

Trends in Worker Safety and Health

Wisconsin Occupational Health Trend Report 2009–2018

Key Results:

Overall worker safety has improved in Wisconsin between 2009 and 2018.

Workplace injury snapshot:

Workplace injuries decreased 14%

3600 Cases per 100,000
Workers in 2018

Key improvements:

- Pneumoconiosis hospitalization rate **down by 71%**
- New cases of carpal tunnel **down 65%**

Areas to watch:

- Diagnosed workplace related asthma **increased 44%**
- New cases of mesothelioma **decreased 23%** but Wisconsin's rate remains well **above the national average**

The rate of workplace injuries is steadily decreasing.

Fatalities Snapshot:

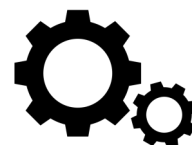
Fatal injuries increased 7.5%

4.0 Fatalities per 100,000
full time employees in 2018

Most common events causing work-related injuries:



Transportation incidents



Contact with objects and equipment

Top Wisconsin industries with fatalities:



Agriculture



Forestry



Fishing/Hunting



Construction



Manufacturing



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