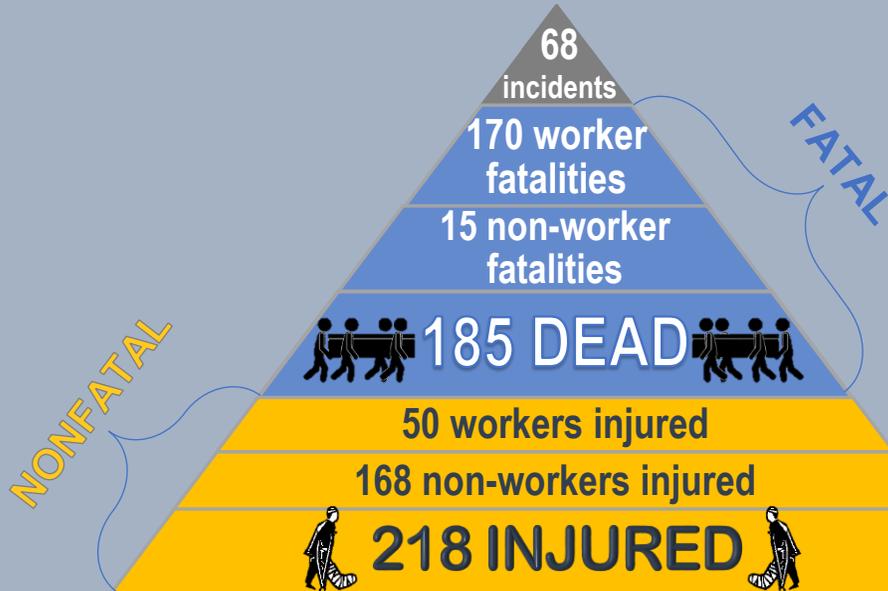


Workplace Fatalities Involving Multiple Victims¹

New Jersey, 1991-2015



At Least 403 Lives Affected²
6x the number of incidents

Two postal clerks were shot to death in a robbery of a post office. The assailant was a former postal worker at that office who robbed it knowing the poor security at this location. Two customers were also killed and one customer was critically wounded in the incident.

Five construction workers were killed (including one who died 3 years later) and 21 other were injured in the collapse of a parking deck under construction. Five stories of the top deck collapsed during a concrete pour as the framework was insufficient to support the structural load.

Two crew members of a fishing boat (including a 16-year old) drowned after a collision with another vessel. Victims were aboard a 65-foot scallop boat when it collided with a barge, causing their boat to sink. The other two crew members survived the incident.

Characteristics of the 170 Workers Who Died in these 68 Incidents

Demographics

avg. age=38

avg. 2.5 workers
per incident

9% female 12% Hispanic

74% White 11% Black 3% Asian

16% public employees

Industry Sectors with 10 or More Worker Fatalities

(75% of all the dead workers)

23% Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting

22% Public Administration

19% Transportation

15% Construction

12% Manufacturing

9% Accommodation & Food Services

Incident Type

36% transportation-related

20% drownings 18% homicides

10% fires and explosions

5% electrocutions 11% other*

*Other includes: 6 toxic exposure, 5 struck-by, 2 falls, 2 machine-related, 2 asphyxiations, and 1 suicide.

¹Source: NJDOH Fatal Occupational Injuries Surveillance Project

²There may have been additional casualties. The NJDOH focuses on the collection of detailed information regarding work-related fatalities only.

