

## OREGON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION (Oregon OSHA)

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) offers a wide range of services to Oregon's employers and workers to improve workplace safety and health. These services include:

- Consultations
- Education/conferences
- Technical resources and film library
- Educational grants
- Hazard abatement assistance

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### Fatality/claims data

Visit the DCBS Web site at <http://dcbs.oregon.gov>. Select the "Statistical Reports" link for additional workers' compensation claims data and other statistical reports, or call the Information Management Division at 503-378-8254.

### Census of fatal occupational injuries

National work-related fatality data can be found on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Web site at: <http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfoi1.htm>.

### Fatality assessment and control evaluation

Information about Oregon Health and Science University's Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation Program (FACE) can be found at: <http://www.ohsu.edu/croet/face/>.

### Employer workers' compensation coverage

For additional information about employer coverage requirements, you may contact the Workers' Compensation Division Employer Compliance Program at [wcd.employerinfo@state.or.us](mailto:wcd.employerinfo@state.or.us), call 888-877-5670, or find it on the Internet at: <http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/wcd/index.html>.

### Classification systems

Data are classified according to the following classification systems:

*Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS)*  
*Standard Occupation Classification System (SOC)*  
*North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)*

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# Oregon Compensable Fatality Characteristics

*Calendar Year 2008*



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The Oregon Workers’ Compensation Division received notification of 45 compensable fatalities in 2008. This is up 10 from the 35 compensable fatal claims in 2007.

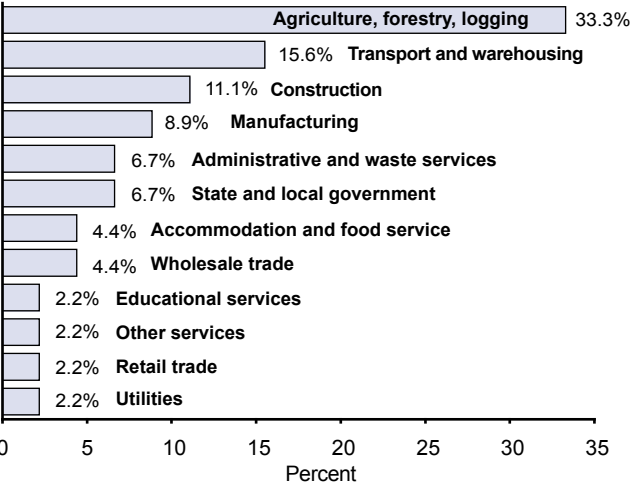
OREGON COMPENSABLE FATALITIES  
1999-2008

Year	W.C. covered employment	Fatal claims	Fatal rate
1999	1,602,700	47	2.93
2000	1,627,600	45	2.76
2001	1,616,400	34	2.10
2002	1,596,100	52	3.26
2003	1,585,800	41	2.59
2004	1,630,500	45	2.76
2005	1,677,500	31	1.85
2006	1,734,400	37	2.13
2007	1,762,700	35	1.99
2008	1,749,000	45	2.57

Note: Workers’ compensation-covered employment figures are based on data from the Oregon Employment Department. Fatality rates are the number of fatality claims per 100,000 workers. The 2008 employment and fatality rate estimates are preliminary.

Data exclude deaths of workers not subject to Oregon workers’ compensation coverage, such as workers who were self-employed (including contractors), working in Oregon for out-of-state employers, city of Portland police and fire employees, and federal employees.

OREGON INDUSTRIES  
by percent of 2008 compensable fatalities



Note: Because of rounding, percents may not sum to 100.

EVENT resulting in injury	2008 fatalities	Percent of total
Highway accidents	12	26.7%
Aircraft accidents	10	22.2%
Struck by or against	7	15.6%
Caught in, under, between	6	13.3%
Industrial vehicle accidents	5	11.1%
Falls	2	4.4%
Fires and explosions	2	4.4%
Pedestrian accidents	1	2.2%

At least two of the 12 workers killed in highway motor vehicle accidents were not wearing seatbelts (five were unknown).

SOURCE of injury or disease	2008 fatalities	Percent of total
Vehicles	29	64.4%
Machinery	7	15.6%
Parts and materials	3	6.7%
Other sources	2	4.4%
Persons, plants, animals, minerals	2	4.4%
Structures and surfaces	2	4.4%

Aircrafts were the source for 10 of the 29 vehicles involved in fatal accidents, the largest of which was a helicopter crash accounting for eight of the cases.

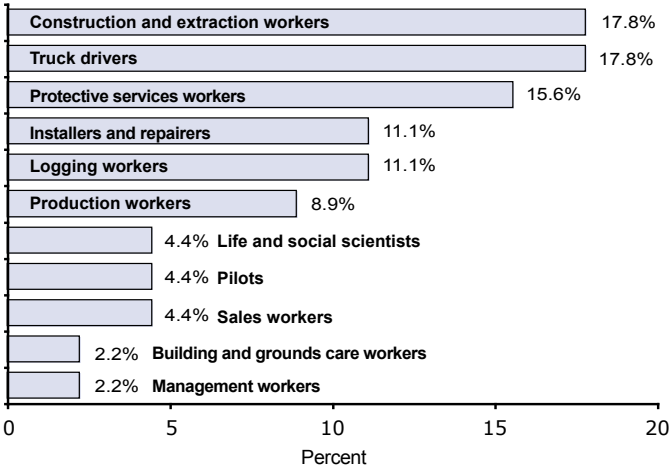
TENURE of worker	2008 fatalities	Percent of total
1st year	19	42.2%
One month or less	9	20.0%
2nd-3rd months	7	15.6%
4th-6th months	1	2.2%
7th-12th months	2	4.4%
2nd year	3	6.7%
3rd year	3	6.7%
4th-5th years	3	6.7%
6th-10th years	2	4.4%
11th-25th years	5	11.1%
Unknown	10	22.2%

Note: Tenure is the amount of time the worker had worked for the employer at injury and is not necessarily indicative of the worker’s level of experience.

Compensable Fatality Facts,  
Oregon, 2008

- The average age of fatally injured workers in 2008 was 42. The oldest worker was a 62-year-old tow truck driver who fell from his truck-trailer; the youngest was a 19-year-old firefighter in a helicopter crash.
- All of the fatally injured workers were males in 2008.
- Three of the fatally injured workers in 2008 were reported as Hispanic (7%); two of them were born in Mexico. One victim was a Native American (2%). In eight of the fatalities, the ethnicity was unknown (18%).
- There were no compensable fatalities in 2008 due to occupational illnesses.
- The compensable fatality count can be affected by tragic accidents that kill multiple victims simultaneously. During 2008, there were two incidents with multiple victims, accounting for 10 of the 45 fatalities.
- Of the 45 compensable fatalities, 30 of them occurred in Oregon (67%). Fifteen fatalities occurred outside of Oregon (nine in California, four in Idaho, and two in Washington).

OCCUPATION OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS  
by percent of 2008 compensable fatalities



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