

## Workplace Fatalities Since the Passage of OSHA <sup>1, 2</sup>

Year	Work Deaths	Employment (000) <sup>3</sup>	Fatality Rate <sup>4</sup>
1970.....	13,800	77,700	18
1971.....	13,700	78,500	17
1972.....	14,000	81,300	17
1973.....	14,300	84,300	17
1974.....	13,500	86,200	16
1975.....	13,000	85,200	15
1976.....	12,500	88,100	14
1977.....	12,900	91,500	14
1978.....	13,100	95,500	14
1979.....	13,000	98,300	13
1980.....	13,200	98,800	13
1981.....	12,500	99,800	13
1982.....	11,900	98,800	12
1983.....	11,700	100,100	12
1984.....	11,500	104,300	11
1985.....	11,500	106,400	11
1986.....	11,100	108,900	10
1987.....	11,300	111,700	10
1988.....	10,800	114,300	9
1989.....	10,400	116,700	9
1990.....	10,500	117,400	9
1991.....	9,900	116,400	9
1992 <sup>2</sup> .....	6,217	117,000	7
1993.....	6,331	118,700	8
1994.....	6,632	122,400	5
1995.....	6,275	126,200	5
1996.....	6,202	127,997	4.8
1997.....	6,238	130,810	4.7
1998.....	6,055	132,684	4.5
1999.....	6,054	134,666	4.5
2000.....	5,920	136,377	4.3
2001.....	5,915*	136,252	4.3
2002.....	5,534	137,700	4.0
2003.....	5,575	138,928	4.0
2004.....	5,764	140,411	4.1
2005.....	5,734	142,894	4.0
2006.....	5,840	145,501	4.0
2007.....	5,657	147,215	3.8

<sup>1</sup>Fatality information for 1971-1991, from National Safety Council Accident Facts, 1994.

<sup>2</sup>Fatality information for 1992 to 2007 is from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries. In 1994, the National Safety Council changed their reporting method for workplace fatalities and adopted the BLS count. The earlier NSC numbers are based on an estimate, the BLS numbers are based on an actual census.

<sup>3</sup>Employment is an annual average of employed civilians 16 years of age and older from the Current Population Survey, adjusted to include data for resident and armed forces from the Department of Defense.

<sup>4</sup>Deaths per 100,000 workers.

\* Excludes fatalities from the events of September 11, 2001.