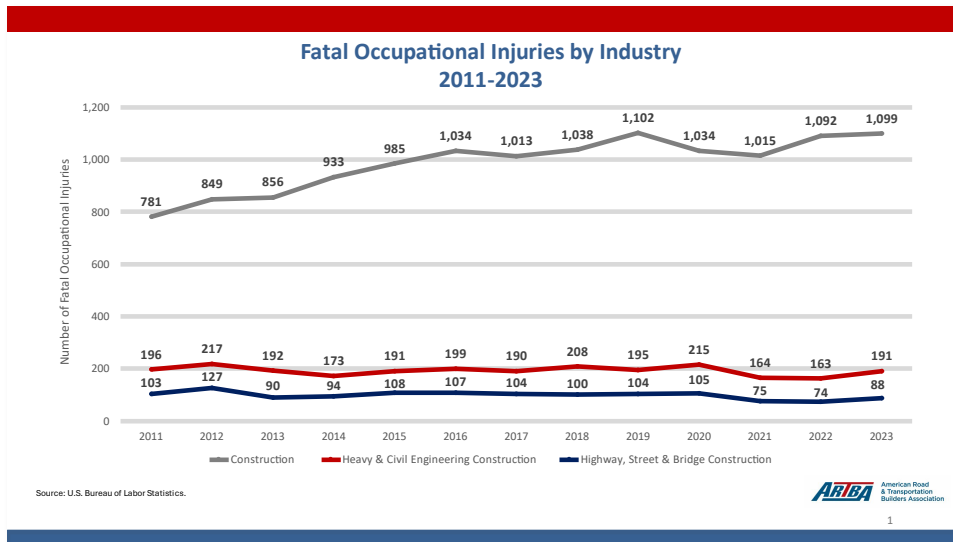
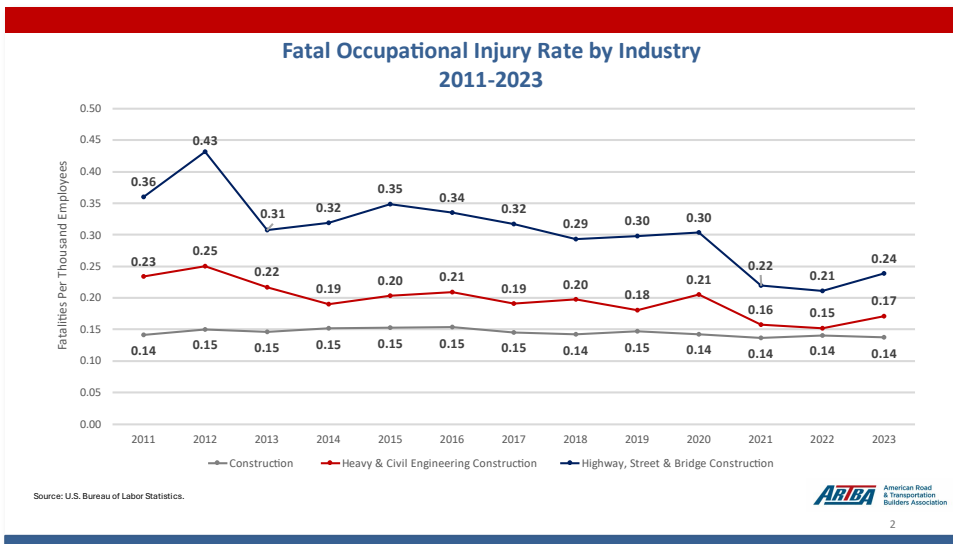


Long Term Progress in Industry Injuries and Fatalities

What happened: An analysis of data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reveals that the *Highway, Street, and Bridge* (HSB) sector of the construction industry is making measured progress in reducing worker deaths and injuries as compared to the broader construction industry. Between 2011 and 2023 (the most recent year for which data is available), the number of ***fatal injuries*** for the HSB sector declined by 15% while the number grew for overall construction by 41%.

