



# 2022 Annual Census of Maine's Fatal Occupational Injuries

A Report Provided to the US Department of Labor:  
Statistical Factors Regarding Maine's 2022 Work Related  
Fatalities



# Twenty-three Maine Workers Died from Occupational/Work-Related Injuries in 2022.

The Bureau of Labor Standards of the Maine Department of Labor annually participates in the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) conducted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor (US DOL). This informational report provides statistical data and charts derived from the 2022 census. It also presents key data points pertaining to Maine’s fatalities.

Maine’s participation in the CFOI is funded by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Safety Education and Training Fund (SETF) in Maine.

States collect data through conducting research, verifying occupational fatalities with supporting documentation and submitting case data to the Bureau of Labor Statistics for review and compilation.

The CFOI program limits counting occupational fatalities to those which result from injuries; the latency period of many occupational illnesses and the resulting difficulty of linking illnesses to work make it difficult to compile a complete account of all fatal illnesses in a given year.

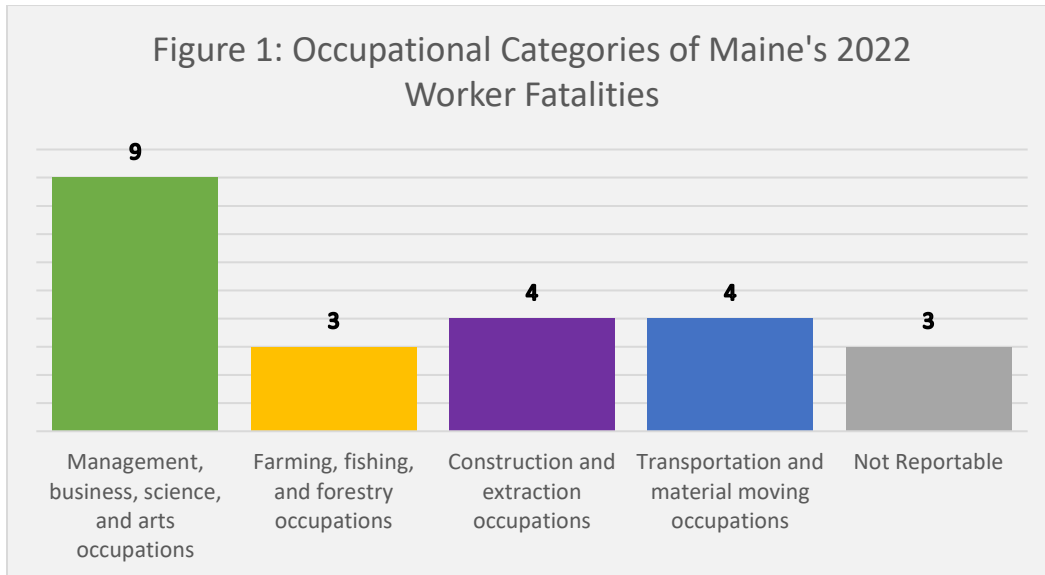
## 2013 – 2022 Occupational Fatalities

*Table 1 lists Maine’s annual totals of occupational fatalities for the years 2013 to 2022. There were 188 occupational fatalities in that period, averaging approximately 19 fatalities per year. The largest annual total of fatalities during this period, 23, occurred in 2022.*

Year	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total Fatalities	23	19	20	20	17	18	18	15	19	19

