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## Connecticut's 2018 Work-Related Fatalities – Above Annual Average

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Connecticut and the nation have lost more lives to work injuries in 2018 than in recent years (see Chart 1). Nationally, the construction industry recorded the highest number of deaths. The construction industry had the highest number of deaths in Connecticut (see Table 1). Of the 48 work-related deaths, 41 were men. This follows the nation's trend.

Historically, the U.S. loses the most workers to transportation incidents. Violence and other injuries by persons or animals was the second most common event. Falls, slips and trips was the 3rd most common event. Transportation incidents claimed most of the lives in Connecticut; falls slips and trips saw the largest increase from 2017 (see Tables 2 and 4).

Work-related deaths are identified by the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), which requires a minimum of two sources to verify a work-related death. The media is often the first notice of a work-related death. Other resources include death certificates, coast guard reports, the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, and OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

There are some complications reporting the deaths to these agencies, but the program in general continues to develop to meet needs of researchers, so that the data can be used to create engineering solutions, regulations, and educations programs to minimize work place deaths.