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NCDOL Releases Workplace Fatality Count For 2020

RALEIGH—Struck-by incidents caused the largest number of work-related deaths last year in the Tar Heel state, based on preliminary information released today by the state Department of Labor. The department's Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Division inspected 65 non COVID-19 work-related fatalities in 2020. The division also inspected 26 cases reported as deaths related to COVID-19.

“All of these work-related deaths are difficult to process, no matter the cause,” Labor Commissioner Josh Dobson said. “Safety and health are in the forefront of all of our minds as we work to navigate this current public health crisis. In 2021, we will continue working toward our core mission by concentrating our education, training and compliance resources on high hazard industries, while also working with employers and employees on best practices for reducing the risk of COVID-19 in the workplace.”

The OSH Division tracks work-related deaths that fall within its jurisdictional authority so it can pinpoint where fatalities are occurring and place special emphasis on counties or regions where deaths on the job are happening. By tracking fatalities in real time, the department can also notify industries of any concerning patterns or trends identified and issue hazard alerts.

“In addition to our traditional core mission activities, the OSH Division shifted its focus in March when workplace complaints concerning COVID-19 began to surface,” said Kevin Beauregard, director of the state OSH Division. “We met with some of the industries that had been impacted the most from the rapid spread of the disease among their workforce and the OSH Division, along with the CDC, NCDHHS and federal OSHA, developed guidance materials to assist employers in reducing the risk of potential exposures to the coronavirus.”

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There is a higher probability of exposure to the coronavirus that can lead to COVID-19 in occupational settings where employees have contact with known COVID-19 patients or populations that are more susceptible to COVID-19. This would include, but is not limited, to healthcare facilities such as hospitals, medical doctor offices, nursing homes and long-term care facilities.”

The OSH Division partners with businesses and organizations that represent some of the most hazardous industries through partnerships and alliances to heighten industry awareness and assist with education and training.

The construction industry suffered the most work-related fatalities with 26 in 2020, five more than in 2019. The services industry had the second highest number of work-related deaths with 22, an increase of fifteen from the previous year. Manufacturing had the third highest number of work-related deaths with 15, seven more than in 2019.

In addition, agriculture, forestry, and fishing had 12 fatalities in 2020, an increase from four in 2019. There were also five fatalities in the transportation and public utility industry, a decrease from nine in 2019. Government experienced nine workplace fatalities. There were two work-related fatalities in wholesale trade.

There were no work-related fatalities in 55 of North Carolina’s 100 counties. Mecklenburg County led with nine workplace fatalities, followed by Wake County with eight, and Guilford with six. Catawba, Gaston, Iredell and Wilson counties experienced four fatalities each. Caldwell and Davidson experienced three fatalities each. Duplin, Durham, Forsyth, Haywood, Henderson, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Rockingham, Union and Wilkes experienced two fatalities each. Twenty-four counties experienced one fatality.

Whites accounted for 43 of the 65 non COVID-19 work-related fatalities. Blacks accounted for seven and Hispanics for 14. Men accounted for 61 deaths. Women accounted for four workplace deaths.

