2008 Hoosier Fast Stats

- In 2008, Indiana reported 132 workplace fatalities. Indiana's most recent fatality rate is 4.8 per 100,000 employees.

- The number of occupational injuries and illnesses reported in 2008 was 112,100. This represents a decrease of 12,900 injuries and illnesses as compared to 2007.

- The Occupational Injury and Illness Rate in Indiana in 2008 is 4.9 per 100 employees. Historically, this is the lowest rate for Indiana; however, Indiana is above the national rate of 4.2.

- In 2008, 50% of the workplace fatalities in Indiana involved a vehicle.

- Thirty-five percent (35%) of the injuries and illnesses that resulted in days away from work in the state in 2008 were from ergonomically-related events.

Data Sources

Injury, illness and fatality data used in this publication is for calendar year 2008 and was collected in 2009 by the Quality, Metrics & Statistics Division of the Indiana Department of Labor in partnership with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Injury and illness data for 2009 will be released in October 2010. For more information, visit the BLS website at www.bls.gov/home.htm.

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Workplace Injury & Illness Prevention

The Indiana Department of Labor's INSafe Division provides free on-site occupational safety and health consultation to Hoosier employers. By proactively managing occupational safety and health, employers will be able to:

- Reduce worker injury and illness rates.
- Decrease Worker's Compensation costs.
- Reduce lost workdays, limit damage to equipment and minimize product loss.
- Help to improve employee morale.

For additional information or to schedule an on-site consultation visit, please contact INSafe.

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Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters

Occupational Injuries, Illnesses and Fatalities
## U.S. Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters

### Fast Stats: 1996-2008

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### Indiana Construction Trades' Injuries & Illnesses for 2008

#### Occupation
- Construction laborers: 720
- Electricians: 210
- Plumbers, pipefitters & steamfitters: 140
- Insulation workers: 70
- Carpenters: 70
- Construction equipment operators: 60
- Roofers: 60
- Sheet metal workers: 50
- Cement masons and concrete finishers: 50
- Structural iron & steel workers: 30
- Drywall & ceiling tile installers: 30

### Worker Demographics
- **Gender**
  - Male: 8,830
  - Female: 400
- **Race**
  - White: 5,610
  - Hispanic/Latino: 900
  - Black: 200
  - Asian: 30
  - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 30
- **Age**
  - 16-19: 90
  - 20-24: 780
  - 25-34: 2,880
  - 35-44: 2,300
  - 45-54: 2,220
  - 55-64: 840
  - 65 & older: 30

### Select Characteristics of Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters Injuries and Illnesses with Days Away from Work (2008)

#### Nature of injury
- Sprains, strains: 3,580
- Cuts, lacerations & punctures: 1,020
- Back pain: 730
- Bruises, contusions: 700
- Fractures: 560
- Soreness, pain (except back): 290
- Heat burns: 160
- Chemical burns: 100

#### Event resulting in injury
- Struck by object: 1,780
- Overexertion in lifting: 1,290
- Overexertion (except lifting): 920
- Falls to a lower level: 910
- Struck against object: 620
- Exposed to harmful substance: 610
- Falls on same level: 580
- Caught in object, equipment or material: 250
- Transportation accidents: 190
- Slip, trip: 170

#### Source of injury
- Parts & materials: 1,870
- Floors, ground surfaces: 1,450
- Motion or position of injured worker: 1,410
- Machinery: 990
- Hand tools: 920
- Containers: 440
- Furniture, fixtures: 440
- Vehicles: 310
- Chemicals: 130

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*May 2009 Occupational Employment & Wage Estimates

For this report, the Indiana Department of Labor used the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) and the survey of Occupational Injuries (SOII) research file provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).