

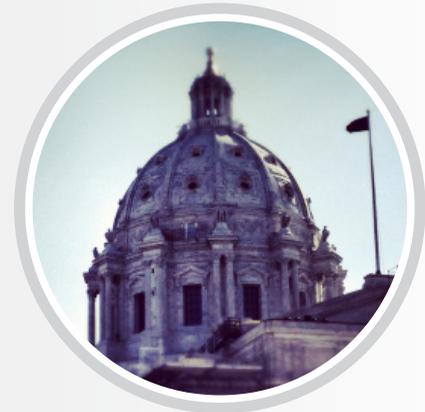
# BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

## CENSUS OF FATAL OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES

### CFOI OVERVIEW

The goal of the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) is to produce comprehensive, accurate and timely counts of fatal work injuries.

CFOI is a federal and state cooperative program implemented in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The National Safety Council adopted the CFOI figure as the authoritative count for work-related deaths in the United States. Data compiled by the CFOI program is issued each December for the preceding calendar year.



### CFOI INFORMATION USE

CFOI information is used by safety and health policy analysts and researchers to help prevent fatal work injuries by:

- informing workers of life threatening hazards associated with various jobs;
- promoting safer work practices through enhanced job safety training;
- assessing and improving workplace safety standards; and
- identifying new areas of safety research.

### SOURCE DOCUMENTS

To ensure that fatal injuries are work-related, cases are substantiated with two or more independent public and confidential source documents, or a source document and a follow-up questionnaire.

- Autopsies
- Death documentation
- Employer reports
- Funeral home websites
- Medical examiner reports
- News media alerts
- NSTB files
- OSHA investigations
- Police reports
- Transfers from other states

### CORONERS, MEDICAL EXAMINERS, MORTICIANS, PHYSICIANS, POLICE – HOW YOU CAN HELP

Information from your work is a vital source for completing the CFOI reporting. Cause of death, date of incident, place, occupation and descriptions of how the injury occurred, from your reports are key indicators of whether a fatality is included for this census. The state and federal governments rely on your cooperation to compile CFOI case records.

### WORK-RELATED FATALITY

A work-related fatality must meet the following criteria to be included in CFOI.

- It must have resulted from a traumatic injury.
- The incident that led to the death must have occurred in the United States, its territories, or its territorial waters or airspace.
- It must be related to work in some capacity.

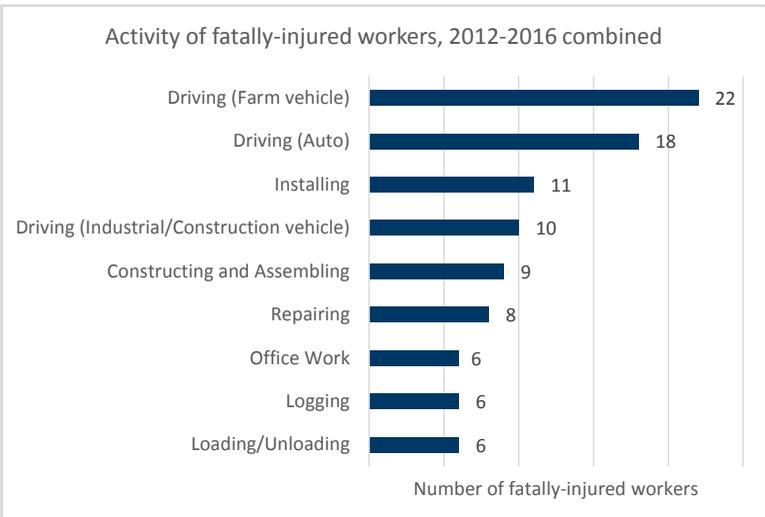
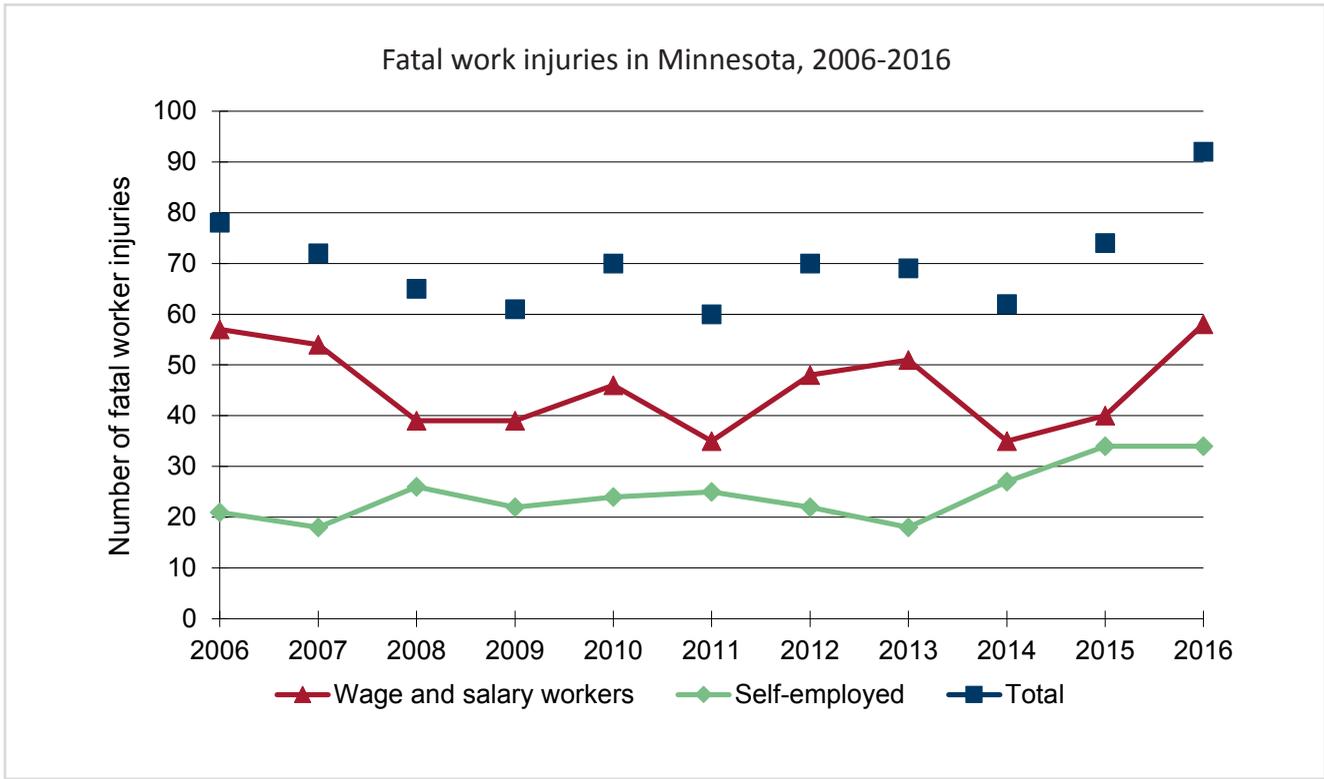


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