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Indiana Issues Workplace Fatality Report *2013 Marks the Third-Lowest Number of Fatalities on Record*

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 15, 2014) – Today, the Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) released its annual preliminary Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) report for 2013. The IDOL reported 123 worker deaths in 2013.

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

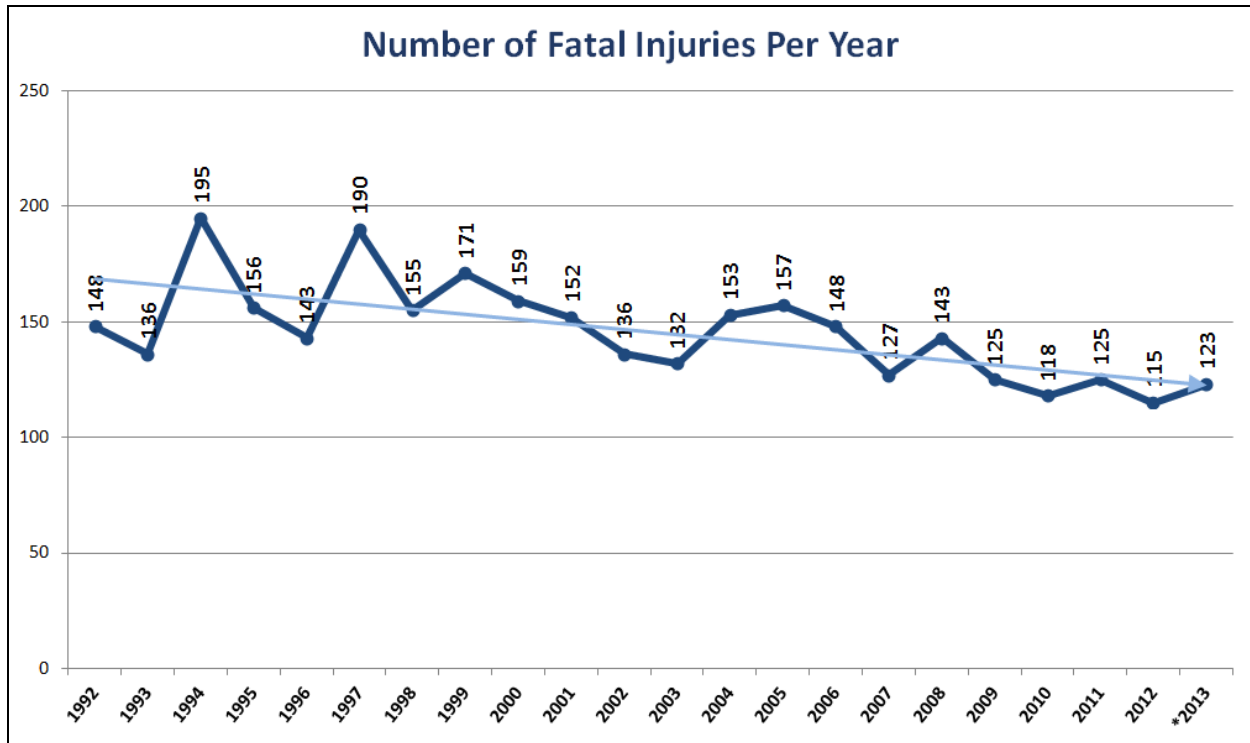
In general, worker fatalities have continued to decrease over the past 22 years from a high of 195 in 1994 to a record low of 115 in 2012. Although an increase over last year, 2013’s 123 remains the third-lowest number of fatalities on record.

Key statistics from the 2013 CFOI report include:

- 123 Hoosier employee fatalities occurred in 2013.
- 58 fatalities resulted from transportation-related incidents. More than half of workplace transportation-related deaths (32) were attributed to roadway incidents involving motorized vehicles.
- Fatalities in Indiana’s construction industry decreased 32 percent from 22 in 2012 to 15 in 2013.

The preliminary review of 2013 workplace fatalities shows the number-one cause of worker fatalities in Indiana was vehicle crashes. In 2014, Indiana began the Drive Now, TXT L8R safety campaign aimed at reducing texting while driving.

An overview of the CFOI data follows. For the full 2013 preliminary CFOI report, visit www.in.gov/dol/2342.htm.



* The fatal incidents for 2013 are preliminary counts and may change as cases are added or removed. The final results will be released in early 2015. The counts shown for 2012 are the final number of cases for that year.

The BLS Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses data for 2013 is scheduled for release in October 2014.

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. www.in.gov/dol.

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