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In the private sector, the highest number of fatal work injuries involved workers in construction, an industry with a wide variety of occupations.

Fatal work injuries involving construction laborers accounted for approximately 1 out of every 4 fatalities in private construction in both 2004 and 2005.

As a percentage of all construction fatalities, fatalities to roofers dropped from 8 percent to 4 percent between 2004 and 2005.

Overall, fatalities in the private construction sector declined 3 percent from 2004 to 2005.



Distribution of fatalities for selected occupations in the private construction industry, 2004–05



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2007