

State-by-State OSHA Fatality Investigations, FY 2021

State	Number of OSHA Fatality Investigations Conducted	Total Penalties (\$)	Average Total Penalty Per Investigation (\$)	Median Initial Penalty ¹ (\$)	Median Current Penalty ¹ (\$)	State or Federal Program ²
Alabama	43	687,494	15,988	8,850	7,461	Federal
Alaska	6	39,184	6,531	14,096	19,592	State
Arizona	20	14,310	716	1,400	1,080	State
Arkansas	30	184,944	6,165	-	-	Federal
California	463	4,597,788	9,930	6,600	6,600	State
Colorado	46	494,103	10,741	-	-	Federal
Connecticut	21	257,528	12,263	6,339	3,484	Federal ²
Delaware	8	46,421	5,803	-	-	Federal
Florida	104	1,410,284	13,560	4,126	3,865	Federal
Georgia	51	1,312,552	25,736	10,360	9,557	Federal
Hawaii	6	83,998	14,000	21,066	17,906	State
Idaho	12	75,982	6,332	3,511	4,231	Federal
Illinois	94	758,216	8,066	-	1,708	Federal ²
Indiana	68	460,571	6,773	9,250	7,900	State
Iowa	21	168,218	8,010	8,096	7,000	State
Kansas	31	230,354	7,431	-	-	Federal
Kentucky	94	633,874	6,743	5,400	5,000	State
Louisiana	38	203,961	5,367	6,925	5,291	Federal
Maine	11	23,764	2,160	5,461	4,642	Federal ²
Maryland	25	51,267	2,051	5,300	4,175	State
Massachusetts	33	498,794	15,115	6,632	5,000	Federal
Michigan	66	320,300	4,853	7,000	7,000	State

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Minnesota	35	625,820	17,881	25,150	25,150	State
Mississippi	21	523,306	24,919	12,288	6,827	Federal
Missouri	41	611,483	14,914	9,557	5,969	Federal
Montana	8	2,892	362	1,244	933	Federal
Nebraska	18	72,545	4,030	4,779	3,300	Federal
Nevada	19	126,229	6,644	11,369	14,523	State
New Hampshire	7	57,253	8,179	-	-	Federal
New Jersey	77	1,714,786	22,270	2,146	1,951	Federal ²
New Mexico	23	368,448	10,837	18,811	15,428	State
New York	151	2,252,168	14,915	8,137	5,033	Federal ²
North Carolina	90	693,552	7,706	8,700	7,625	State
North Dakota	10	61,724	6,172	-	-	Federal
Ohio	64	1,856,518	29,008	9,655	6,587	Federal
Oklahoma	38	718,591	18,910	-	-	Federal
Oregon	56	60,320	1,077	2,150	2,150	State
Pennsylvania	61	929,421	15,236	10,534	9,557	Federal
Rhode Island	7	59,046	8,435	2,146	1,502	Federal
South Carolina	36	135,155	3,754	4,125	3,688	State
South Dakota	3	7,594	2,531	-	-	Federal
Tennessee	72	489,406	6,797	5,000	4,900	State
Texas	225	2,051,999	9,120	4,096	4,096	Federal
Utah	15	35,500	2,367	3,500	3,000	State

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Vermont	3	20,479	6,826	24,576	10,240	State
Virginia	49	462,240	9,433	20,915	17,504	State
Washington	54	865,750	16,032	9,000	9,000	State
West Virginia	17	172,598	10,153	10,142	8,193	Federal
Wisconsin	39	1,078,878	27,664	5,852	9,557	Federal
Wyoming	6	122,750	20,458	61,375	61,375	State
National Median State Plan States				6,288	5,825	
National Median Federal States				12,930	9,753	
Total or National Average³	2,558	29,738,645	11,626			

Source: OSHA OIS Fatality Inspection Reports, issued March 7, 2022, and March 23, 2022.

¹National median penalties include investigations conducted in American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

²Under the OSH Act, states may operate their own OSHA programs. Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey and New York have state programs covering state and local employees only; for these five states, only federal data are listed. Twenty-one states and one territory have state OSHA programs covering both public and private sector workers; for these 21 states, only state data are listed.

³National fatality investigations for all federal OSHA and state OSHA plan states combined. Federal OSHA average is \$15,005 per fatality investigation; state plan OSHA average is \$8,085 per fatality investigation. Total investigations, total penalties and national average penalty per investigation includes six investigations in the District of Columbia, 12 in Puerto Rico, two in Guam, one in the Virgin Islands and American Samoa and zero in the Northern Mariana Islands.