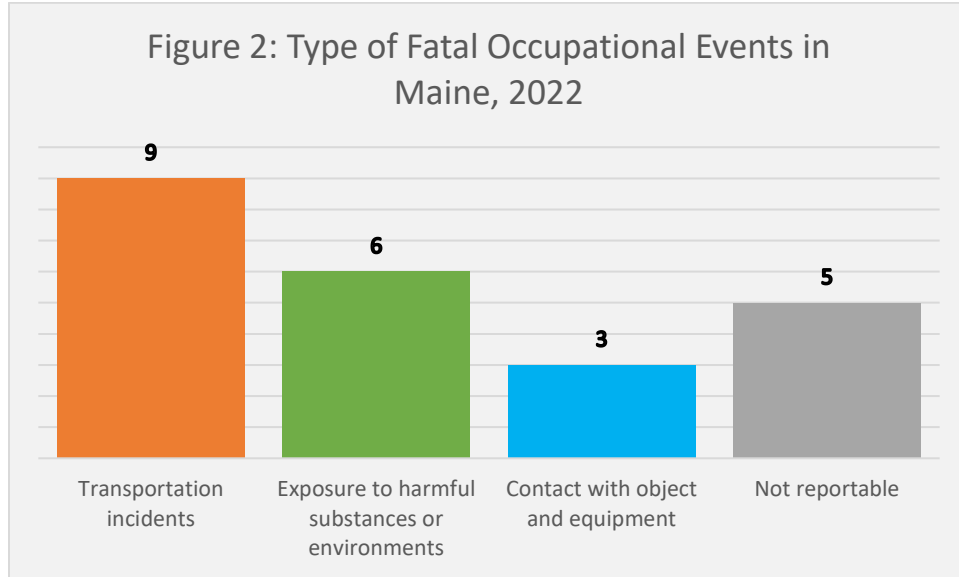
## Fatalities within Occupational Categories

Figure 1 illustrates reportable data for Maine's 2022 occupational fatalities in five occupational categories. **Management, Business, Science, and Arts Occupations** account for nine fatalities (39%). **Construction and Extraction Occupations**, and **Transportation and Material Moving Occupations** followed with four fatalities each (17%). **Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations** accounted for three fatalities (13%). The occupations of the remaining three fatalities (13%) were not reportable.



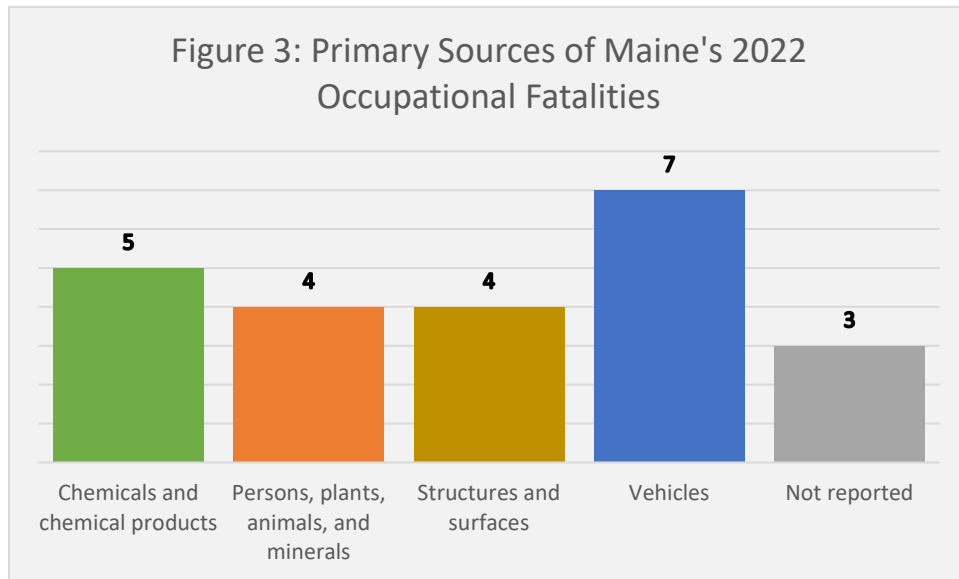
## Types of Fatal Events

Figure 2 shows the types of fatal events that happened in Maine in 2022. **Transportation incidents** account for nine fatalities (39%). Six, or 26%, were **Exposure to Harmful Substances or Environments**. Three (13%) were due to **Contact with Objects and Equipment**. The remaining five were not reportable.



