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2009 Indiana Occupational Fatalities Report

INDIANAPOLIS (August 19, 2010) – The Indiana Department of Labor today released Indiana’s 2009 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI). The state reported 123 fatal occupational injuries, the lowest experienced since the report was introduced in 1991 and 20 fewer deaths than in 2008.

“Fewer work-related fatalities is welcome news,” said Lori A. Torres, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor. “The number of fatal workplace incidents in Indiana has been trending down over the past five years. Fewer workers, however, due to the national recession also likely contributed to the decline in 2009.”

Fatalities by Industry:

No major Indiana industry saw an increase in fatalities from 2008 to 2009. Agriculture reported the highest number of work-related fatalities (23). The majority of agriculture fatalities involved accidents with tractors and other harvesting machinery. For the fourth year in a row Construction fatalities declined, but it remains the second deadliest industry along with Transportation and Warehousing with 17 fatalities each. Retail (-38 percent) and Manufacturing (-22 percent) reported the largest percentage decrease of fatal injuries.

Cause of Fatalities:

The top causes of occupational fatality in 2009 included highway accidents (25), falls (20) and assaults & violent acts (20). Overall, about one-third of all work-related fatalities experienced in 2009 were transportation-related events, which includes highway accidents (25), employees struck by vehicles (8) and accidents involving vehicles in non-highway settings (13). Falls were predominantly from a non-moving vehicle (6), ladder (5) or stairs (3). Assaults & violent acts fatalities include workplace homicide (10) and suicide (9).

Additional information about the 2009 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries is available here www.in.gov/dol/2439.htm.

Details pertaining to non-fatal occupational injuries and illnesses for 2009 will be released in October 2010.

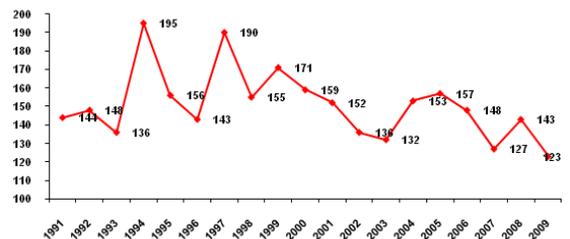
About the Indiana Department of Labor:

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and compliance assistance by employers. www.in.gov/dol.

About the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries Data: The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ (BLS) Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries data for Indiana includes work-related fatalities resulting from unintentional and intentional injuries. CFOI uses multiple data sources to identify, document, and verify work-related injury deaths. On an annual basis, thousands of documents including death certificates are reviewed by the IDOL’s QMS Division staff to provide this data. CFOI began tracking the data in 1991.

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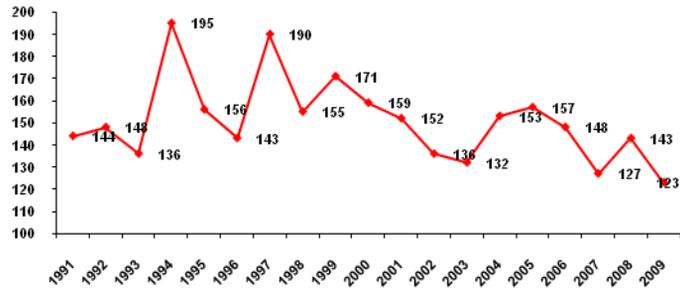
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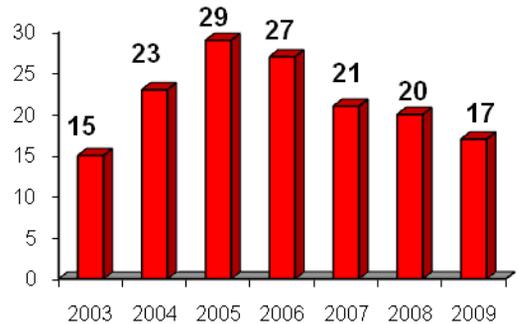
2009 CFOI Press Release Information
Bureau of Labor Statistics Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries

- August 19, 2010 the Bureau of Labor Statistics released data reporting the total number of workplace fatalities in 2009. Other detailed numbers regarding injuries and illnesses will be released in October this year.
- In Indiana, the number of workplace fatal injuries is the lowest reported since CFOI began in 1991. A total of 123 Hoosiers suffered a fatal injury while working in 2009. This is 20 fewer than in 2008 and 17% below the 10-year average.
- For the fourth year in a row fatalities in the construction industry decreased. 2009 saw 3 fewer fatalities than 2008, representing a 15% reduction. Construction is tied for the second most common industry for worker fatalities with 17. The leading industry is Agriculture with 23 fatalities.
- Workplace fatalities in the manufacturing industry, decreased in 2009. There were only 12 fatalities in Indiana's largest industry. This represents a 20% reduction for this industry over 2008.
- The Transportation and Warehousing industry had the same number of fatalities as in 2008. This maintains the great decrease over previous years. The 2003-2007 average was over 28 fatalities annually. The other previous low was in 2003 when there were 20 fatalities.
- The top events leading to a fatality were Highway Accidents (20%), Falls (16%) and Assaults and violent acts (16%).
- A further analysis of fatality data will be available on August 20 at www.in.gov/dol/stats or through the Publication link at www.in.gov/dol.

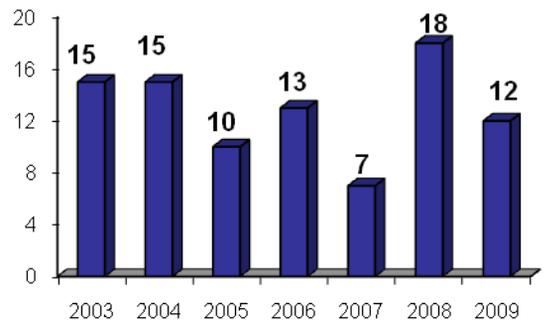
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