

Table A-7. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics and event or exposure, All United States, 2008

Worker characteristics	Total fatalities (number)	Event or exposure ¹					
		Transportation incidents ²	Assaults and violent acts ³	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total.....	5,071	2,053	794	923	680	432	173
Employee Status							
Wage and Salary Workers ⁴	4,071	1,723	581	668	566	381	138
Self-employed ⁵	1,000	330	213	255	114	51	35
Gender							
Men.....	4,703	1,892	681	901	641	409	166
Women.....	368	161	113	22	39	23	7
Age							
Under 16 years.....	11	6	--	3	--	--	--
16 to 17 years.....	23	10	3	3	--	5	--
18 to 19 years.....	63	27	14	10	5	6	--
20 to 24 years.....	339	125	49	65	38	46	16
25 to 34 years.....	840	331	136	161	82	102	28
35 to 44 years.....	1,084	436	192	197	125	103	29
45 to 54 years.....	1,257	504	211	204	180	104	49
55 to 64 years.....	887	385	122	164	132	50	29
65 years and over.....	559	224	64	116	116	15	20
Race or Ethnic Origin⁶							
White, non-Hispanic.....	3,560	1,513	470	670	469	299	126
Black, non-Hispanic.....	514	212	135	72	35	31	26
Hispanic or Latino.....	774	246	114	157	153	87	17
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	30	18	--	5	--	4	--
Asian.....	131	32	62	14	15	5	3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.....	6	5	--	--	--	--	--

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

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

categories shown exclude data for Hispanics and Latinos.

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 2008 are preliminary.

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