



# Weekly Safety Tip

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**Fatal Injuries 2023 from BLS**



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### NATIONAL CENSUS OF FATAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES IN 2023

There were 5,283 fatal work injuries recorded in the United States in 2023, a 3.7-percent decrease from 5,486 in 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. (See chart 1 and table 1.) The fatal work injury rate was 3.5 fatalities per 100,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) workers, down from 3.7 in 2022. (See chart 2.) These data are from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI).

Chart 1. Number of fatal work injuries, 2014-23

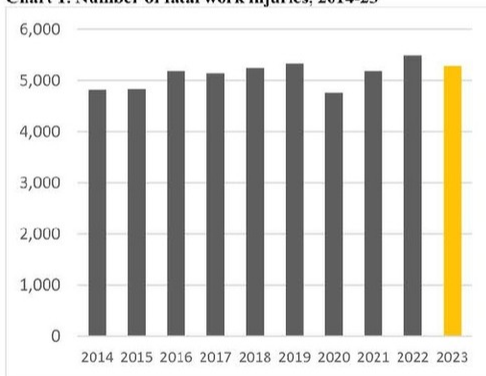
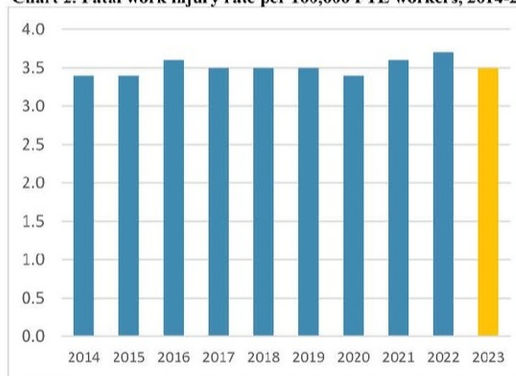


Chart 2. Fatal work injury rate per 100,000 FTE workers, 2014-23



#### Key Findings:

- A worker died every 99 minutes from a work-related injury in 2023 compared to 96 minutes in 2022.
- Transportation incidents were the most frequent type of fatal event, accounting for 36.8 % (1,942) of all occupational fatalities in 2023.
- Fatalities due to violent acts totaled 740 in 2023. Homicides (458) accounted for 61.9 % of violent acts and 8.7 % of all work-related fatalities.
- Opioids were the primary source of 162 fatalities and a contributor in an additional 144 fatalities where multiple drugs were the source.

The count dropped 10.2 % from 734 in 2022 to 659 in 2023 and the rate dropped from 4.2 to 3.6 cases per 100,000 FTE workers.

See next page for specific findings on *Private Industry*, *Occupation*, and *Worker Characteristics*.





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