## Primary Sources Causing Fatalities

Figure 3 provides reportable data for primary sources that contributed to Maine’s 2022 occupational fatalities. **Vehicles** were involved in seven fatalities (30%). Five fatalities (22%) were due to **Chemicals and Chemical Products; Persons, Plants, Animals, and Minerals** and **Structures and Surfaces** followed with four fatalities each (17%). The sources of the other three cases (13%) were not reportable.



## Secondary Sources

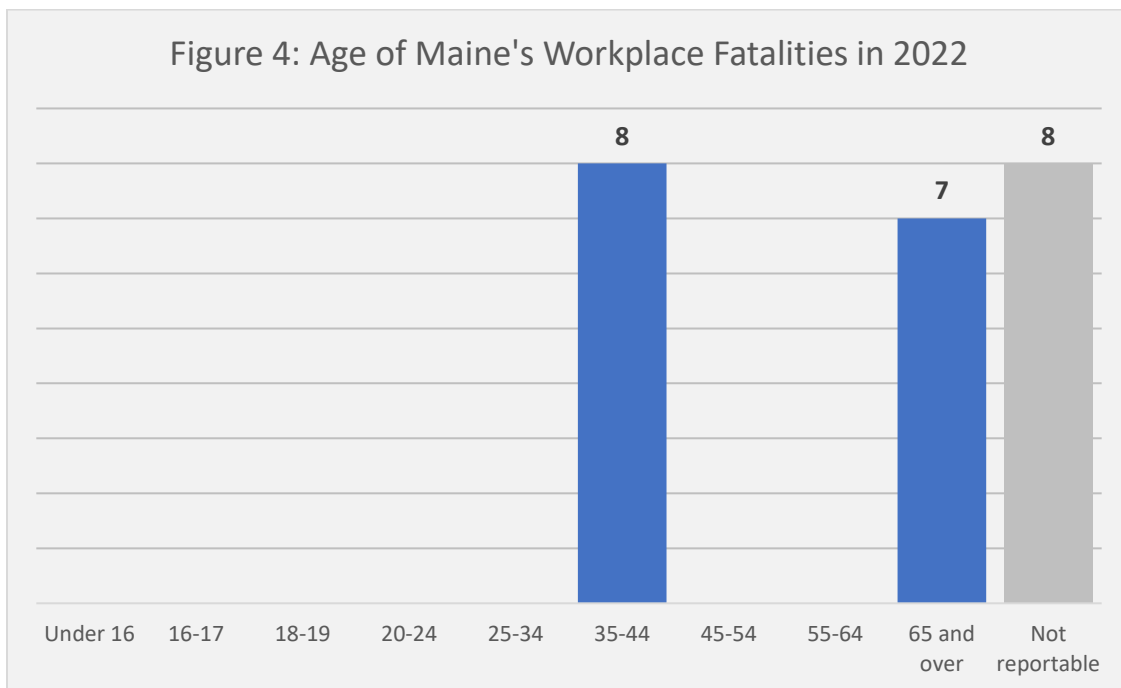
Not every case is assigned a secondary source, and of course they are not always reportable in our data even when they are present. In 2022, three cases had **Structures and Surfaces** as a secondary source, three had **Tools, Instruments, and Equipment**, and four more had **Vehicles**.



## Age Categories

Figure 4 provides reportable data regarding age categories for Maine’s 2022 occupational fatalities. Age was not reportable for eight of the twenty-three fatalities (35%). For those cases in which an age was reportable, eight (35%) in the 35-44 year bracket, seven (30%) were 65 or older.

Nationally in the same period, a plurality of fatalities were in the 55-64 bracket, followed very closely by the 45-54 bracket.



## Other Key Points:

- ✓ 18 of Maine’s decedents were working for wages, while the other five were self-employed. These self-employed workers represent a slightly higher percentage (22%) than what was observed nationally (17%)
- ✓ Gender and race data were not reportable for 2022.
- ✓ All 23 decedents were working in the private sector.

Sources:

Data for this report was extracted from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), Maine Department of Labor, 2022, or from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics' One-Screen Data Search tool at <https://data.bls.gov/PDQWeb/fw>.

CFOI is a federal program that, in most cases, is administered by the states.

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