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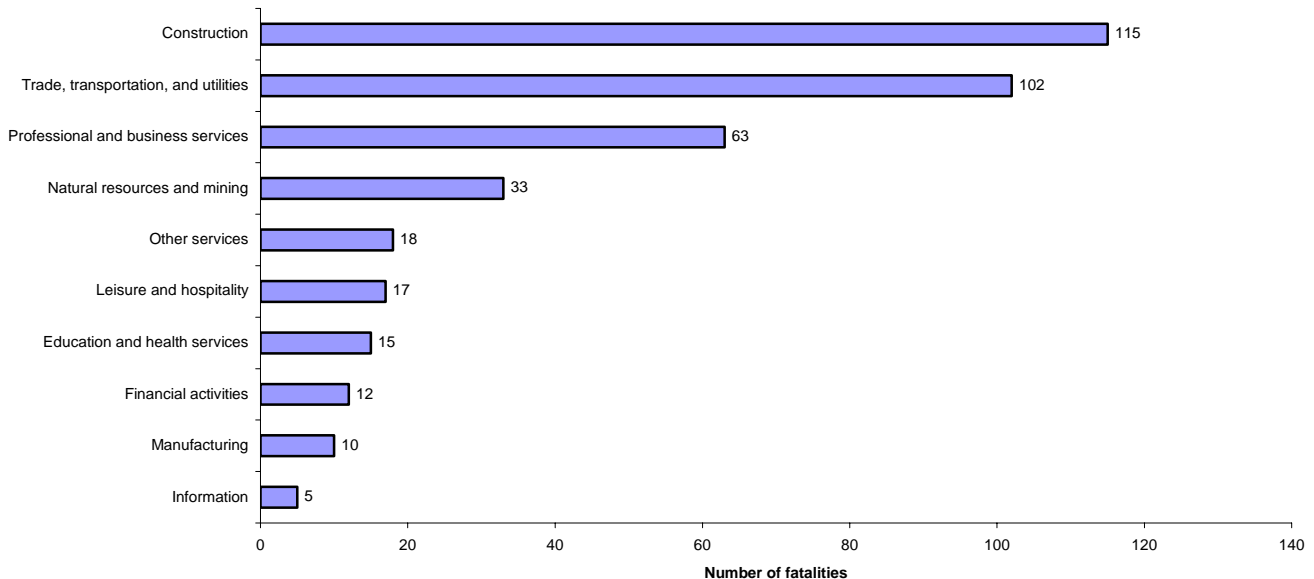
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DEPARTMENT RELEASES REPORT ON WORKPLACE FATALITIES

TALLAHASSEE---The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI), conducted annually by the Florida Division of Workers' Compensation in partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, reported that there were 422 workplace fatalities in Florida in 2004, the first increase in the state in two years. The increase from 2003, in which there were 347 fatalities, was due primarily to fatalities resulting from falls and transportation incidents.

CFOI reports that 92 percent of work-related fatalities occurred among males and that the greatest increase (42 percent) in the number of fatalities occurred among Black, Non-Hispanic workers. Industries with the greatest number of fatalities in 2004 included Construction; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; and Professional and Business Services. The age group that includes workers between the ages of 45 and 54 years had the highest number of deaths, 105, or 25 percent of work-related fatalities.

Fatal work injuries in selected industries, 2004, Florida, all ownerships (422 Total fatalities)



Source: Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, Florida, 2004

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Transportation incidents were the leading source of work-related deaths, representing 47 percent of all fatal injuries.

The CFOI uses a variety of state and federal data sources to identify, verify and profile work-related fatalities. The census is intended as a tool for safety promotion, training, resource allocation, standards assessment and hazard alertness.

Visit www.fldfs.com/wc and scroll to Breaking News to view the complete Florida statistics for 2004.

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