

PROFILE OF WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES

STATE	FATALITIES 2007 ¹			INJURIES/ILLNESSES 2007 ²		PENALTIES ³ FY 2008		INSPECTORS ⁴	YEARS TO INSPECT EACH WORKPLACE ONCE	STATE OR FEDERAL PROGRAM ⁵
	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ⁶	NUMBER	RATE	AVERAGES(\$)	RANK ⁷			
Alabama	108	5.1	30	63,000	4.5	1,189	5	21	128	FEDERAL
Alaska	30	9.2	48	11,100	5.5	714	36	15	53	STATE
Arizona	97	3.3	17	87,500	4.4	1,093	8	26	108	STATE
Arkansas	89	6.9	42	34,300	3.9	1,253	4	8	303	FEDERAL
California	461	2.7	10	477,000	4.4	4,890	1	233	138	STATE
Colorado	126	4.9	29	N/A	N/A	1,000	18	24	122	FEDERAL
Connecticut	38	2.1	3	56,900	4.8	1,015	15	29	90	FEDERAL
Delaware	10	2.3	4	10,300	3.4	968	21	4	151	FEDERAL
Florida	363	4.1	24	216,800	3.9	1,115	6	45	259	FEDERAL
Georgia	193	4.1	24	101,800	3.5	1,096	7	34	184	FEDERAL
Hawaii	23	3.7	20	18,100	4.6	837	31	21	74	STATE
Idaho	31	4.2	26	N/A	N/A	810	34	8	96	FEDERAL
Illinois	185	2.9	12	158,100	3.8	984	20	58	129	FEDERAL
Indiana	127	4.2	26	107,800	5.1	932	24	71	89	STATE
Iowa	89	5.5	34	57,800	5.5	850	30	30	89	STATE
Kansas	101	7.0	43	48,200	5.1	586	43	13	98	FEDERAL

PROFILE OF WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES

STATE	FATALITIES 2007 ¹			INJURIES/ILLNESSES 2007 ²		PENALTIES ³ FY 2008		INSPECTORS ⁴	YEARS TO INSPECT EACH WORKPLACE ONCE	STATE OR FEDERAL PROGRAM ⁵
	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ⁶	NUMBER	RATE	AVERAGES(\$)	RANK ⁷			
Kentucky	112	5.8	37	65,400	5.2	1,652	2	42	79	STATE
Louisiana	139	7.3	45	38,800	2.9	1,343	3	13	173	FEDERAL
Maine	21	3.1	16	25,700	6.4	1,048	12	11	73	FEDERAL
Maryland	82	2.9	12	65,700	3.7	704	37	61	110	STATE
Massachusetts	75	2.3	4	89,600	4.0	1,003	17	33	130	FEDERAL
Michigan	120	2.6	8	139,600	4.9	458	47	69	50	STATE
Minnesota	72	2.6	8	84,800	4.7	635	40	57	67	STATE
Mississippi	93	7.5	46	N/A	N/A	1,063	11	11	137	FEDERAL
Missouri	156	5.4	33	87,900	4.6	692	38	28	115	FEDERAL
Montana	54	11.0	49	17,800	6.3	811	33	6	132	FEDERAL
Nebraska	63	6.6	41	31,900	5.0	1,026	14	9	142	FEDERAL
Nevada	71	5.5	34	46,500	4.8	1,086	9	41	29	STATE
New Hampshire	14	1.9	2	N/A	N/A	859	29	9	133	FEDERAL
New Jersey	106	2.5	7	94,800	3.5	952	22	68	75	FEDERAL
New Mexico	52	5.7	36	25,400	4.6	914	27	11	86	STATE
New York	220	2.4	6	181,100	3.1	1,009	16	119	108	FEDERAL

