

## Wyoming Occupational Fatalities Increase to 32 in 2019

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the number of occupational fatalities in Wyoming rose slightly from 31 in 2018 to 32 in 2019 (an increase of one death, or 3.2%; see Figure 1 below). From 1992 to 2019, Wyoming averaged 33 occupational fatalities each year, making the 32 deaths that occurred in 2019 slightly lower than average. Variations in fatalities from year to year are, to some extent, the result of the random nature of work-related accidents. Furthermore, there is not always a direct relationship between workplace fatalities and workplace safety. For example, suicides and homicides that occur in the workplace are included as occupational fatalities. Workplace fatalities are counted in the state where the injury occurred, not necessarily the state of residence or the state of death.

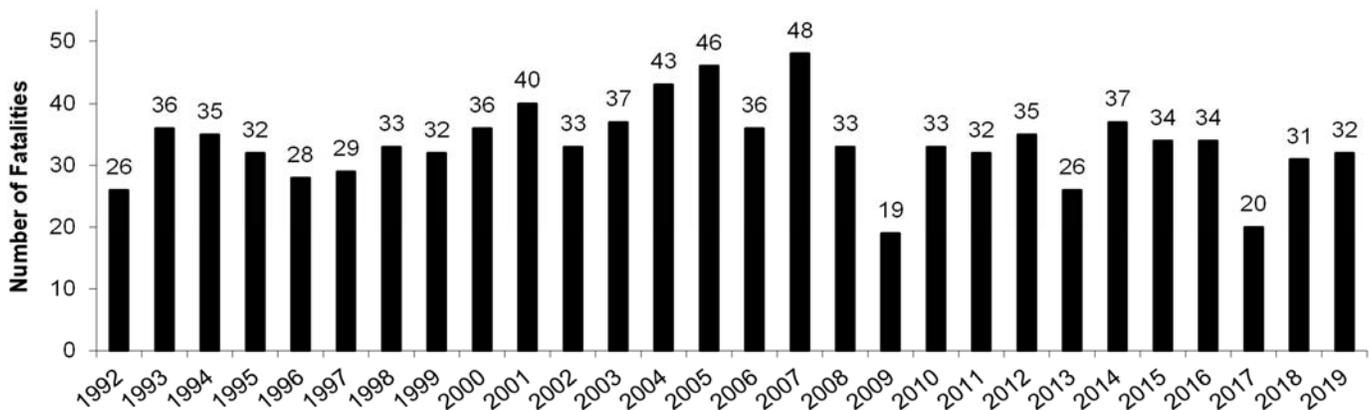
In 2019, 15 deaths occurred in trade, transportation, & utilities (or 46.9% of all deaths; see Table below). Twelve deaths were reported in transportation & warehousing (37.5%) and eight deaths were reported in natural resources & mining (25.0%). Construction, wholesale trade, and leisure & hospitality each had three deaths (9.4%).

Across all industries, nearly two-thirds of 2019 deaths (65.6%) were the result of transportation incidents (see Figure 2). From 2003 to 2019, transportation incidents made up 57.1% of all workplace deaths. Transportation incidents include highway crashes, pedestrian vehicular incidents, aircraft incidents, and water vehicle incidents.

The fatality counts featured in this release are compiled by the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program (a joint effort of Research & Planning and the Bureau of Labor Statistics) and may not match those from other programs, such as data published by Wyoming's State Occupational Epidemiologist. One major reason for differences is that CFOI is a national program with data being collected for all 50 states. States routinely share information in order to obtain the most complete counts of workplace fatalities. The State Occupational Epidemiologist Program and the CFOI program complement each other with their two different goals: the State-run program allows for a more detailed look at workplace deaths, while the CFOI program allows for the collection of national data across states. Reports from the State Occupational Epidemiologist are available at <http://wyomingworkforce.org/data/epidemiology/>.

For official definitions used in the CFOI program, please visit <https://stats.bls.gov/iif/oshcdef.htm>.

Figure 1: Wyoming Occupational Fatalities, 1992-2019



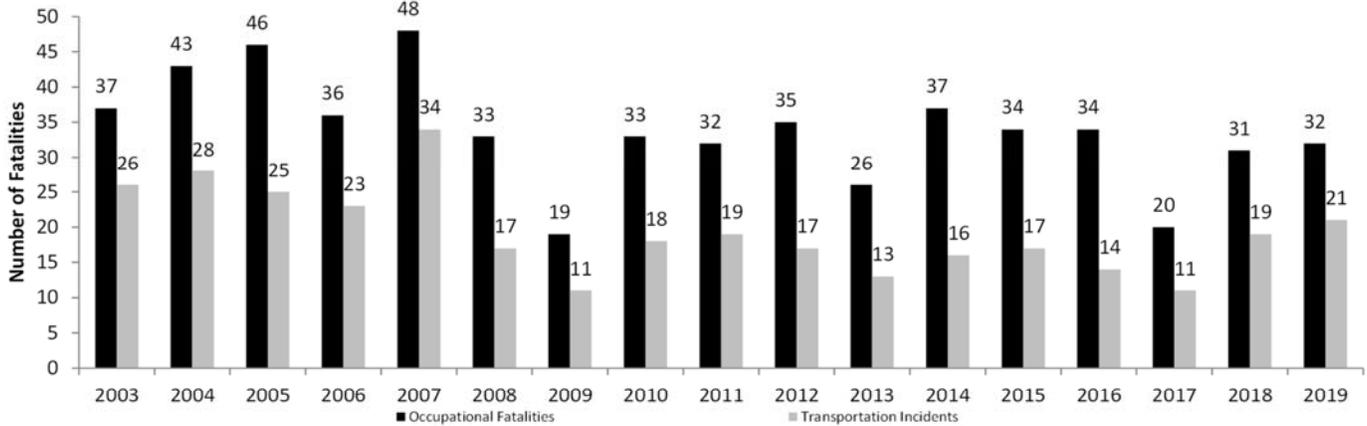
Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, in cooperation with State and Federal Agencies.

Table: Wyoming Occupational Fatalities by Selected Industry, 2019

Industry	Number	Col. %
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	32	100.0%
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	8	25.0%
Mining, Quarrying, & Oil & Gas Extraction	6	18.8%
<b>Construction</b>	3	9.4%
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	15	46.9%
Wholesale Trade	3	9.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	12	37.5%
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	3	9.4%
<b>All Other Industries</b>	3	9.4%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with State and Federal Agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries.

**Figure 2: Wyoming Occupational Fatalities and Transportation Incidents, 2003-2019**



Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, in cooperation with State and Federal Agencies.  
 From 2003 to 2010 transportation incidents are based on the BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS). From 2011 to 2019 transportation incidents are based on OIICS 2.01. Due to substantial differences between OIICS 2.01 and the original OIICS structure, data for transportation incidents from 2011 forward should not be compared to prior years.

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