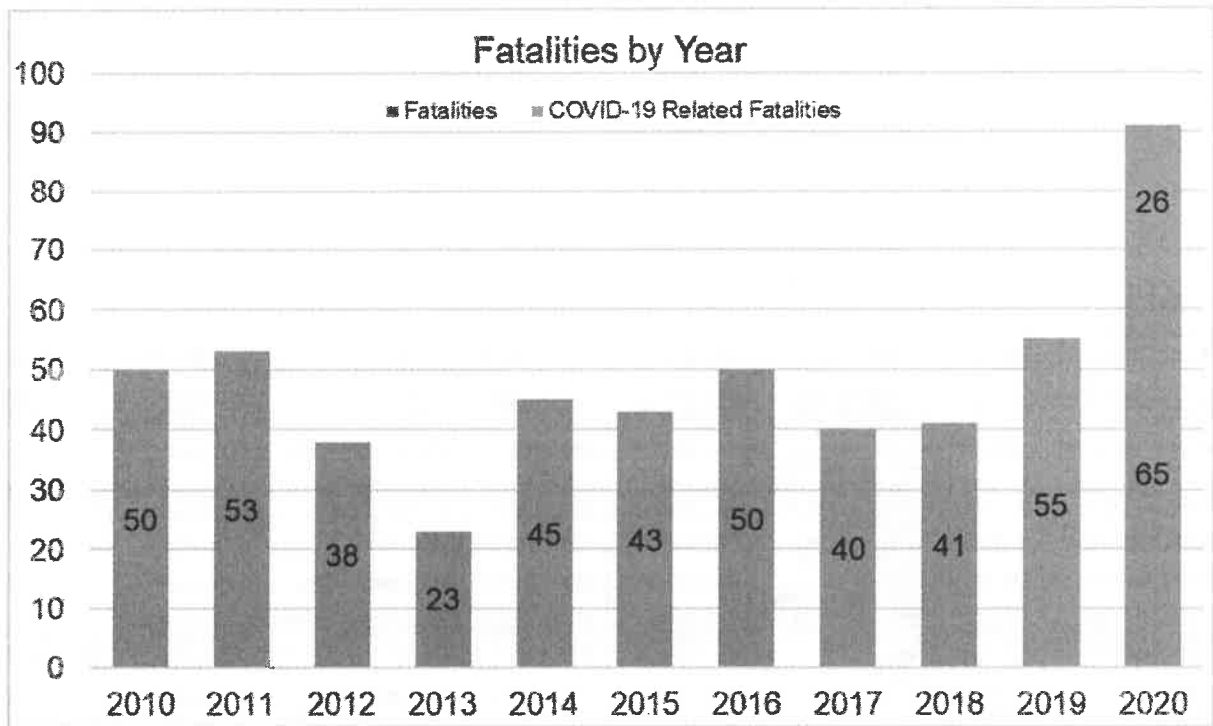
The state figures exclude certain fatalities that fall outside its jurisdictional authority. These include traffic accidents, which account for nearly half of all work-related deaths, as well as homicides and suicides that are investigated by law enforcement agencies. The count also excludes fatalities investigated by federal OSHA and other exemptions in which the department does not have the authority to investigate, such as on farms with 10 or fewer employees.

Federal figures compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, with cooperation of NCDOL, include all work-related fatalities. The federal figures for 2019, the latest figures available, can be found on the [BLS website](#). Data for 2020 will be available in December.

Businesses may call 1-800-NC-LABOR to learn more about free safety training opportunities provided by NCDOL or visit [our website](#).

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Figure 1: Work-Related Fatalities in North Carolina, 2010–2020



Source: Occupational Fatality Inspection Review (OFIR) courtesy of NCDOL's Planning, Statistics and Information Management Bureau.

