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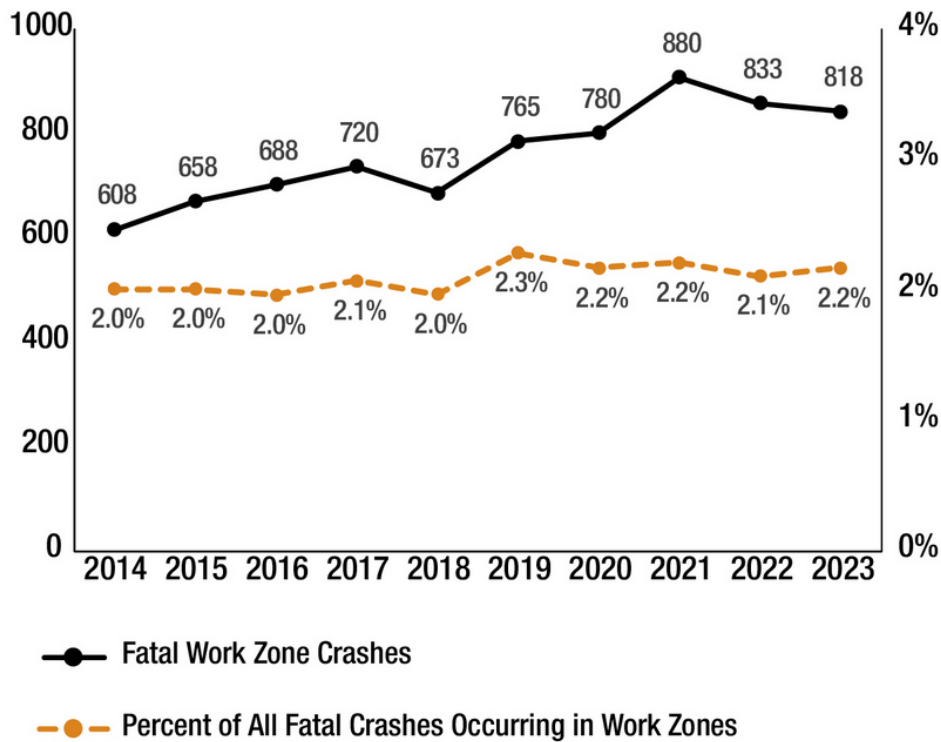
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ARRIVE SAFE.**



Get the Facts Work Zone Safety Week 2026

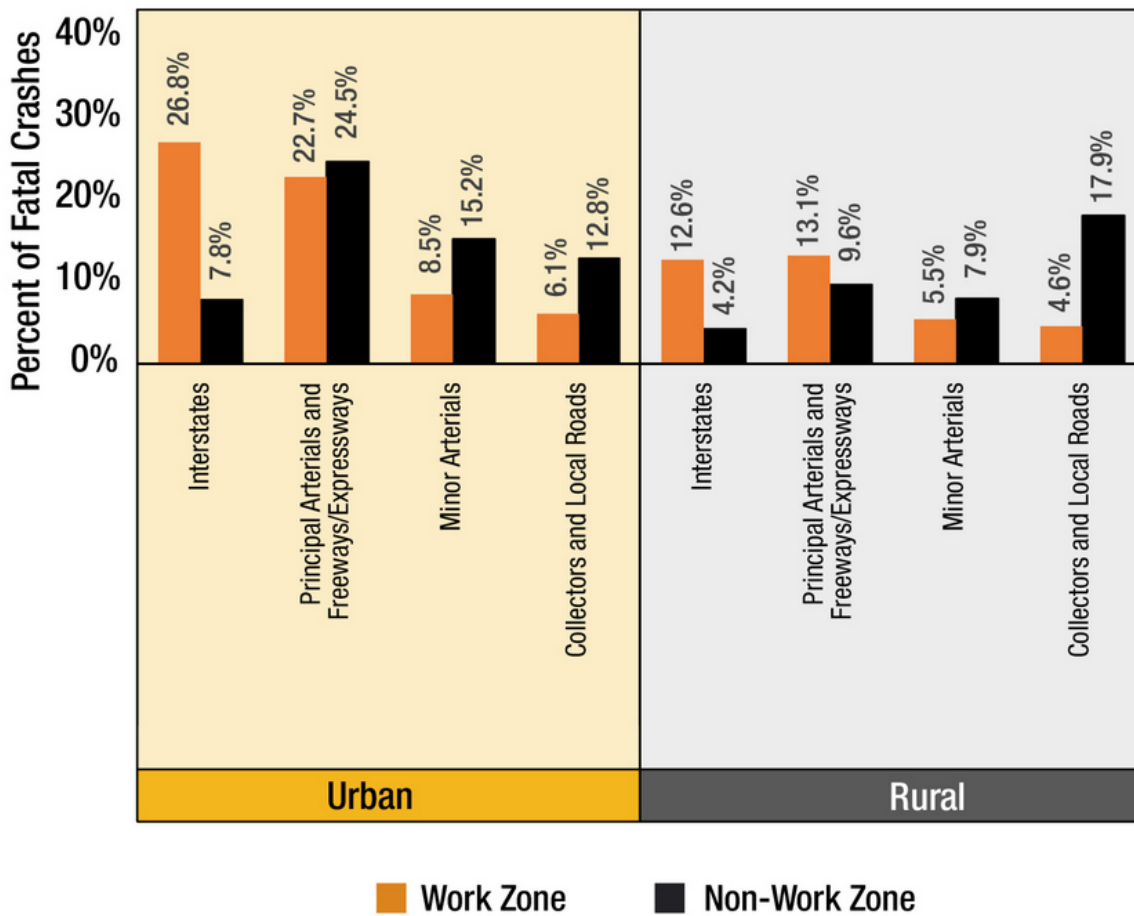
State	Year	Work Zone Fatal Crashes	Work Zone Fatalities	Work Zone Truck-Involved Fatal Crashes	Work Zone Truck-Involved Fatalities	Work Zone Bus-Involved Fatal Crashes	Work Zone Bus-Involved Fatalities	"At Work" Pedestrian Fatalities in Work Zones	Other Work Zone Pedestrian-Involved Fatalities
Minnesota	2023	10	11	5	6	1	1	0	0

