



# 2024 Annual Census of Maine's Fatal Occupational Injuries

A Report Provided to the US Department of Labor:  
Statistical Factors Regarding Maine's 2024 Work Related  
Fatalities



# Nineteen Maine Workers Died from Occupational/Work-Related Injuries in 2024.

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 2024 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.

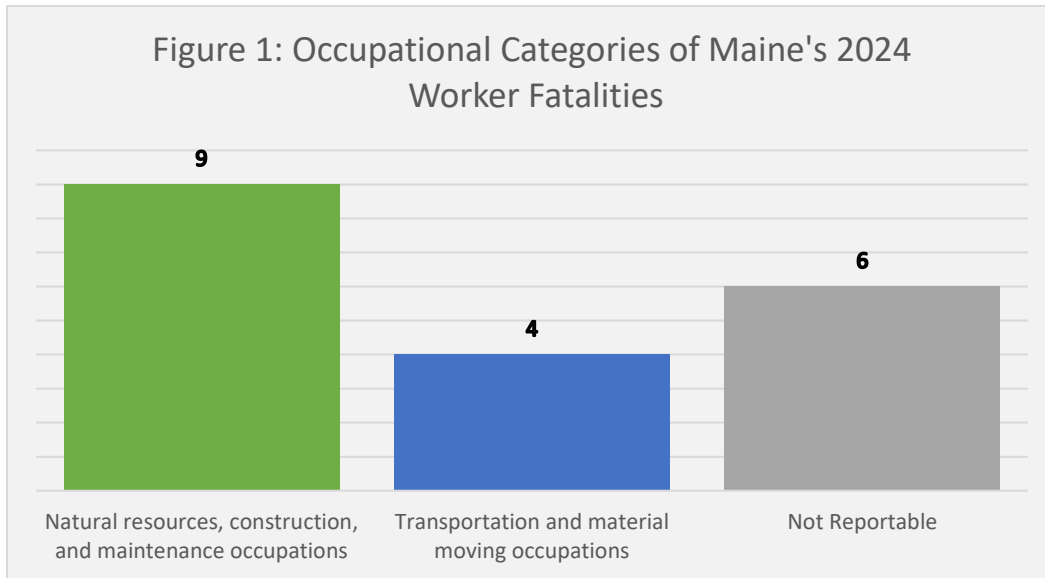
## 2015 – 2024 Occupational Fatalities

*Table 1 lists Maine’s annual totals of occupational fatalities for the years 2015 to 2024. There were 196 occupational fatalities in that period, averaging approximately 20 fatalities per year. The largest annual total of fatalities during this period, 27, occurred in 2023.*

Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Fatalities	19	27	23	19	20	20	17	18	18	15

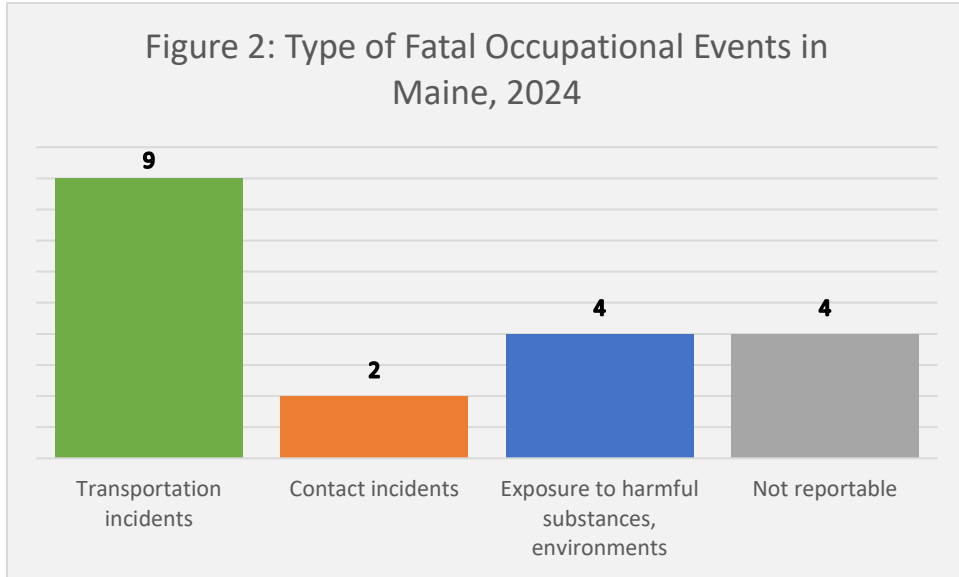
## Fatalities within Occupational Categories

Figure 1 illustrates reportable data for Maine's 2024 occupational fatalities in two occupational categories. **Natural Resources, Construction, and Maintenance Occupations** account for nine fatalities (47%). **Transportation and Material Moving Occupations** followed with four fatalities (21%). The occupations of the remaining six fatalities (32%) were not reportable.