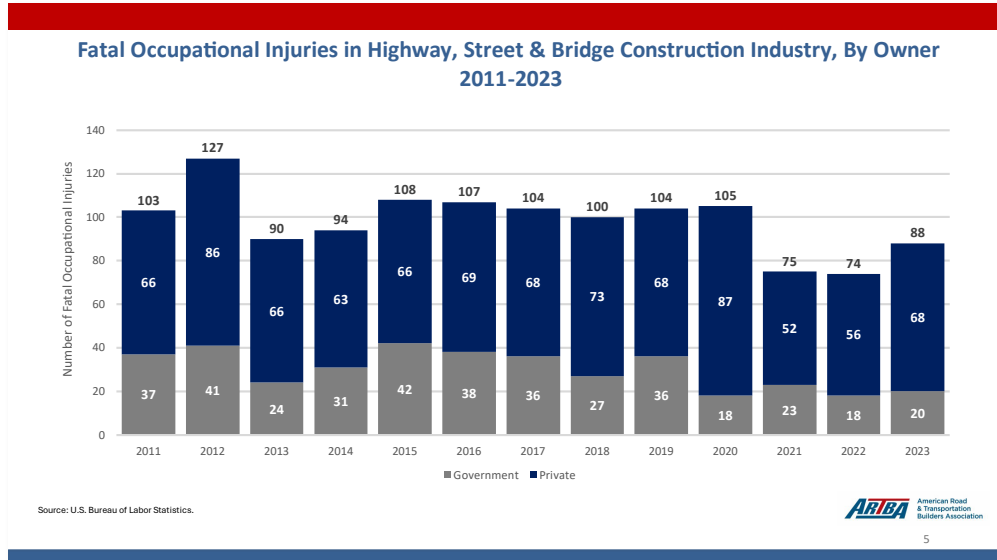


While the fatal injury ***rates*** for HSB – defined as the number of fatalities per 1,000 workers - remained higher than the rate for overall construction during the same period, the HSB fatality rate dropped by 33% while the overall construction rate remained stagnant.



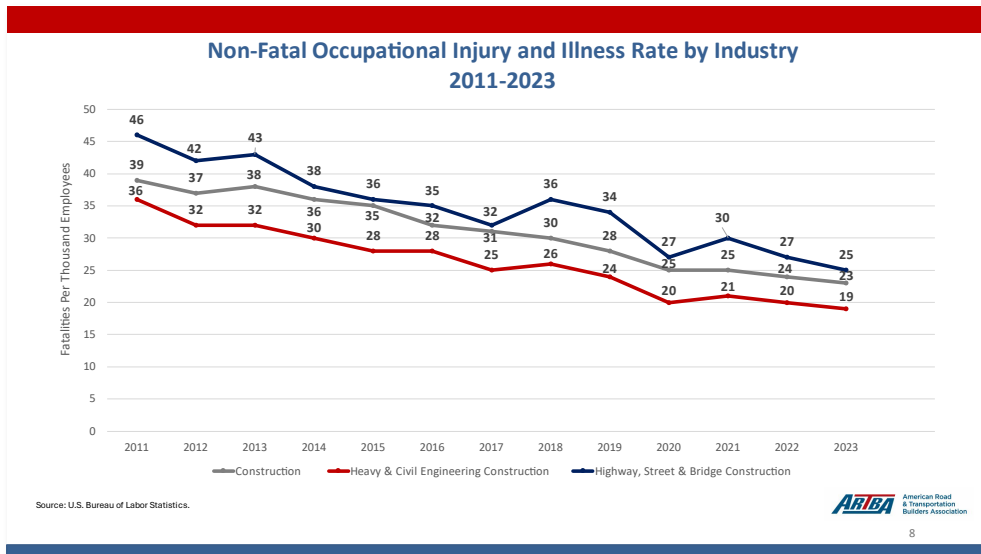
When comparing HSB fatalities between private sector and public sector employers, the public sector has seen greater progress in reducing occupational deaths with a 46% overall decline compared to a 3%

increase for the private sector. However, a significant decline in private sector fatalities was observed in the years 2021 and 2022, followed by a rebound in 2023.



Interestingly, while the number of total deaths for HSB increased between 2022 and 2023 by 14, the number of occupational deaths in roadway work zones, pooled across all industries, decreased by 12.

Similarly, the rate of non-fatal injuries and illnesses for HSB has also declined significantly in recent years, with the number of cases per 1,000 workers declining 46% between 2011 and 2023. This trend has been mirrored in the broader construction industry.



Why it matters: ARTBA, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and other industry partners have worked together for many years to reduce the number of deaths and injuries in the HSB segment of the construction industry due to the hazardous exposures these workers

face daily. The data shows these efforts are having a positive affect in ensuring industry workers return home safely to their families and loved ones each day. While the numbers of deaths and injuries remain at unacceptable levels, the data shows that concerted efforts are having a positive impact, and that such cooperative and coordinated efforts should continue until we reach the desired goal of zero deaths.

What's next: As the industry gears up for spring construction activities, ARTBA members and other industry stakeholders should continue to take advantage of training, programs and services offered by the association including the [National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse](#) and the [ARTBA Safety Center](#). For more information contact [Brad Sant](#) or [Josh Hurwitz](#).