Distribution of Silicosis Cases by Race, Ethnicity, and Occupation

Occupational group and race were known for 517 of the 587 silicosis cases. The racial groupings of the 517 cases were White (N=441), Black (N=61), and Other (N=15). The figure below illustrates the leading occupations by race. For the time period when ethnicity data were consistently collected (post 1992), 10 of the 14 Hispanic cases worked in the major occupational group of Operators, Fabricators and Laborers; six described themselves as laborers. The rest worked in varied occupations.

Leading Occupations of Silicosis Cases by Race, New Jersey, 1979-2013