Work Zone Fatal Crashes and Percent of Fatal Crashes Occurring in Work Zones, 2014-2023



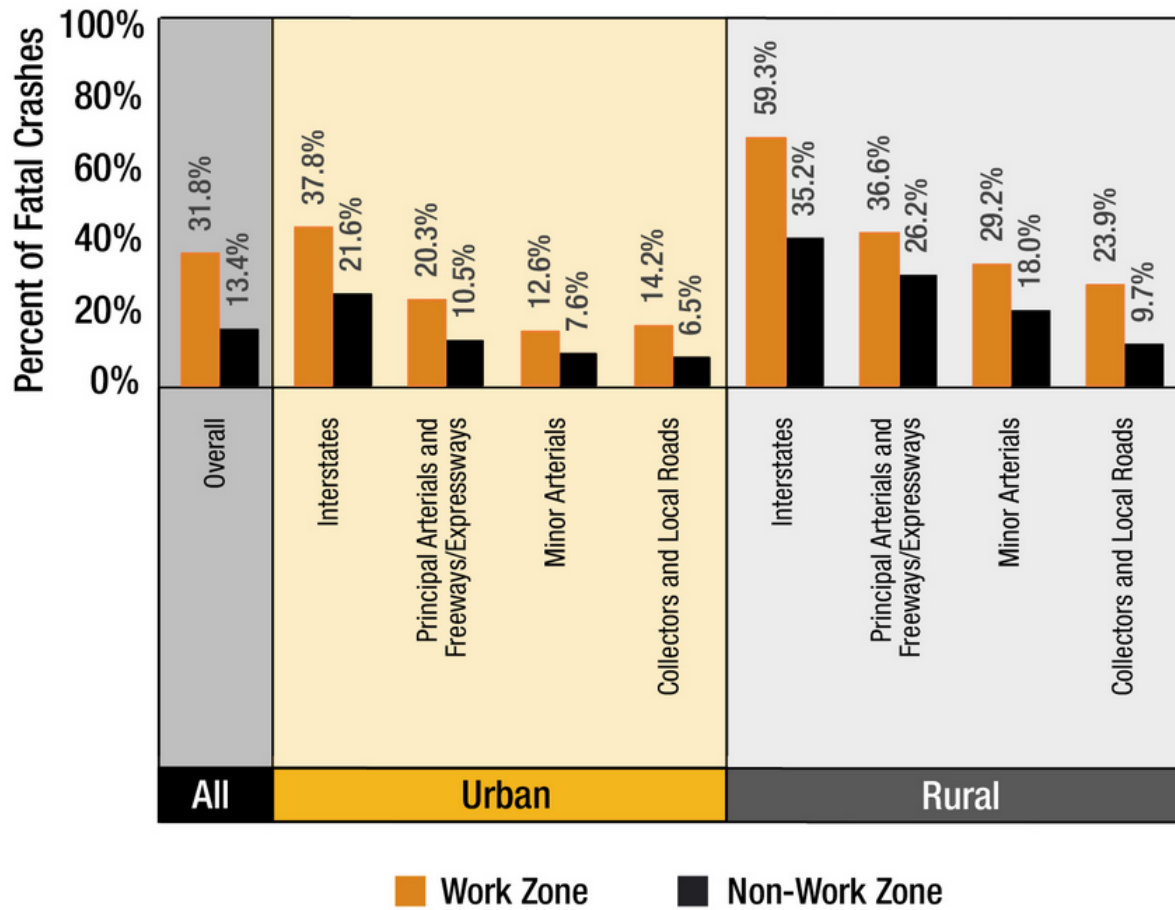
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Distribution of Fatal Work Zone and Non-Work Zone Crashes by Functional Classification and Land Use, 2021-2023 Average



