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**ARKANSAS WORK-RELATED FATALITIES FOR 2022**

**Little Rock** – There were 75 work-related fatalities recorded in Arkansas in 2022. This data is from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) conducted by the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing, Division of Labor, OSH/CFOI Section, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

**Worker Characteristics**

- There were 75 fatal work injuries in 2022, up from 74 in 2021.
- There were 57 deaths in 2022 involving wage and salary workers in the private sector, up from 49 in 2021. Self-employed worker fatalities accounted for 7, down from 11 in 2021. Fatal injuries among local and state government workers accounted for 10 in 2022, down from 13 in 2021.
- There were 72 men and 3 women that died in a work-related incident in 2022.

**Fatal Event or Exposure**

Twenty-six (26), or 34.7%, of the 75 work-related fatal injuries in 2022 were the result of **transportation incidents**.

- Work-related transportation fatality incidents decreased from 44 in 2021, but still led all fatality events for the 29<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- This includes 12 work-related deaths from roadway collisions with other vehicle, down from 13 in 2021. Eight (8) workers died from roadway collision with object other than vehicle (struck object on the side of the roadway), up from 7 in 2021.
- There were also 3 workers killed in pedestrian vehicular incidents, down from 6 in 2021; and 3 died in aircraft incidents (all were in-flight crashes), down from 5 in 2021.

## **Other Fatality Events**

- A total of 15 workers (20%) were fatally injured due to **contact with objects or equipment** in 2022, up from 10 in 2021. This total includes 9 workers who died when struck by object or equipment.
- **Falls, slips, and trips** resulted in 13 work-related fatalities (17.3%) in 2022, up from 10 in 2021.
- There were 9 worker deaths (12%) due to **exposure to harmful substances or environments** in 2022, up from 4 in 2021.
- There were 12 **other** work-related fatalities (16%) in 2022.
- Nine (9) of those 12 workers died from open wounds, up from 5 in 2021. Eight (8) of these were gunshot wounds.

Nationally, a total of 5,486 workers died from a work-related injury in the United States in 2022, a 5.7 percent increase from the total of 5,190 deaths in 2021. On average, a worker died every 96 minutes in 2022, which works out to an average of 15 work-related fatalities every day and 105 every week.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries**

CFOI reports fatal workplace injuries only. These may include fatal workplace injuries complicated by an illness such as COVID-19. Fatal workplace illnesses not precipitated by an injury are not in scope for CFOI. CFOI does not report any illness related information, including COVID-19.

## **Background of the Program**

In an effort to compile data that is as complete as possible, the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) uses diverse sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. Source documents, such as death certificates, workers' compensation reports, and Federal and State agency administrative records are cross-referenced to gather key information about each workplace fatality, such as the particular occupation and industry in which the fatality occurred, worker demographics, equipment or machinery involved, and circumstances of the event. The CFOI program compiles the most complete, verifiable count of fatal occupational injuries in the United States.

For additional information, please go to [www.bls.gov/iif](http://www.bls.gov/iif) or [www.labor.arkansas.gov](http://www.labor.arkansas.gov).

