

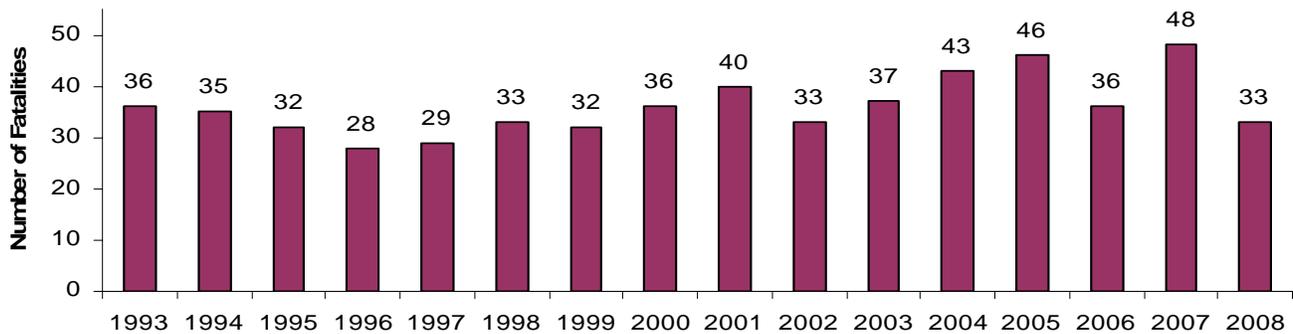
Wyoming Occupational Fatalities in 2008 Decline by Nearly One-Third

Wyoming occupational fatalities declined by 15, from 48 in 2007 to 33 in 2008, a 31.3% decrease (see Figure). It was the largest one-year decline in workplace deaths in the State since the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries program began in 1993. The reduction was associated with a 50.0% drop in transportation accidents (17 in 2008 compared to 34 in 2007). Mining and Transportation & Warehousing led Wyoming industries in occupational fatalities with eight deaths each (see Table 1). Just over half (51.5%) of total fatalities were due to transportation accidents, a result consistent with other years.

Transportation accidents are the most common cause of death. As seen in Table 2a, from 2000 to 2008, a total of 352 people died while on the job. Of the total, 59.7% (210) resulted from transportation accidents, 156 of which occurred on Wyoming's roads and highways (see Table 3). The Transportation & Warehousing industry experienced the largest number of deaths for the nine years with 78 or 22.2%. Data in Table 2a reveal that 56 (15.9%) of 352 job-related deaths took place in a variety of trucking industries, with very few deaths occurring in other forms of transportation (e.g., rail). Detailed industry fatality counts for the period 2000 to 2008 are presented in Table 2b, while details on fatalities due to transportation accidents are shown in Table 3. Tables 2b and Table 3 are available at <http://doe.state.wy.us/lmi/CFOI/toc.htm>

Variations in fatalities from year to year are, to some extent, the result of the random nature of work-related accidents. The only events that show a consistent pattern in Wyoming are transportation events, highway accidents in particular. For more information about current and historical occupational fatalities in Wyoming, see <http://doe.state.wy.us/lmi/CFOI/toc.htm>

Figure: Wyoming Occupational Fatalities, 1993-2008



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

Table 1: Wyoming Occupational Fatalities by Selected Industry and Event, 2008

Industry	Total		Transportation Accidents ^a	
	Number	Col. %	Number	Row %
11 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	5	15.2%	3	60.0%
21 Mining	8	24.2%	4	50.0%
23 Construction	7	21.2%	3	42.9%
31-33 Manufacturing	ND	ND	ND	ND
42 Wholesale Trade	ND	ND	ND	ND
48-49 Transportation & Warehousing	8	24.2%	6	75.0%
54 Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	ND	ND	ND	ND
Total	33	100.0%	17	51.5%

^aTransportation accidents involve transportation vehicles, powered industrial vehicles or powered mobile industrial equipment in which at least one vehicle (or mobile equipment) is in normal operation and the injury/illness was due to collision or other type of traffic accident regardless of the location where the event occurred. Examples of vehicles included are airplanes, trucks, forklifts, and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).

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Table 2a: Summary of Wyoming Occupational Fatalities for Selected Industries, Total and Transportation Accidents, 2000-2008

Industry	Total		Transportation Accidents ²	
	Number	Col. %	Number	Row %
11 Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	42	11.9%	21	50.0%
21 Mining	76	21.6%	32	42.1%
22 Utilities	3	0.9%	ND	ND
23 Construction	52	14.8%	26	50.0%
31-33 Manufacturing	7	2.0%	3	42.9%
42 Wholesale Trade	9	2.6%	7	77.8%
44-45 Retail Trade	9	2.6%	7	77.8%
48-49 Transportation & Warehousing	78	22.2%	61	78.2%
51 Information	3	0.9%	ND	ND
53 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4	1.1%	3	75.0%
54 Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	10	2.8%	8	80.0%
56 Administration & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services	9	2.6%	7	77.8%
62 Health Care & Social Assistance	7	2.0%	4	57.1%
71 Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	6	1.7%	3	50.0%
72 Accommodation & Food Services	6	1.7%	3	50.0%
81 Other Services, except Public Administration	8	2.3%	5	62.5%
92 Public Administration	23	6.5%	16	69.6%
Total Fatalities, 2000-2008	352	100.0%	210	59.7%

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