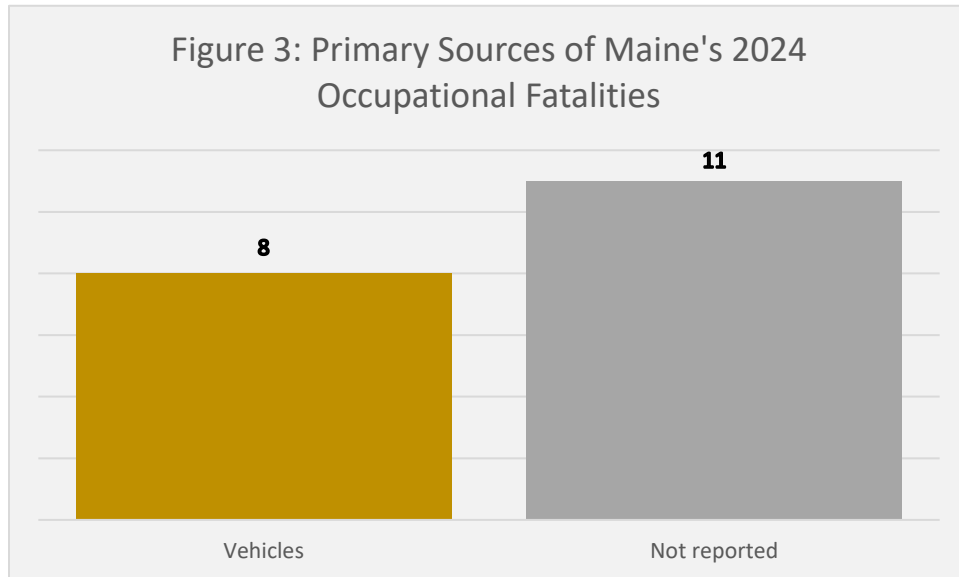
## Types of Fatal Events

Figure 2 shows the types of fatal events that happened in Maine in 2024. **Transportation incidents** account for nine fatalities (47%). **Exposure to harmful substances, environments** followed with four fatalities (21%). Two (11%) were due to **Contact Incidents**. The remaining four were not reportable (21%).



## Primary Sources Causing Fatalities

Figure 3 provides reportable data for primary sources that contributed to Maine's 2024 occupational fatalities. **Vehicles** were involved in eight fatalities (42%). The sources of the other 11 cases (58%) were not reportable.



## Secondary Sources

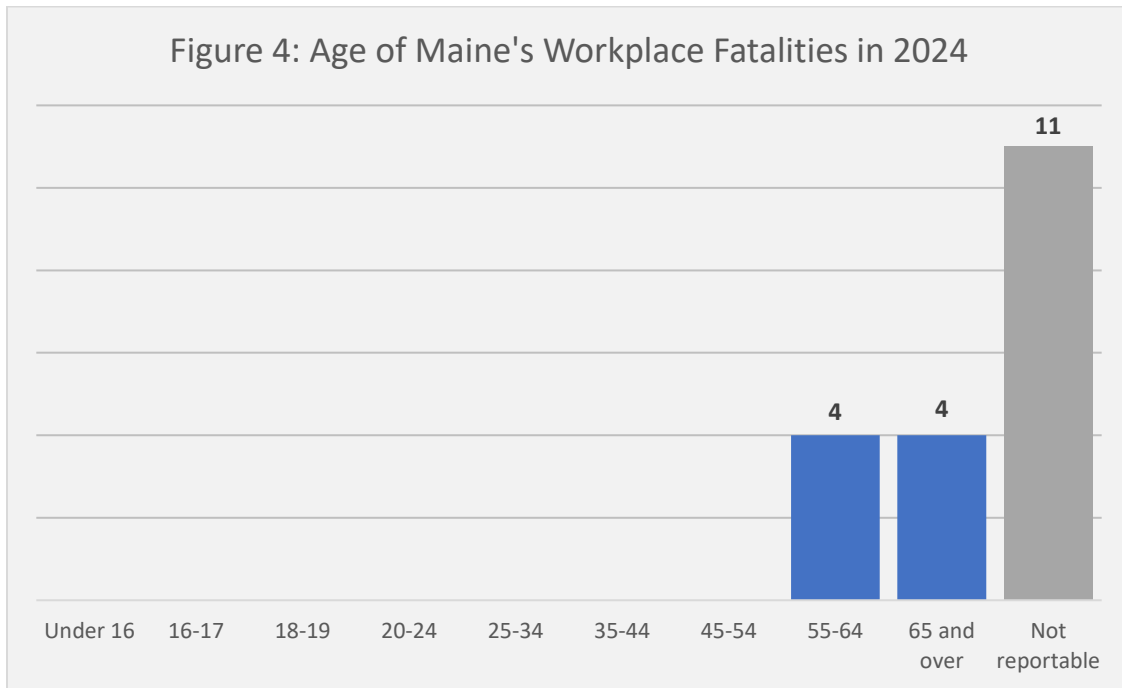
Not every case is assigned a secondary source, and of course they are not always reportable in our data even when they are present. In 2024, three cases had **Animals, Plants, Persons, etc.** as a secondary source, one had **Vehicles**, and one more had **Weather, Atmospheric Conditions**.



## Age Categories

Figure 4 provides reportable data regarding age categories for Maine’s 2024 occupational fatalities. Four (21%) fatalities were in the 55-64 year bracket, and another four (21%) were 65 and over. The remaining 11 (58%) were not reportable.

Nationally in the same period, a plurality of fatalities were in the 55-64 bracket, followed very closely by the 35-44 and the 45-54 brackets.



## Other Key Points:

- ✓ 14 (74%) of Maine’s decedents were working for wages, while the other five (26%) were self-employed. These self-employed workers represent a slightly higher percentage than what was observed nationally (18%).
- ✓ 18 (95%) of the fatalities were male workers, the remaining one (5%) was not reportable.
- ✓ 16 (84%) of the 19 decedents were working in the private sector. The remaining 3 (16%) were in the public sector

Sources:

Data for this report was extracted from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), Maine Department of Labor, 2024, or from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics' One-Screen Data Search tool at <https://data.bls.gov/PDQWeb/fa>.

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

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