

**Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries for the United States and states in the Southeast, 1999-2003**

| State          | Year  |       |                    |                    |       | 1999-2003 average |
|----------------|-------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------|
|                | 1999  | 2000  | 2001 <sup>1/</sup> | 2002 <sup>2/</sup> | 2003  |                   |
| United States  | 6,054 | 5,920 | 5,915              | 5,534              | 5,559 | 5,796             |
| Alabama        | 123   | 103   | 138                | 102                | 121   | 117               |
| Florida        | 345   | 329   | 368                | 354                | 347   | 349               |
| Georgia        | 229   | 195   | 237                | 197                | 199   | 211               |
| Kentucky       | 120   | 132   | 105                | 146                | 145   | 130               |
| Mississippi    | 128   | 125   | 111                | 94                 | 100   | 112               |
| North Carolina | 222   | 234   | 203                | 169                | 182   | 202               |
| South Carolina | 139   | 115   | 91                 | 107                | 114   | 113               |
| Tennessee      | 154   | 160   | 136                | 140                | 136   | 145               |

<sup>1/</sup> Totals for 2001 exclude fatalities from the September 11 terrorist attacks.

<sup>2/</sup> The BLS news release issued September 17, 2003 reported a total of 5,524 fatal work injuries for calendar year 2002. Since then, an additional 10 job-related fatalities were identified, bringing the total job-related fatality count for 2002 to 5,534.

**Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by detailed event or exposure in the United States and the Southeast, 2003**

| Event or exposure <sup>1/</sup>                        | Fatalities    |         |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | United States |         | Alabama |         | Florida |         |
|  | Number        | Percent | Number  | Percent | Number  | Percent |
| <b>Total</b>   | 5,559         | 100     | 121     | 100     | 347     | 100     |
| <b>Transportation incidents</b>                        | 2,357         | 42      | 62      | 51      | 153     | 44      |
| Highway  | 1,350         | 24      | 40      | 33      | 87      | 25      |
| Nonhighway (farm, industrial premises)                 | 347           | 6       | -       | -       | -       | -       |
| Aircraft   | 208           | 4       | -       | -       | 9       | 3       |
| <b>Assaults and violent acts</b>                       | 901           | 16      | 16      | 13      | 62      | 18      |
| Self-inflicted   | 218           | 4       | -       | -       | 17      | 5       |
| <b>Contact with objects and equipment</b>              | 911           | 16      | 25      | 21      | 42      | 12      |
| Struck by object                                       | 530           | 10      | 10      | 8       | 27      | 8       |
| Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects        | 237           | 4       | 10      | 8       | 10      | 3       |
| Caught in or crushed in collapsing materials           | 126           | 2       | 5       | 4       | 4       | 1       |
| <b>Falls</b>   | 691           | 12      | 10      | 8       | 36      | 10      |
| Fall to lower level                                    | 601           | 11      | 9       | 7       | 35      | 10      |
| <b>Exposure to harmful substances or environments</b>  | 485           | 9       | 7       | 6       | 43      | 12      |
| Contact with electric current                          | 246           | 4       | 5       | 4       | 25      | 7       |
| Contact with temperature extremes                      | 42            | 1       | -       | -       | 6       | 2       |
| Exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances | 121           | 2       | -       | -       | 6       | 2       |
| Oxygen deficiency                                      | 73            | 1       | -       | -       | 6       | 2       |
| <b>Fires and explosions</b>                            | 198           | 4       | -       | -       | 10      | 3       |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by detailed event or exposure in the United States and the Southeast, 2003**

