Population at Risk

Farms
- In 2017, there were approximately 2.05 million farms in the United States.¹

Children
- About 893,000 youth lived on farms in 2014 and more than half (51%) worked on their farm.²
- More than 265,600 non-resident youth were hired in agriculture in 2014.²
- Approximately 23,883,000 youth visited farms in 2014.²

Fatal Childhood Agricultural Injuries

All youth
- About every three days, a child dies in an agriculture-related incident.*
- Of the leading sources of fatalities among all youth, 25% involved machinery, 17% involved motor vehicles (includes ATVs), and 16% were drownings.³

Working youth
- From 2001 to 2015, 48 percent of all fatal injuries to young workers occurred in agriculture.⁴
- Since 2009, the number of youth worker fatalities in agriculture has been higher than in all other industries combined.⁴
- In 2015, young workers were 44.8 times more likely to be fatally injured in agriculture when compared to all other industries combined (28.21 per 100,000 FTE vs 0.63 per 100,000 FTE).⁴
- Transportation incidents were the most common fatal event, with tractors and ATVs as the primary vehicle sources.⁴

Fatality Rates for Young Workers (ages 15-17)

Fatality Rates Agriculture vs All Other Industries, 2001-2015

![Graph showing fatality rates for young workers in agriculture vs all other industries from 2001 to 2015.](image)

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Source: Fatal injury totals were generated by NIOSH researchers with restricted access to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) microdata; additional information at www.bls.gov/iif/oshcfoi1.htm
Nonfatal Childhood Agricultural Injuries

All Youth
- Every day, about 33 children are injured in agriculture-related incidents.**
- In 2014, an estimated 7,469 household† youth were injured on a farm and 60% of them were not working when the injury occurred.⁵
- An estimated 738 hired youth were injured on farms in 2014.⁵
- Approximately 3,735 visiting youth were injured on farms in 2014.⁵
- Vehicles were the leading source of injury for household working youth.⁵
- Animals were the leading source of injury for both household non-working youth and visitors.⁵

Nonfatal Injuries – All Youth

Household Youth Injury Rates by Age

Note: Data from the Childhood Agricultural Injury Survey (CAIS) does not include injuries to contract laborers. For more detailed child agricultural injury data, go to [http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/childag/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/childag/).

*From reported 115 agriculture-related deaths annually from 1995 to 2000.³
**From estimated 11,942 injuries in 2014.⁵
†Household youth are youth who live on a farm

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For information and resources to prevent child agricultural injuries visit [www.cultivatesafety.org](http://www.cultivatesafety.org)

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Note: There is no central repository of childhood agricultural injuries. This fact sheet draws from the best available data.