

## Fatalities Recorded by the Department of Labour

Another source of New Zealand health and safety statistics and commentary can be found on the Statistics New Zealand website: (<http://www.stats.govt.nz/products-and-services/hot-off-the-press/injury-statistics/injury-statistics-work-related-claims-2006-hotp.htm>).

Note that a small change in the number of fatalities from year to year can cause a large proportionate annual change.

Injury rates are another indicator of health and safety performance, and as a larger figure, the annual number of injury claims is less likely to be subject to large proportionate annual fluctuations.

The Statistics New Zealand report provides information about work-related injury claims accepted by ACC, including fatalities, and offers information by gender, age, ethnicity, occupation, region and industry. It is based on claims for the year ending December.

The number of fatalities reported by Statistics New Zealand differ from those reported by the Department of Labour shown here for the reasons described in the notes below.

Industry	1993/1994	1994/1995	1995/1996	1996/1997	1997/1998	1998/1999	1999/2000 <sup>1</sup>	2000/2001 <sup>2</sup>	2001/2002	2002/2003 <sup>3</sup>	2003/2004 <sup>4</sup>	2004/2005 <sup>5</sup>	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008 <sup>6</sup>
Forestry	9	11	11	9	9	9	4	7	2	7	9	1	7	5	2
Construction	4	16	18	10	17	13	17	8	12	14	6	5	14	13	9
Industrial/ Commercial	10	14	10	10	15	9	16	7	29	29	30	16	26	15	22
Agriculture/ Horticulture	16	4	14	12	15	12	17	17	25	22	15	24	17	21	20
Extractive Industries - mines, quarries and petroleum extraction <sup>7</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	0	5	1	2	1	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>53</b>

Last updated 31 July 2008.

These statistics show the number of fatal work-related accidents reported to the Department of Labour, investigated under the Health and Safety in Employment (HSE) Act 1992. This may involve a fatal injury involving an employee, self employed person, or a person in, or in the vicinity of, a place of work.

All data is based on the year ending 30 June and is now part of a revised time series.

### CAUTION: DATA LIMITATIONS

The Department of Labour fatality investigation statistics are administrative statistics arising from coverage of the HSE Act and do not indicate overall fatality trends in New Zealand Workplaces.

The Department of Labour statistics do not include fatalities in the Maritime or Aviation sectors, or fatalities due to work-related crashes on the road as these are investigated by Maritime New Zealand, the Civil Aviation Authority and the NZ Police respectively.

The Department of Labour figures do not include fatalities from long latency diseases caused by exposure to hazardous substances.

The annual statistics published on this website may differ from those published previously by the Department of Labour because further information about fatalities for the period may have become available after publication.

The statistics on the website are updated if additional information becomes available following subsequent enquiries.

### NOTE:

- 1 Statistics provided historically reduced from 57 to 56 where one death was ruled by the coroner to be not work-related.
- 2 Statistics provided historically reduced from 40 to 39 where one case was determined to be not work-related.
- 3 Statistics provided historically reduced from 76 to 73 as 3 cases were determined to be outside the Department of Labour's jurisdiction.
- 4 Statistics provided historically reduced from 65 to 62 as 3 cases were determined to be outside the Department of Labour's jurisdiction.
- 5 Statistics provided historically increased from 46 to 47 as one case was identified to be work-related for this period.
- 6 Data for this period is Provisional and may be updated if additional information becomes available following subsequent enquiries.
- 7 Fatalities for Extractive Industries (category includes Mines, Quarries and Petroleum Extraction) prior to the period 1999/2000 were recorded by the Ministry of Economic Development, Mining and Inspection Group.

N/A Not Available