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## California's Highest-Hazard Employers

What is the most hazardous industry in California? If you go by the days away from work/restricted duty/job transfer rate (DART), it is air transportation, with a DART rate of 8.2 per 100 workers. That's why this employment sector was among 22 industries included in the draft 2009-2010 Highest Hazard Industry List just released by California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

The high-hazard list is based on a DART rate at least 200% of the industry average; the 2007 average DART for private-sector employers (the latest available) was 2.5, so the target threshold for this year's list is 5.0. Cal/OSHA's High Hazard Unit uses the list to randomly choose specific employers for enforcement inspections, and the Consultation Service uses it to offer its services to employers in high-hazard industries. Consultation targets employers with X-mods 1.25 and above, while enforcement targets using employers' DARTs.

The 22 sectors on the list represent 25,916 establishments and 709,800 employees. Thirteen of the industries on the 2008-2009 list are on this year's list, including:

- Framing contractors
- Roofing contractors
- Dairy product manufacturing
- Animal slaughtering and processing
- Commercial bakeries
- Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing
- Wood product manufacturing
- Alumina and aluminum production and processing
- Motor vehicle body and trailer manufacturing
- Air transportation
- Couriers and messengers
- Warehousing and storage
- Waste management and remediation services

DARTs are decreasing on the list. The vast majority (17) on this year's list are below 6.0, and only three are 7.0 and above. The previous year's list showed seven at least 7.0 and only six were below 6.0. On the 2007-2008 list, half of the 24 sectors showed DARTs of at least 7.0, and only four were below 6.0.

For the aforementioned lists, see News, [March 14, 2008, p. 9144](#) and [March 30, 2007, p. 8904](#).



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2009 – 2010 Cal/OSHA HIGHEST HAZARD INDUSTRY LIST						
Industry Group	NAICS	Industry Activity	DART	Establishments	Employees	
Construction	23813	Framing contractors	5.5	1,030	36,700	
	23816	Roofing contractors	5.5	2,445	26,500	
Manufacturing, Non-Durable Goods	3114	Fruit and vegetable preserving and specialty food manufacturing	5.2	318	32,500	
	3115	Dairy product manufacturing	6.3	195	16,800	
	3116	Animal slaughtering and processing	6.7	325	21,900	
	311812	Commercial bakeries	5.4	310	16,000	
	312	Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing	5.6	1,255	43,000	
Manufacturing, Durable Goods	321	Wood product manufacturing	5.5	1,130	34,300	
	3272	Glass and glass product manufacturing	5.7	270	8,400	
	3313	Alumina and aluminum production and processing	5.9	100	5,900	
	33151	Ferrous metal foundries	5.5	100	5,100	
	3323	Architectural and structural metals manufacturing	5.5	1,395	35,900	
	3362	Motor vehicle body and trailer manufacturing	5.1	200	11,000	
	3366	Ship and boat building	7.6	130	9,800	
	33711	Wood kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturing	5.1	1,085	15,100	
Retail trade	444	Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers	5.1	6,955	134,200	
Transportation and Warehousing	481	Air transportation	8.2	565	44,800	
	484	Truck transportation	5.3	8,525	116,700	
	488	Support activities for transportation	5.7	4,575	83,500	
	492	Couriers and messengers	7.3	1,530	68,200	
	493	Warehousing and storage	5.9	1,745	67,500	
	562	Waste management and remediation services	5.2	1,610	39,900	
2007 Average DART for private sector employers in 2007 was 2.5. Target threshold is >200% or >5.0 Exceptions: The following NAICS will not be targeted; DARTs are <200% Private sector average						
	(1)	31213	Wineries	3.5	1,035	26,200
	(2)	3219	Other wood product manufacturing	4.7	865	22,300
	(3)	32191	Millwork	4.7	425	11,200
	(4)	482	Rail transportation	2.0	10	—
	(5)	483	Water transportation	1.0	130	3,000
	(6)	4884	Support activities for road transportation	4.0	1,500	15,200
	(7)	4885	Freight transportation arrangement	3.2	2,070	26,000
	(8)	5629	Remediation and Other Waste Mgmt Svcs	-4.5	545	-11,900

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