| Inspection Number | Fatality Date | Insp. Date | Company Name | County | SIC Code | NAICS | Fatal Event | Occupation | Age | Race | Gender |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|--|------------------|----------|---------|---|------------|-----|----------|--------|
| 318199387 | 07/16/20 | 07/17/20 | Aztec Roofing, LLC | (001) Alamance | 1761 | 238160 | Fall from trash box elevated by forklift | Laborer | 34 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318193919 | 03/27/20 | 03/28/20 | Buckeye Bridge LLC | (003) Alexander | 1611 | 237310 | Struck by vehicle | Laborer | 44 | White | Female |
| 318208527 | 11/01/20 | 12/01/20 | Unicon Operating Company, Inc. | (007) Anson | 0761 | 115115 | Struck by flatbed truck | Laborer | 19 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318209707 | 11/25/20 | 12/14/20 | Cracon, Inc. DBA Happy Holiday Christmas Trees | (009) Ashe | 0181 | 111421 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 57 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318202868 | 07/30/20 | 09/02/20 | Banner Elk Winery, Inc. | (011) Avery | 7011 | 721191 | Struck by UTV | Laborer | 27 | White | Male |
| 318199544 | 07/13/20 | 07/20/20 | Universal Health Care/Brunswick, Inc. | (019) Brunswick | 8059 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 39 | White | Male |
| 318210093 | 12/22/20 | 12/22/20 | Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC | (021) Buncombe | 4953 | 562211 | Struck against surface | Laborer | 60 | Black | Male |
| 318207057 | 07/23/20 | 11/04/20 | CV Industries, Inc. DBA Valdese Weavers, LLC | (023) Burke | 2299 | 313210 | Other - Caustic chemical burn | Laborer | 67 | Black | Male |
| 318209632 | 12/16/20 | 12/17/20 | City of Concord, Police | (025) Cabarrus | 9221 | 922120 | Other - Homicide | Laborer | 25 | White | Male |
| 318201258 | 08/14/20 | 08/17/20 | Ripshin, LLC | (027) Caldwell | 1522 | 236118 | Fall from ladder | Laborer | 54 | White | Male |
| 318207263 | 11/03/20 | 11/09/20 | Kincaid Automated Roughmill Systems, Inc. | (027) Caldwell | 3535 | 333922 | Struck by conveyer | Laborer | 34 | White | Male |
| 318210218 | 12/29/20 | 12/30/20 | Sealed Air Corporation | (027) Caldwell | 2671 | 3261120 | Caught in/between machine | Laborer | 49 | White | Male |
| 318195153 | 05/07/20 | 05/08/20 | NCDPS, Caswell Correctional Center | (033) Caswell | 9223 | 922140 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 57 | Black | Female |
| 318192663 | 03/17/20 | 03/18/20 | Dimension Wood Products, Inc. | (035) Catawba | 2426 | 337215 | Caught in/between bed of band saw and steel support structure | Laborer | 56 | White | Male |
| 318195120 | 05/15/20 | 05/15/20 | Town of Maiden | (035) Catawba | 4911 | 221122 | Shock | Laborer | 46 | White | Male |
| 318208386 | 11/25/20 | 11/26/20 | SSC Hickory 13th Operating Company DBA Brian Center | (035) Catawba | 8051 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 80 | Black | Male |
| 318208394 | 11/26/20 | 11/27/20 | SSC Hickory 13th Operating Company DBA Brian Center | (035) Catawba | 8051 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 62 | White | Female |
| 318207446 | 10/12/20 | 11/10/20 | Soles Auto & Truck Services, LLC | (051) Cumberland | 8062 | 541330 | Struck by lowboy trailer | Laborer | 61 | White | Male |
| 318206166 | 10/17/20 | 10/22/20 | Rodriguez Construction, Guadalupe Galvez T/A | (057) Davidson | 1522 | 236118 | Struck by felled tree | Laborer | 50 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318206596 | 10/21/20 | 10/29/20 | JEC Tree Service | (057) Davidson | 0783 | 561730 | Struck by tree | Laborer | 30 | White | Male |
| 318210200 | 12/23/20 | 12/30/20 | Principle Long Term Care, Inc. DBA Pine Ridge Health & Rehab | (057) Davidson | 8051 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 68 | Asian | Male |
| 318195054 | 05/11/20 | 05/14/20 | Savaseniocare Consulting, LLC dba Kenansville Health | (061) Duplin | 8051 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 55 | Asian | Male |
| 318197803 | 05/28/20 | 06/26/20 | Nightingale Nursing Services, Inc. | (061) Duplin | 9999 | 561320 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 42 | Black | Female |
| 318202777 | 08/23/20 | 08/31/20 | National Sign Plazas, Inc. | (063) Durham | 3993 | 339950 | Other - Parked car which caught fire after struck by vehicle | Laborer | 41 | White | Male |