PROFILE OF WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES

STATE	FATALITIES 2007 ¹			INJURIES/ILLNESSES 2007 ²		PENALTIES ³ FY 2008		INSPECTORS ⁴	YEARS TO INSPECT EACH WORKPLACE ONCE	STATE OR FEDERAL PROGRAM ⁵
	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ⁶	NUMBER	RATE	AVERAGES(\$)	RANK ⁷			
North Carolina	167	3.9	23	102,300	3.7	513	46	116	48	STATE
North Dakota	25	7.0	43	N/A	N/A	887	28	6	105	FEDERAL
Ohio	165	2.9	12	N/A	N/A	994	19	56	108	FEDERAL
Oklahoma	104	6.3	40	48,100	4.5	934	23	18	123	FEDERAL
Oregon	69	3.7	20	61,400	5.1	347	49	83	24	STATE
Pennsylvania	220	3.6	19	N/A	N/A	770	35	63	107	FEDERAL
Rhode Island	5	0.9	1	17,100	5.1	834	32	9	86	FEDERAL
South Carolina	122	6.0	38	46,500	3.6	331	50	31	70	STATE
South Dakota	22	5.1	30	N/A	N/A	599	42	N/A	148	FEDERAL
Tennessee	154	5.3	32	88,700	4.5	648	39	41	53	STATE
Texas	528	4.8	28	252,800	3.4	1,085	10	77	144	FEDERAL
Utah	78	6.0	38	41,000	5.0	925	25	19	146	STATE
Vermont	10	2.9	12	11,900	5.9	564	44	10	68	STATE
Virginia	146	3.7	20	82,500	3.2	541	45	61	63	STATE
Washington	90	2.8	11	116,500	6.1	603	41	119	38	STATE
West Virginia	61	7.8	47	25,700	5.2	920	26	10	96	FEDERAL

PROFILE OF WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE UNITED STATES

STATE	FATALITIES 2007 ¹			INJURIES/ILLNESSES 2007 ²		PENALTIES ³ FY 2008		INSPECTORS ⁴	YEARS TO INSPECT EACH WORKPLACE ONCE	STATE OR FEDERAL PROGRAM ⁵
	NUMBER	RATE	RANK ⁶	NUMBER	RATE	AVERAGES(\$)	RANK ⁷			
Wisconsin	104	3.5	18	101,400	5.3	1,038	13	33	99	FEDERAL
Wyoming	48	17.1	50	8,700	4.6	444	48	8	49	STATE
TOTAL OR NATIONAL AVERAGE:	5,657	3.8		4.0 MILLION	4.2	\$921⁸		2,043⁹	94¹⁰	

¹ The state fatality rates for 2007 have not yet been calculated by BLS. The AFL-CIO calculated 2007 state fatality rates per 100,000 workers using the numbers of deaths reported by BLS for 2007 and the preliminary employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 2007 annual averages from the BLS Current Population Survey (CPS).

² Bureau of Labor Statistics, rate of total cases per 100 workers. Number and rate are for private sector only and includes Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. An additional 541,900 cases occurred among state and local government employees in the 30 states and territories where this data is collected.

³ U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA IMIS Inspection Reports, Nation by Region for 18(B) State (only) and/or Nation by Region for Federal (only), FY 2008.

Penalties shown are averages per serious citation for conditions creating a substantial probability of death or serious physical harm to workers. For CT, NJ and NY, averages are based only on federal data.

⁴ From OSHA records, FY 2009. Includes only safety and industrial hygiene Compliance Safety and Health Officers who conduct workplace inspections. Supervisory CSHOs are included if they spend at least 50% of their time conducting inspections.

⁵ Under the OSHA Act, states may operate their own OSHA programs. Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York have state programs covering state and local employees only. Twenty-one states and one territory have state OSHA programs covering both public and private sector workers.

⁶ Rankings are based on best to worst fatality rate (1-best, 50-worst).

⁷ Rankings are based on highest to lowest average penalty (\$) per serious violation (1-highest, 50-lowest).

⁸ National average is per citation average for federal OSHA serious penalties and state OSHA plan states' serious penalties combined. Federal serious penalties average \$960 per citation; state plan OSHA states average \$872 per citation.

⁹ Total number of inspectors includes 799 Federal OSHA inspectors and 1,244 state OSHA inspectors including inspectors in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

¹⁰ Frequency of all covered establishments for all states combined. Average inspection frequency of covered establishments for federal OSHA states is once every 137 years; inspection frequency of covered establishments for state OSHA plan states is once every 66 years.

Prepared by AFL-CIO Safety and Health – April 2009