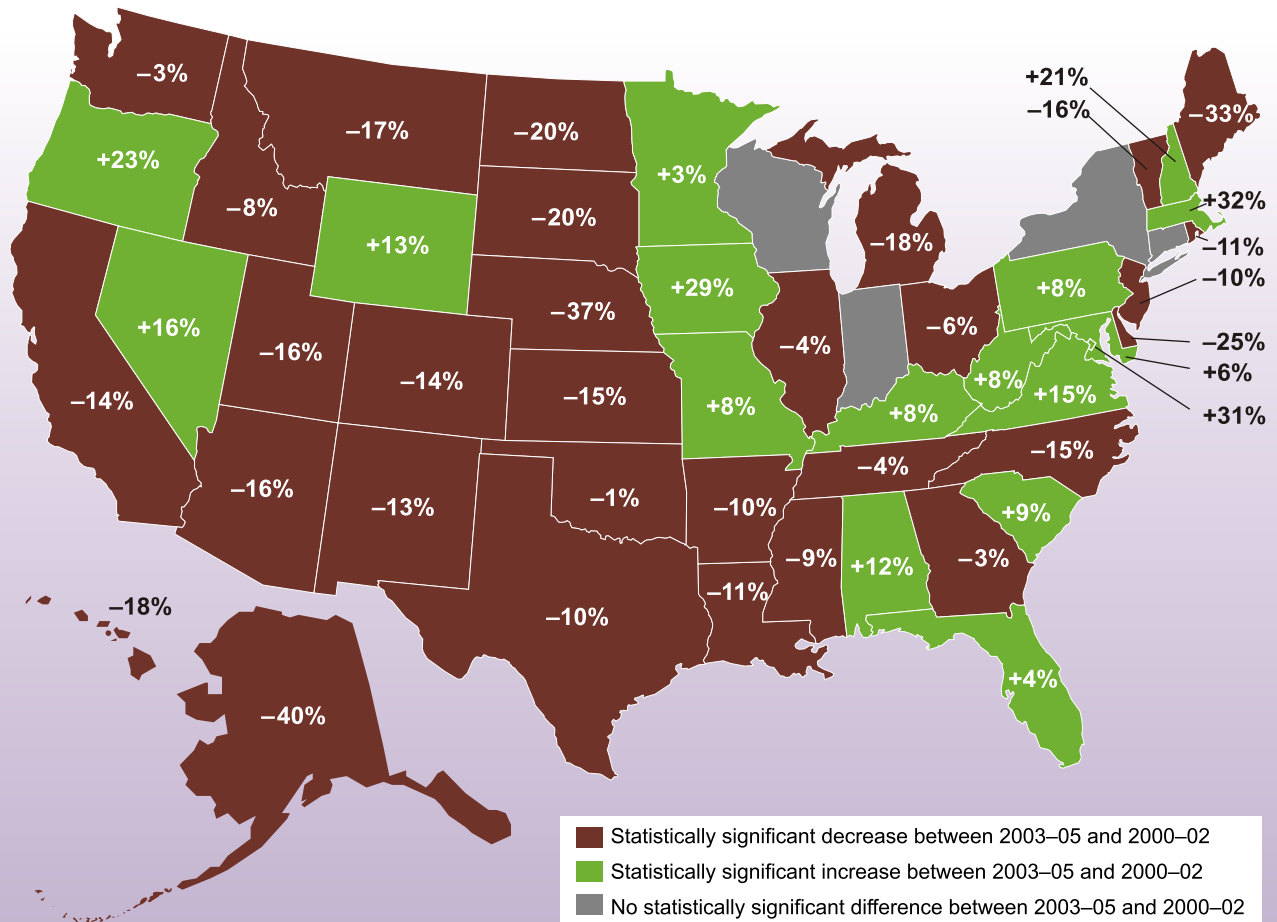
Meanwhile, 16 States and the District of Columbia experienced a statistically significant increase in their fatality rates.

Four States (Connecticut, Indiana, New York, and Wisconsin) had no statistically significant change in their fatality rates.

Fatality rates are calculated with employment figures from the Current Population Survey (CPS) and thus exclude the military. Changes in State fatality rates are statistically significant at the 95-percent level of confidence. State fatality rates are aggregated into 3-year periods to increase the robustness of the data.

Percent change in State fatality rates, 2003–05 versus 2000–02

Statistically significant decrease between 2003–05 and 2000–02

Statistically significant increase between 2003–05 and 2000–02

No statistically significant difference between 2003–05 and 2000–02

NOTE: Data from 2001 exclude fatalities resulting from the September 11 terrorist attacks.
SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2007