



Oregon Compensable Fatality Characteristics Calendar Year 2020

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The Workers' Compensation Division received notification of 33 compensable fatalities in 2020, eight fewer workplace fatal accidents than during 2019, and about one higher than the 10-year average of 31.9 fatalities. The number of compensable fatalities in 2020 is the lowest since 2016, when 29 notifications were received for workers who perished on the job.

OREGON COMPENSABLE FATALITIES 2011-2020

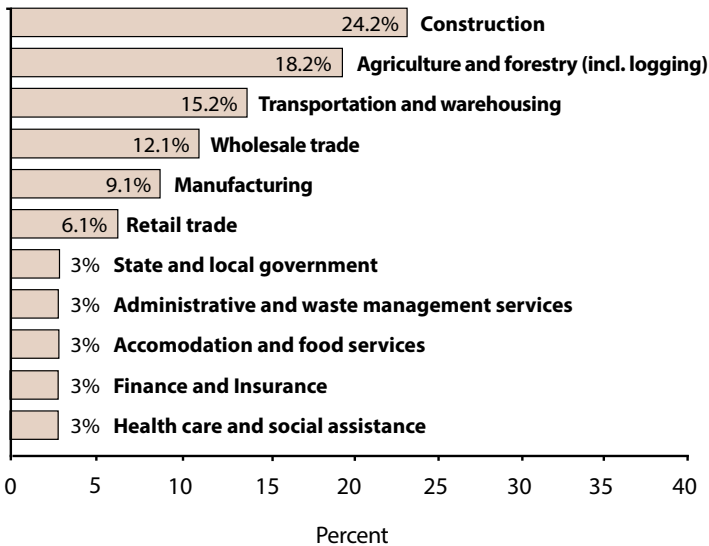
Year	WC covered employment	Fatal claims	Fatal rate
2011	1,641,300	28	1.71
2012	1,664,000	30	1.80
2013	1,697,600	30	1.77
2014	1,743,800	31	1.78
2015	1,796,400	27	1.50
2016	1,855,600	29	1.56
2017	1,899,400	35	1.84
2018	1,943,000	35	1.80
2019	1,986,100	41	2.08
2020	1,857,800	33	1.78

Note: Employment figures are based on data from the Oregon Employment Department. Fatality rates are the number of accepted fatal claims per 100,000 workers. The 2020 employment and fatality rate estimates are preliminary.

Data exclude deaths of workers not subject to Oregon workers' compensation coverage, such as workers who were self-employed, who worked for out-of-state employers, City of Portland police and fire employees, and federal employees.

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OREGON INDUSTRIES
by percent of 2020 compensable fatalities



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SOURCE of injury or disease	2020 fatalities	Percent of total
Vehicles	17	43.9
Persons, plants, animals and minerals	5	19.5
Machinery	3	17.1
Containers	2	4.9
Parts and materials	2	4.9
Structures and surfaces	2	4.9
Tools, instruments, and equipment	1	2.4
Other sources	1	2.4

Trucks were the source for 11 of the 17 vehicles involved in fatal accidents, two of which involved semi-trucks.

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EVENT resulting in injury	2020 fatalities	Percent of total
Roadway accidents	8	24.2
Struck by or against object	7	21.2
Non-roadway accident	4	12.1
Pedestrian accident	4	12.1
Fall or jump to lower level	3	9.1
Homicides	2	6.1
Aircraft accident	1	3.0
Caught in or compressed by	1	3.0
Contact with electric current	1	3.0
Exposure to harmful environment	1	3.0
Fires, explosions	1	3.0

Of the 8 workers killed in roadway accidents, 5 were wearing seat belts. The other 3 were not wearing seatbelts.

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TENURE of worker	2020 fatalities	Percent of total
1st year	14	42.4
<i>One month or less</i>	5	15.2
<i>2nd-3rd months</i>	4	12.1
<i>4th-6th months</i>	1	3.0
<i>7th-12th months</i>	4	12.1
2nd year	2	6.1
3rd year	2	6.1
4th-5th years	3	9.1
6th-10th years	3	9.1
11th-25th years	1	3.0
26 or more years	-	-
Unknown	8	24.2

Note: Tenure is the amount of time the worker worked for the employer at injury and is not necessarily indicative of the worker's level of experience.

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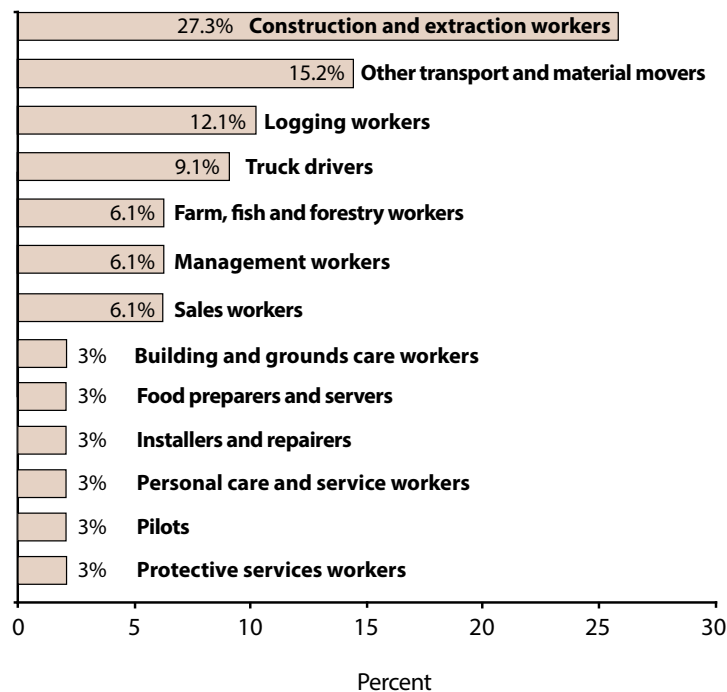
Compensable Fatality Facts, Oregon, 2020

- The average age of workers with fatal claims accepted during both 2020 was 45 years, which is four years lower than the average age from the previous two years (the average ages of workers with fatal claims from 2018 and 2019 were both 49). The average age from 2011 to 2020 was approximately 47 years of age. The previous 10-year average from 2001 to 2010 was about 43 years of age.
- The oldest worker with a fatal claim was a 70-year old handyman who was the passenger in a pickup involved in a collision. The youngest worker was a 23-year-old electrical lineman whose utility truck overturned.
- There were four fatal claims accepted for female workers in 2020, the same as the previous year (2019). During the five-year period from 2016 to 2020, females accounted for 8.7 percent of accepted

fatalities, a slight decrease from the 8.9 percent in the previous five-year period (2011 to 2015).

- None of the compensable fatalities in 2020 were workers employed in the public sector. The five-year average is 1.2 public-sector workers.
- Multnomah County reported six fatalities in 2020, accounting for just over 18 percent of all fatalities, more than any other Oregon county. Of the 33 compensable fatalities, two were out of state. There was one fatality each in California and Idaho.
- During 2020, six (18 percent) of compensable fatalities occurred to workers of Hispanic ethnicity, compared to nine (22 percent) during 2019.
- Of the 33 compensable fatalities in 2020, one was the result of infection with the COVID-19 virus.
- There were eight fatal claims accepted for roadway incidents in 2020, the same as 2019. This is below the five-year average (10.6).

**OCCUPATION OF INJURED OREGON WORKERS
by percent of 2020 compensable fatalities**



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