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| 318209269 | 11/29/20 | 12/08/20 | Duke Regional Hospital | (063) Durham | 8062 | 622110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 73 | White | Female |
| 318192135 | 03/11/20 | 03/13/20 | Nate Duncan DBA Duncan's Home Remodeling & Roofing | (067) Forsyth | 1761 | 238160 | Fall from ladder | Laborer | 62 | White | Male |
| 318200789 | 08/06/20 | 08/07/20 | Anasco & Associates, LLC | (067) Forsyth | 1623 | 237130 | Struck by vehicle | Laborer | 23 | White | Male |
| 318195609 | 05/27/20 | 05/27/20 | Cloninger Transport, Inc. | (071) Gaston | 7538 | 811111 | Struck by automobile lift | Laborer | 26 | White | Male |
| 318199551 | 06/25/20 | 07/21/20 | Cruz Carrera Framing, Inc. | (071) Gaston | 1751 | 238130 | Fall from elevation | Laborer | 45 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318199908 | 07/19/20 | 07/23/20 | Brian Center Health and Rehabilitation/Gaston | (071) Gaston | 8051 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 68 | White | Female |
| 318209525 | 12/11/20 | 12/11/20 | City of Mount Holly, Police Department | (071) Gaston | 9221 | 922120 | Other - Homicide | Laborer | 25 | White | Male |
| 318197852 | 06/25/20 | 06/25/20 | The Alderman Company | (081) Guilford | 7325 | 541922 | Struck by unknown object | Laborer | 34 | White | Male |
| 318198512 | 07/03/20 | 07/06/20 | Harvey Bartley DBA H & B Stump Removal & Tree Service | (081) Guilford | 0782 | 561730 | Struck by trunk of tree | Laborer | 59 | Black | Male |
| 318204310 | 09/11/20 | 09/24/20 | Doggett Construction Company, Inc. | (081) Guilford | 1794 | 238910 | Fall from dump truck | Laborer | 66 | White | Male |
| 318207818 | 09/24/20 | 11/17/20 | Davis Trucking Repair, Inc. | (081) Guilford | 7538 | 811111 | Struck by object under a trailer | Laborer | 47 | White | Male |
| 318210838 | 10/20/20 | 01/11/21 | Guilford County Government - Court House | (081) Guilford | 9211 | 922110 | Other - COVID | Laborer | 26 | Black | Female |
| 318210846 | 11/19/20 | 01/11/21 | Guilford County Government - Warrant Department | (081) Guilford | 9222 | 922130 | Other - COVID | Laborer | 52 | Black | Male |
| 318203940 | 09/21/20 | 09/21/20 | Rimcor, Inc. | (087) Haywood | 3297 | 327125 | Other - Engulfed by fire | Laborer | 48 | White | Male |
| 318203940 | 09/21/20 | 09/21/20 | Rimcor, Inc. | (087) Haywood | 3297 | 327125 | Other - Engulfed by fire | Laborer | 45 | White | Male |
| 318189628 | 02/14/20 | 02/14/20 | City of Hendersonville - Public Works | (089) Henderson | 9511 | 924110 | Struck by garbage truck | Laborer | 27 | White | Male |
| 318194719 | 05/05/20 | 05/05/20 | N.C. Auto Salvage, Inc. | (089) Henderson | 5015 | 423140 | Caught in/between lifting arm/body of skid steer | Laborer | 37 | White | Male |
| 318187119 | 01/10/20 | 01/10/20 | Primus Builders, Inc. | (097) Iredell | 1542 | 236220 | Inhalation - Exposure to ammonia | Laborer | 30 | White | Male |
| 318190733 | 02/27/20 | 02/27/20 | DeAngelo Brothers, LLC | (097) Iredell | 1611 | 237310 | Struck by truck in work zone | Laborer | 21 | White | Male |
| 318190733 | 02/27/20 | 02/27/20 | DeAngelo Brothers, LLC | (097) Iredell | 1611 | 237310 | Struck by truck in work zone | Laborer | 20 | White | Male |
| 318190733 | 02/27/20 | 02/27/20 | DeAngelo Brothers, LLC | (097) Iredell | 1611 | 237310 | Struck by truck in work zone | Laborer | 22 | White | Male |
| 318204328 | 08/18/20 | 09/23/20 | Town of Clayton - Fire Department Station 1 | (101) Johnston | 9224 | 922160 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 42 | White | Male |
| 318188943 | 01/09/20 | 02/05/20 | Carolina Construction Plus, LLC | (101) Johnston | 1799 | 238990 | Fall from ladder | Laborer | 51 | White | Male |
| 318195450 | 05/01/20 | 05/26/20 | Pilgrim's Pride Corporation | (105) Lee | 2015 | 311615 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 65 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318199916 | 07/22/20 | 07/24/20 | Tyson Foods, Inc. - Tyson Mexican Original Sanford Plant | (105) Lee | 2099 | 311830 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 72 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318194255 | 04/15/20 | 04/15/20 | Seriano Framing Corporation | (119) Mecklenburg | 1751 | 238130 | Struck by forklift | Laborer | 45 | Hispanic | Female |