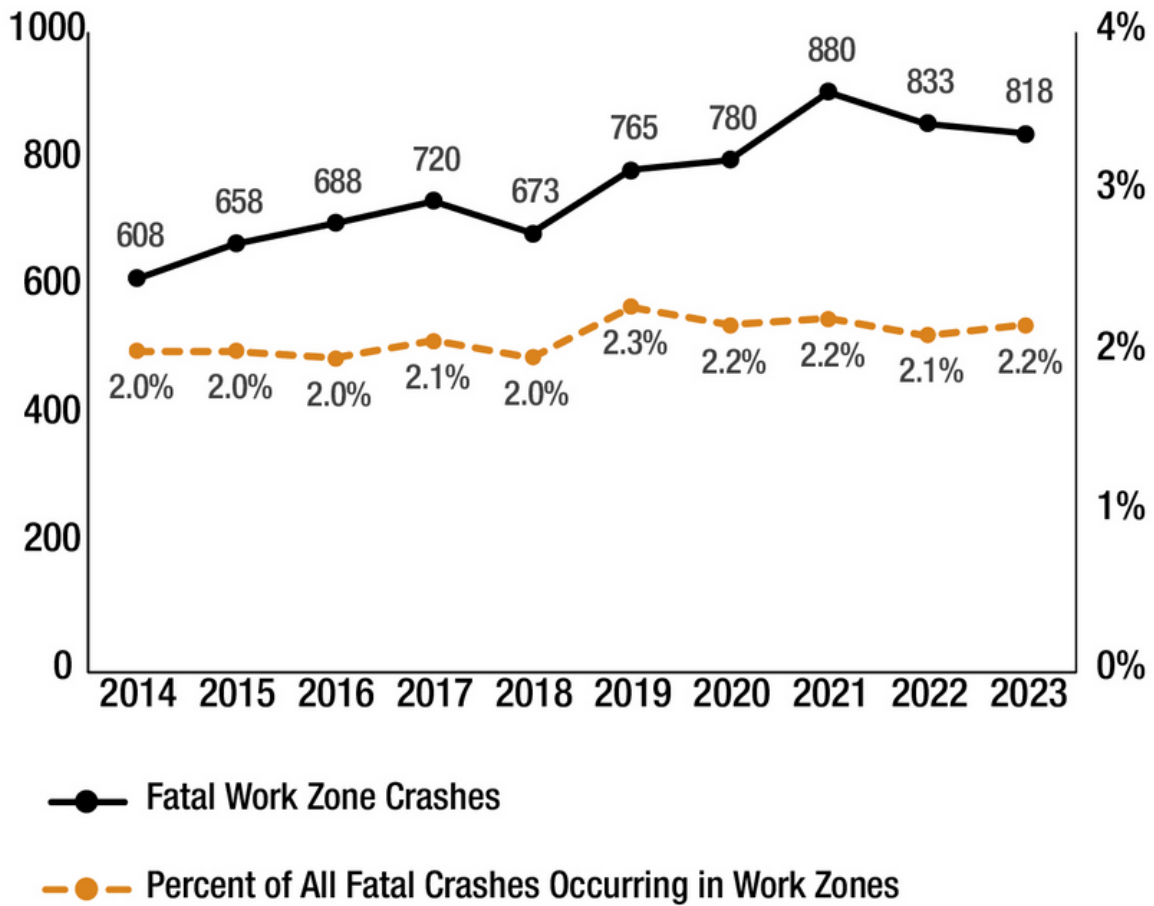
Compared to fatal non-work zone crashes, fatal work zone crashes are overrepresented on urban interstates, rural interstates, and rural principal arterials and freeways/expressways. (Source: NHTSA FARS. The 2021-2022 data were taken from the FARS final data files, while the 2023 data were from the FARS 2023 Annual Report File [ARF]. All data were downloaded in April 2025.)

