Wyoming Occupational Fatalities Decline in 2006

Wyoming occupational fatalities fell from 46 in 2005 to 36 in 2006. The decrease was the largest one-year decline between 1993 and 2006. The difference from 2005 to 2006 is mainly due a drop in multiple fatalities caused by single accidents. In 2005, four accidents caused the deaths of 11 workers. In contrast, only one accident in 2006 resulted in multiple fatalities.

Despite the overall decline, highway incidents rose by 2 from 17 to 19. With the exception of Trade, Transportation, & Utilities, which saw deaths increase by 2, all other industries experienced reductions in fatalities. The biggest decline occurred in the Mining industry, a decrease of 5 deaths.

In recent years, fatalities in Wyoming have shown a trend increase for 2 to 3 years and subsequently declined substantially. The trend was most pronounced for 2002-2006. Variations in fatalities from year to year are, to some extent, the result of the random nature of work-related accidents. For additional information about occupational fatalities in Wyoming, see http://doe.state.wy.us/lmi/CFOI/toc.htm

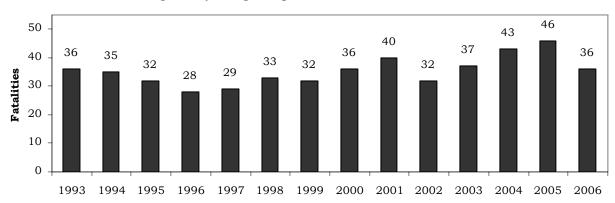


Figure: Wyoming Occupational Fatalities, 1993-2005

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, in cooperation with state and federal agencies.

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Event or Exposure ^a	n ^b	Percent of Total Fatalities	Change From 2005
Transportation Incidents	23	63.9%	-2
Highway Incidents	19	52.8%	2
Collision Between Vehicles, Mobile Equipment	8	22.2%	2
Noncollision Incident	8	22.2%	-1
Jackknifed or Overturned No Collision	7	19.4%	-2
Contact With Objects and Equipment	7	19.4%	-4
Caught In or Compressed by Equipment or Objects	5	13.9%	0
All Other Events or Exposures	6	16.7%	-1
Total	36	100.0%	-10

^aBased on the 1992 Bureau of Labor Statistics Injury and Illness Classification Manual.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, in cooperation with state and federal agencies.

^bTotals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately.

Table 2: Wyoming Occupational Fatalities by Industry, 2006

Industrya	n	Percentage of Total Fatalities	Change From 2005
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	3	8.3%	-2
Mining ^b	8	22.2%	-5
Construction	4	11.1%	-2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	12	33.3%	2
All Other Industries	9	25.0%	-3
Total	36	100.0%	-10

^aClassified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, in cooperation with state and federal agencies.



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^bIncludes fatalities at all establishments classified as Mining (Sector 21) in NAICS, including establishments not governed by Mine Safety and Health Administration rules and reporting such as those in Oil & Gas Extraction.