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## Kansas Workplace Fatalities for 2014

**TOPEKA, Kan.** - Kansas had 73 fatal work-related injuries in 2014 compared to 55 recorded in 2013, according to the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI). The CFOI program is a national census conducted by the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in partnership with the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), Division of Industrial Safety and Health (ISH). The report contains some of the following information:

- Transportation incidents in Kansas accounted for 46.6 percent of the fatal work-related injuries in 2014 with 34 fatalities. Of the 34 transportation-related fatal injuries, 16 fatalities or 47.1 percent were roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicles. Non-roadway incidents, such as a tractor overturned in a farm field, accounted for another eight fatalities or 23.5 percent of the transportation-related fatal injuries.
- In the nation, transportation incidents were also the most frequent fatal work-related injuries in 2014, accounting for 41.2 percent of all fatal work-related injuries. However, Kansas' 46.6 percent share of fatal work-related injuries in this industry was larger than the nationwide share.
- Within the goods producing industry group, the natural resources and mining industry had the most fatal work-related injuries for 2014 with 21 fatalities or 28.8 percent of the total fatal work-related injuries. This industry includes the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting sector.
- Men accounted for 94.5 percent of the fatal work-related injuries that occurred in 2014. Nationwide men accounted for 92.4 percent of fatal work-related injuries.
- October and July tied for the highest number of fatal work-related injuries with 10 fatalities each month or 13.7 percent of the 73 fatalities. They were followed closely by eight fatalities or 11 percent in January.

The CFOI program collects data from multiple sources for every fatal work-related injury recorded. Each case must have two or more substantiating documents. These source documents include death certificates, workers compensation reports, motor vehicle accident reports, OSHA reports, news accounts, coroner's reports, obituaries, employer questionnaires, and other federal and state records. Each fatality is counted in the state where the incident occurs regardless of the state of employment. This ensures there is no duplication of reporting by the states.

For more information regarding this survey, please visit the Bureau of Labor Statistics website at <http://www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfoi1.htm>. Additionally, charts and tables for Kansas may be viewed on the KDOL website at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov/gsipub/index.asp?docid=598>.

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