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### Indiana Issues Workplace Fatality Report

*Number of Fatal Workplace Injuries Remains Unchanged from 2013*

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 22, 2015) – Today, the Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) released its annual preliminary Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) report for 2014. The IDOL reported 127 worker deaths in 2014.

“The Indiana Department of Labor remains committed to promoting safe workplaces for all Hoosiers through its multifaceted approach of outreach, training, safety consultations, recognition for exemplary occupational safety and health management systems and a robust enforcement program,” said IDOL Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “We strive to help Indiana employers improve their safety and health practices to adopt a culture of workplace safety and health excellence.”

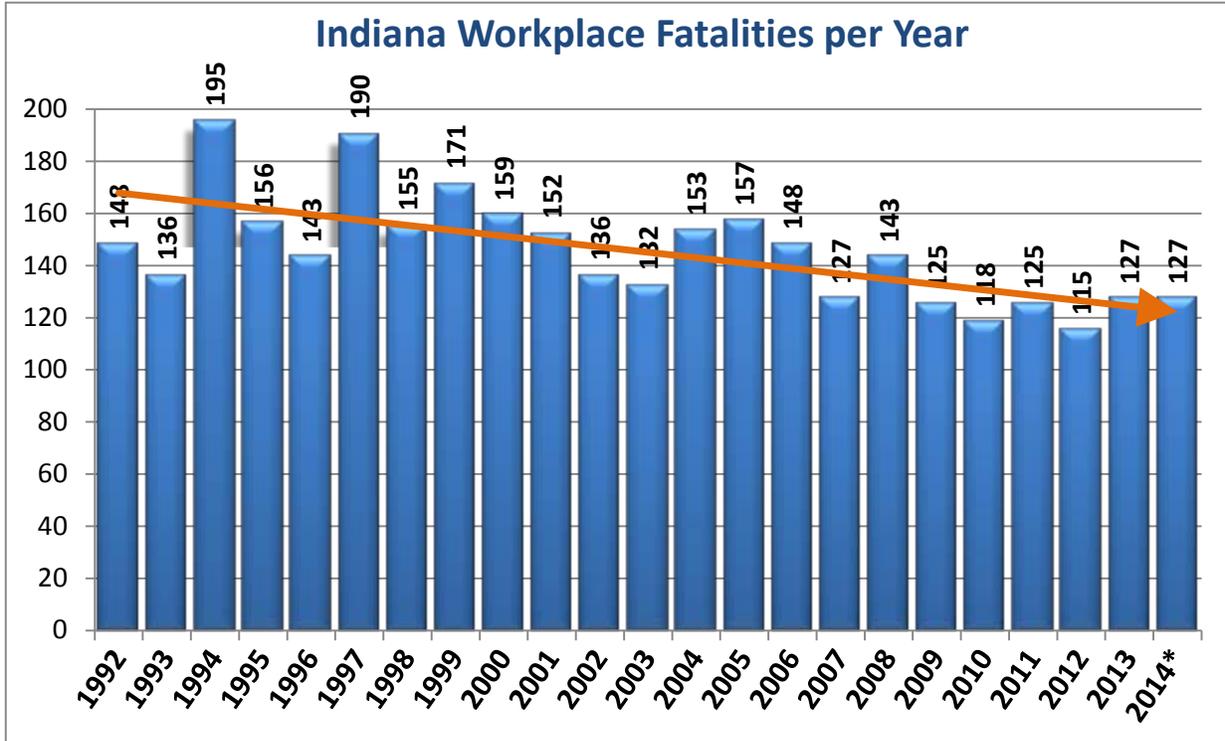
In general, worker fatalities have continued to decrease over the past 22 years from a high of 195 in 1994 to a record low of 115 in 2012. Although the number of fatal injuries has not changed from last year’s final total, 2014’s 127 ties 2013 and 2007 for the fourth-lowest number of workplace fatalities on record.

Key statistics from the 2014 CFOI report include:

- 127 Hoosier workplace fatalities were reported in 2014.
- 52 of the workplace fatalities resulted from transportation-related incidents of which more than half (30) were attributed to roadway incidents involving motorized vehicles.
- The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry experienced more transportation-related fatalities than any other industry (13).
- Workplace fatalities in Indiana’s transportation and warehousing industry decreased by approximately 12 percent, from 59 in 2013 to 52 in 2014.

The preliminary review of 2014 workplace fatalities shows the primary cause of worker fatalities in Indiana was vehicle crashes. This is consistent with prior years’ reports. In 2014, the IDOL partnered with the Indiana Department of Transportation, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Indiana State Police and the Criminal Justice Institute to launch the [DRIVE NOW. TXT L8R.](#) outreach campaign and social media contest. The DRIVE NOW. TXT L8R. campaign was initiated to educate motorists on the dangers of texting while driving.

An overview of the CFOI data follows. For the full 2014 preliminary CFOI report, please visit [www.in.gov/dol/2342.htm](http://www.in.gov/dol/2342.htm).



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries 1992-2014, Table A-1

\* The fatal incidents for 2014 are preliminary counts and may change as cases are added or removed. The final results will be released in early 2016. The counts shown for 2013 are the final number of cases for that year.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses data for 2014 is scheduled for release in October 2015.

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**About the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) Data:**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries data for Indiana includes work-related fatalities resulting from unintentional and intentional injuries. CFOI uses multiple data sources to identify, document, and verify work-related injury deaths. On an annual basis, thousands of documents including death certificates are reviewed by the Indiana Department of Labor's QMS Division staff to provide this data. CFOI began tracking the data in 1991.

**About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and compliance assistance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter @INDeptofLabor and find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](http://www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor). [www.in.gov/dol](http://www.in.gov/dol)