



Are workplace injuries going down?

Non-Fatal Work Place Injuries

There were nearly three million non-fatal workplace injuries and illnesses reported overall in the United States in 2011. In Illinois, there were a total of 156,100 non-fatal occupational injuries and illnesses for all industries, including state and local government. The number of reportable cases of non-fatal occupational injuries and illnesses in Illinois has continued to decline over the last several years, following with the national trend. There was an estimated 49,500 cases that had days away from work and an estimated 26,500 cases that had job transfer or restriction.

Number of Non-fatal Work Place Injuries in Illinois, 2008-2011

Year	Number of Non-fatal Work Place Injuries	Total Cases with Days Away from Work, Job Transfer or Restriction
2008	180,900	95,000
2009	165,500	83,300
2010	157,500	80,200
2011	156,100	76,000

Data source: Illinois Department of Public Health

Injury Characteristics

Private Industry

- The industries with the largest number of recordable cases were trade, transportation and utilities (30.5%), followed by education and health services (20.8%) and manufacturing (20.1%).
- White workers accounted for 37.7% of reported injuries and illnesses; Hispanic and Latino workers 16.3%; African American workers 8.1%; and 36.7% did not have race reported.
- About 44.1% of reported cases worked for their employer for more than five years.
- Majority of injuries and illnesses were mostly reported among those aged 45-54 (25.1%) and 35-44 (22.4%).
- The most common type of injury or illness reported was sprain or strain (39.8%), with back being the most frequently reported body part, followed by finger and knee.

Government, State and Local

- Female workers in state government had more reported injuries than males, but male worker had higher rates of injury than female in local government.
- Majority of injuries and illnesses were reported for those age 35-44 (25.7%) and 45-54 (25.2%).
- Approximately 50.8% of injuries and illnesses were among those that held service occupations, 17.3% reported for those that held professional or related occupations.
- About 58.2% of reported cases worked for their employer for more than five years.
- The most common type of injury or illness reported was sprain or strain (38.0%), with the back reported as the most affected body part.

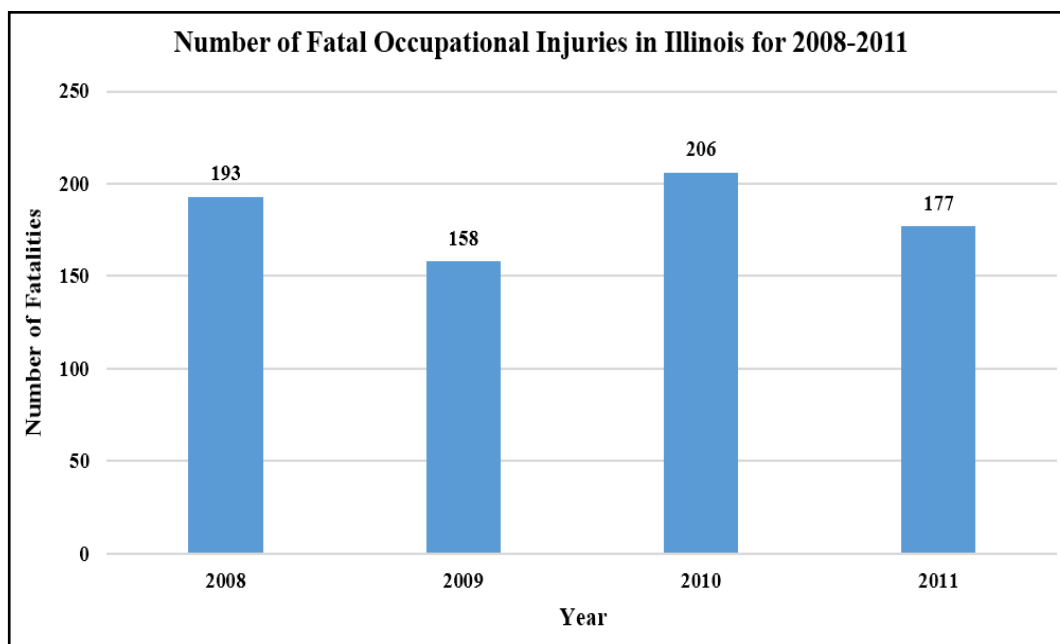
Fatal Work Place Injuries

The overall rates of fatal work place injuries have continued to remain relatively stable in 2011. On a national level, 21 states reported increases in the total number of fatalities at the work place. Despite the increases in some states, 2011 fatal injury rate was the third lowest annual total since 1992.

In 2011, there was a decrease in the number of work place fatalities from the previous year in Illinois.

Key Points

- In 2011, there were 177 injury-related occupational fatalities in IL, a decrease from the 206 deaths in 2010.
- The majority of the fatalities were male (86.4 percent) and wage and salaried workers (76.3 percent).



Data source: Bureau of Labor Statistics Annual Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses

Fatal Occupational Injuries by Industry for Private Ownership in Illinois, 2011	
Industry	Total Fatalities
Transportation and Warehousing	32
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	22
Construction	21
Manufacturing	14
Administrative and Waste Services	13
Retail Trade	12
Other Services, except Public Administration	9
Accommodation and Food Services	7
Wholesale Trade	7
Health Care and Social Assistance	6
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	4
Public Administration	3
Professional and Technical Service	3
Information	3

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