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| 318195096 | 05/14/20 | 05/14/20 | BIC Consumer Products, a Division of BIC USA, Inc. | (119) Mecklenburg | 3999 | 339940 | Caught in/between forklift/support beam | Laborer | 53 | Black | Female |
| 318197399 | 05/22/20 | 06/22/20 | Colindres Painting, LLC | (119) Mecklenburg | 1721 | 238320 | Struck by tree | Laborer | 42 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318196797 | 06/10/20 | 06/12/20 | Cleveland Steel Container Corp. DBA Pipeline Packaging | (119) Mecklenburg | 4226 | 493190 | Caught in/between forklift/ground | Laborer | 66 | White | Male |
| 318197605 | 06/24/20 | 06/24/20 | Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC | (119) Mecklenburg | 4911 | 221122 | Shock | Laborer | 34 | White | Male |
| 318199510 | 07/20/20 | 07/20/20 | City of Charlotte - Solid Waste Services | (119) Mecklenburg | 9511 | 924110 | Struck by vehicle | Laborer | 55 | Black | Male |
| 318200714 | 08/06/20 | 08/07/20 | Atrium Health, Inc. | (119) Mecklenburg | 8742 | 541611 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 55 | Black | Female |
| 318200639 | 08/08/20 | 08/08/20 | Summit Environmental Services, LLC | (119) Mecklenburg | 1623 | 237130 | Struck by vehicle | Laborer | 59 | White | Male |
| 318202322 | 08/27/20 | 08/28/20 | S-I Snacks NC, LLC DBA Snyder's-Lance Inc./Campbells Snacks | (119) Mecklenburg | 2052 | 311821 | Struck by vehicle | Laborer | 56 | White | Male |
| 318205523 | 09/18/20 | 10/12/20 | First Health of the Carolinas, Inc. DBA Moore Regional Hospital | (125) Moore | 8011 | 621111 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 56 | White | Female |
| 318208931 | 12/03/20 | 12/09/20 | First Health of the Carolinas, Inc. DBA Critical Care Transport | (125) Moore | 8099 | 621999 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 60 | Black | Male |
| 318199247 | 01/30/20 | 07/17/20 | Santiago Tristan Castillo dba Santiago Tristan Castillo | (129) New Hanover | 1799 | 238990 | Fall from ladder | Laborer | 35 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318210721 | 12/10/20 | 12/16/20 | Principle Long Term Care, Inc. DBA Northampton Nursing & Rehab | (131) Northampton | 8059 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 64 | White | Female |
| 318193406 | 01/15/20 | 03/25/20 | Delphi Construction, Inc. | (133) Onslow | 1522 | 236118 | Fall from ladder | Laborer | 70 | Other | Male |
| 318203239 | 09/08/20 | 09/08/20 | Averitt Express, Inc. | (135) Orange | 4212 | 484110 | Caught in/between trailer and dock | Laborer | 50 | White | Male |
| 318195393 | 01/27/20 | 05/26/20 | Carlos Sanchez and German Rios dba C&G Trucking | (141) Pender | 4213 | 448121 | Struck by falling pipe | Laborer | 47 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318209939 | 12/01/20 | 12/07/20 | Cates Contracting | (145) Person | 1522 | 236118 | Fall from ladder/tumber | Laborer | 47 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318203098 | 01/20/20 | 08/31/20 | Appearance Improvement, LLC | (147) Pitt | 0783 | 561730 | Struck by tree | Laborer | 62 | White | Male |
| 318202678 | 09/01/20 | 09/01/20 | Little Dave's Landscape Management, Inc. | (157) Rockingham | 0782 | 561730 | Other - Overturned mower/pinned underneath water | Laborer | 64 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318207644 | 10/21/20 | 11/17/20 | William Jonathan Morris DBA William Jonathan Morris | (157) Rockingham | 1799 | 238390 | Fall from roof | Laborer | 49 | White | Male |
| 318198132 | 06/25/20 | 06/26/20 | Weiser Security Services, Inc. | (159) Rowan | 7381 | 561612 | Caught in/between 2 trailers | Laborer | 61 | White | Female |