| Event or exposure <sup>1/</sup>                        | Fatalities |         |          |         |             |         |
|--|------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------|---------|
|  | Georgia    |         | Kentucky |         | Mississippi |         |
|  | Number     | Percent | Number   | Percent | Number      | Percent |
| <b>Total</b>   | 199        | 100     | 145      | 100     | 100         | 100     |
| <b>Transportation incidents</b>                        | 87         | 44      | 77       | 53      | 42          | 42      |
| Highway  | 54         | 27      | 36       | 25      | 35          | 35      |
| Nonhighway (farm, industrial premises)                 | -          | -       | -        | -       | -           | -       |
| Aircraft   | 9          | 5       | 4        | 3       | -           | -       |
| <b>Assaults and violent acts</b>                       | 45         | 23      | 12       | 8       | 20          | 20      |
| Self-inflicted   | 12         | 6       | 5        | 3       | -           | -       |
| <b>Contact with objects and equipment</b>              | 27         | 14      | 25       | 17      | 14          | 14      |
| Struck by object                                       | 15         | 8       | 19       | 13      | 7           | 7       |
| Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects        | 8          | 4       | 4        | 3       | -           | -       |
| Caught in or crushed in collapsing materials           | 4          | 2       | -        | -       | 3           | 3       |
| <b>Falls</b>   | 23         | 12      | 11       | 8       | 7           | 7       |
| Fall to lower level                                    | 19         | 10      | 10       | 7       | 5           | 5       |
| <b>Exposure to harmful substances or environments</b>  | 12         | 6       | 10       | 7       | 13          | 13      |
| Contact with electric current                          | 3          | 2       | 5        | 3       | 7           | 7       |
| Contact with temperature extremes                      | -          | -       | 3        | 2       | -           | -       |
| Exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances | 7          | 4       | -        | -       | -           | -       |
| Oxygen deficiency                                      | -          | -       | -        | -       | 4           | 4       |
| <b>Fires and explosions</b>                            | 5          | 3       | 9        | 6       | 3           | 3       |

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| Event or exposure <sup>1/</sup>                        | Fatalities     |         |                |         |           |         |
|--|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|
|  | North Carolina |         | South Carolina |         | Tennessee |         |
|  | Number         | Percent | Number         | Percent | Number    | Percent |
| <b>Total</b>   | 182            | 100     | 114            | 100     | 136       | 100     |
| <b>Transportation incidents</b>                        | 69             | 38      | 38             | 33      | 55        | 40      |
| Highway  | 38             | 21      | 26             | 23      | 30        | 22      |
| Nonhighway (farm, industrial premises)                 | -              | -       | -              | -       | -         | -       |
| Aircraft   | 12             | 7       | -              | -       | 8         | 6       |
| <b>Assaults and violent acts</b>                       | 29             | 16      | 27             | 24      | 27        | 20      |
| Self-inflicted   | 5              | 3       | 6              | 5       | 4         | 3       |
| <b>Contact with objects and equipment</b>              | 29             | 16      | 20             | 18      | 32        | 24      |
| Struck by object                                       | 21             | 12      | 11             | 10      | 26        | 19      |
| Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects        | 6              | 3       | 3              | 3       | 5         | 4       |
| Caught in or crushed in collapsing materials           | -              | -       | 6              | 5       | -         | -       |
| <b>Falls</b>   | 24             | 13      | 13             | 11      | 13        | 10      |
| Fall to lower level                                    | 20             | 11      | 10             | 9       | 13        | 10      |
| <b>Exposure to harmful substances or environments</b>  | 19             | 10      | 13             | 11      | 5         | 4       |
| Contact with electric current                          | 8              | 4       | 6              | 5       | -         | -       |
| Contact with temperature extremes                      | -              | -       | -              | -       | -         | -       |
| Exposure to caustic, noxious, or allergenic substances | 6              | 3       | 4              | 4       | -         | -       |
| Oxygen deficiency                                      | -              | -       | -              | -       | -         | -       |
| <b>Fires and explosions</b>                            | 12             | 7       | -              | -       | 4         | 3       |

<sup>1/</sup> Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Structure.

NOTE: Totals may include categories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding.

Dashes indicate less than 0.5 percent or data that are not available or that do not meet criteria.