Commercial Motor Vehicle Involvement in Fatal Work Zone and Non-Work Zone Crashes, 2021-2023 Average



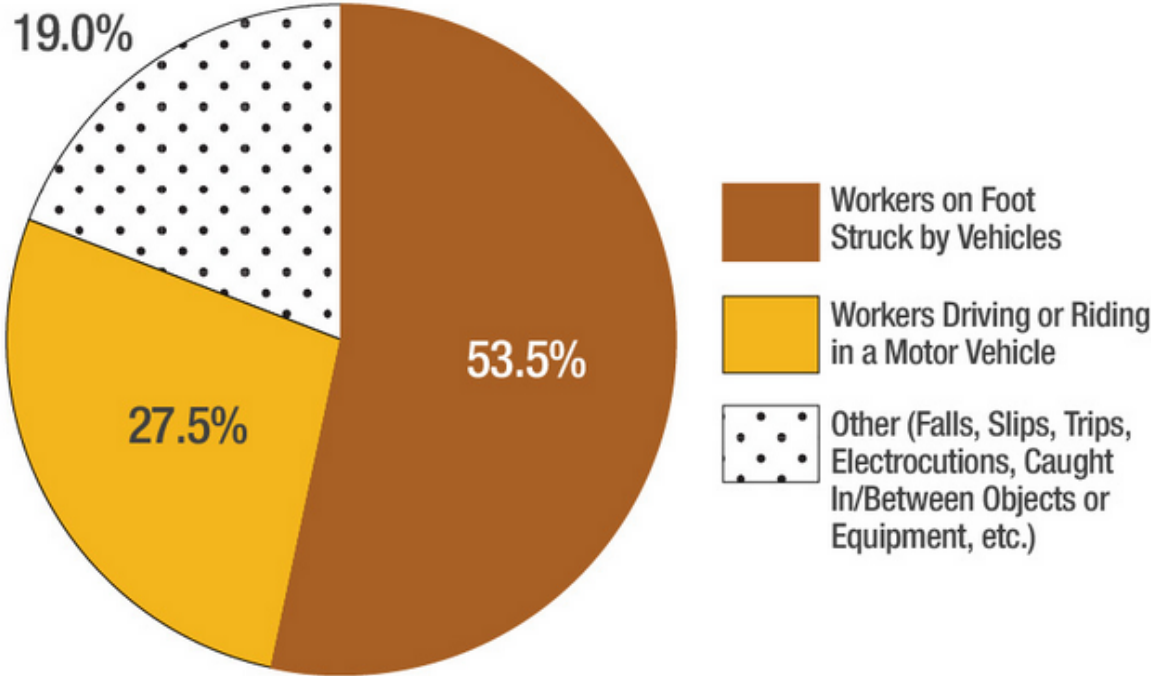
Commercial motor vehicles (large trucks and buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 lbs) are highly overrepresented in fatal work zone crashes as compared to fatal non-work zone crashes. In fact, commercial motor vehicles are involved in almost 60 percent of fatal work zone crashes that occur on rural interstates. (Source: NHTSA FARS. The 2021-2022 data were taken from the FARS final data files, while the 2023 data were from the FARS 2023 Annual Report File [ARF]. All data were downloaded in April 2025.)

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Types of Events Resulting in Fatal Highway Worker Injuries at Road Construction Sites, 2021–2023 Average



Data from 2021 to 2023 indicate that more than 80 percent of all worker fatalities at road construction sites are the result of a) motor vehicle crashes where the worker is the driver or a passenger (28 percent), or b) a worker on foot who is struck by a motor vehicle (54 percent). Other types of events, such as falls/slips/trips, struck by objects or equipment, caught in/between objects or equipment, and electrocutions were responsible for the remaining 19 percent of highway worker fatalities at road construction sites. (Source: BLS CFOI)

Work zone exposure

- In the United States one work zone fatality occurs for every four billion vehicle miles of travel and for every \$112 million worth of roadway construction expenditures.

Best practices for work zone driving

Use the many tools available to check your route for work zones. Use detours to avoid passing through these areas.

- Reduce speed while traveling through work zones, paying close attention to signs and signals.
- Be aware of vehicles around you, especially CMVs.
- Be sure to pay close attention to road workers and flaggers – give them extra room, always slow when approaching them, and be prepared to stop if necessary.
- When approaching lane closures, do the [zipper merge](#), and don't forget to be attentive to vehicles around you and potential blind spots.
- Rear-end crashes are common in work zones – obey all speeds, avoid distractions, and always maintain extra space (at least 3 seconds) between your vehicle and the one in front of you.

Additional information, graphics and educational materials are available on [WorkZoneSafety.org](https://www.workzonesafety.org).

Someone is Waiting for You. Slow down. Pay attention. Arrive Safe. Work zones are temporary. YOUR Actions behind the wheel can last forever.

Source: National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse

Data on fatal traffic crashes in work zones come from the Fatality Analysis Reporting Systems from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.¹

¹ ***Fatality Analysis Reporting System. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. Accessible at <https://www.nhtsa.gov/research-data/fatality-analysis-reporting-system-fars>. The 2014-2022 data were taken from the FARS final data files, while the 2023 data were from the 2023 Annual Report File (ARF). All data were downloaded in April 2025.***