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| 318210085 | 12/22/20 | 12/23/20 | M & M Forestry Enterprises, LLC | (161) Rutherford | 1799 | 238910 | Struck by log | Laborer | 79 | White | Male |
| 318199635 | 07/18/20 | 07/20/20 | Florida Orange Gold, LLC | (163) Sampson | 0761 | 115115 | Cardio-vascular/Respiratory system failure | Laborer | 25 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318206224 | 10/22/20 | 10/23/20 | Bill Tucker Utility Contractors of Mount Airy, Inc. | (171) Surry | 1623 | 237130 | Struck by truck | Laborer | 64 | White | Male |
| 318194073 | 04/07/20 | 04/07/20 | ELG Utica Alloys (Monroe) LLC | (179) Union | 5093 | 423930 | Other - Fire | Laborer | 53 | White | Male |
| 318196839 | 06/07/20 | 06/08/20 | Tyson Farms, Inc. | (179) Union | 2015 | 311615 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 48 | Hispanic | Female |
| 318187093 | 01/15/20 | 01/15/20 | Chris Platt dba Chris's Plumbing and Electrical | (183) Wake | 1711 | 238910 | Other - Trench collapse | Laborer | 42 | White | Male |
| 318196557 | 06/08/20 | 06/08/20 | Donald Lowery Tree Service, Inc. | (183) Wake | 0783 | 561730 | Fall from tree | Laborer | 46 | White | Male |
| 318199361 | 07/16/20 | 07/17/20 | German P. Martinez DBA AR Construction | (183) Wake | 1751 | 238130 | Fall from scaffold | Laborer | 45 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318201779 | 07/24/20 | 08/23/20 | Barham Family Farms, LLC | (183) Wake | 0132 | 111910 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 62 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318200045 | 07/27/20 | 07/27/20 | J&J Thompson Farms, Inc. | (183) Wake | 0132 | 111910 | Other - Heat-related | Laborer | 55 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318202975 | 08/25/20 | 09/02/20 | Garrett Bradley dba Bradley Exterior | (183) Wake | 1761 | 238160 | Other - Trauma related head/neck injuries | Laborer | 32 | White | Male |
| 318203064 | 09/05/20 | 09/05/20 | Bradford Landscaping LLC | (183) Wake | 0783 | 561730 | Struck by tree limb | Laborer | 29 | White | Male |
| 318204807 | 09/26/20 | 09/26/20 | Onsite Drywall, LLC | (183) Wake | 1742 | 238310 | Fall from JLG lift | Laborer | 51 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318194370 | 04/20/20 | 04/21/20 | James C Alston DBA James C Alston | (185) Warren | 2411 | 113310 | Struck by skid steer | Laborer | 37 | Black | Male |
| 318200722 | 08/03/20 | 08/07/20 | Grace Filled Beginnings, LLC | (187) Washington | 8351 | 624410 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 72 | Black | Male |
| 318190717 | 02/27/20 | 02/28/20 | Gardner Glass Products, Inc. | (193) Wilkes | 3231 | 327215 | Struck by glass | Laborer | 32 | White | Male |
| 318196094 | 05/29/20 | 06/03/20 | Tyson Farms Fresh Products Division | (193) Wilkes | 2015 | 311615 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 55 | Hispanic | Male |
| 318204542 | 09/15/20 | 09/25/20 | Brian Center Health & Retirement/Wilson, Inc dba Brian Center Health | (195) Wilson | 8059 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 64 | Black | Female |
| 318205791 | 09/16/20 | 09/17/20 | David Blalock Farms, LLC | (195) Wilson | 0132 | 111910 | Caught in/between tobacco harvester | Laborer | 55 | Black | Male |
| 318204542 | 09/24/20 | 09/25/20 | Brian Center Health & Retirement/Wilson, Inc. dba Brian Center Health | (195) Wilson | 8059 | 623110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 61 | White | Female |
| 318207016 | 11/01/20 | 11/04/20 | DLP Wilson Medical Center LLC DBA Wilson Medical Center | (195) Wilson | 8062 | 622110 | Other - COVID-19 | Laborer | 68 | White | Female |

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