

Table 1. Number and percent of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work¹ by sex of injured for selected worker and case characteristic, 1997

Characteristic	All cases		Women		Men	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,833,380	100.0	605,589	100.0	1,209,097	100.0
Age:						
Under 14 years	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	284	0.0	131	0.0	153	0.0
16 to 19 years	59,737	3.3	20,363	3.4	39,077	3.2
20 to 24 years	208,054	11.3	57,951	9.6	149,374	12.4
25 to 34 years	532,816	29.1	157,278	26.0	372,804	30.8
35 to 44 years	517,842	28.2	178,327	29.4	336,227	27.8
45 to 54 years	314,158	17.1	118,629	19.6	192,601	15.9
55 to 64 years	134,737	7.3	52,460	8.7	80,910	6.7
65 years and over	22,380	1.2	10,357	1.7	11,844	1.0
Occupation:						
Managerial and professional	98,489	5.4	64,401	10.6	33,360	2.8
Technical, sales, and administrative support	271,685	14.8	160,133	26.4	109,582	9.1
Service	315,050	17.2	205,418	33.9	107,012	8.9
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	91,267	5.0	82,260	13.5	8,842	0.7
Maids and houseman	22,850	1.2	18,586	3.1	4,174	0.3
Farming, forestry, and fishing	48,040	2.6	8,859	1.5	38,999	3.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	310,434	16.9	18,551	3.1	289,671	24.0
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	775,259	42.3	144,217	23.8	622,366	51.5
Machine operators, tenders, exc precision	183,268	10.0	55,014	9.1	127,341	10.5
Fabricators, assemblers, handworking	76,302	4.2	18,431	3.0	57,181	4.7
Assemblers	44,328	2.4	16,098	2.7	27,861	2.3
Handlers, helpers, laborers	295,089	16.1	45,875	7.6	245,755	20.3
Laborers, except construction	106,887	5.8	14,827	2.4	91,240	7.5
Length of service with employer:						
Less than 3 months	236,518	12.9	68,190	11.3	167,303	13.8
3 months to 11 months	328,245	17.9	111,236	18.4	215,622	17.8
1 year to 5 years	581,534	31.7	200,762	33.2	378,228	31.3
More than 5 years	479,738	26.2	164,420	27.2	313,076	25.9
Not reported	207,346	11.3	60,982	10.1	134,867	11.2
Race or ethnic origin:						
White, non-Hispanic	966,289	52.7	311,329	51.4	650,357	53.8
Black, non-Hispanic	163,823	8.9	69,915	11.5	93,446	7.7
Hispanic	187,221	10.2	49,179	8.1	137,572	11.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	30,969	1.7	11,371	1.9	19,453	1.6
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,551	0.4	2,682	0.4	4,824	0.4
Not reported	477,528	26.0	161,114	26.6	303,445	25.1

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Industry division:						
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	40,514	2.2	7,445	1.2	32,847	2.7
Mining ³	18,069	1.0	298	0.0	17,771	1.5
Construction	189,839	10.4	5,402	0.9	183,705	15.2
Manufacturing	446,109	24.3	110,516	18.2	332,603	27.5
Transportation and public utilities ³	220,607	12.0	42,750	7.1	171,599	14.2
Wholesale trade	138,180	7.5	19,952	3.3	117,518	9.7
Retail trade	313,915	17.1	136,721	22.6	172,222	14.2
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,699	2.3	21,650	3.6	20,980	1.7
Services	423,449	23.1	260,855	43.1	159,854	13.2
Hospitals	90,000	4.9	68,476	11.3	21,097	1.7
Nursing and personal care facilities	72,601	4.0	63,306	10.5	8,388	0.7
Hotels and motels	31,162	1.7	18,144	3.0	12,777	1.1
Social services	38,642	2.1	28,941	4.8	9,474	0.8
Residential care	19,876	1.1	14,890	2.5	4,806	0.4
Business services	59,267	3.2	19,473	3.2	39,533	3.3
Number of days away from work:						
Cases involving 1 day	304,898	16.6	98,488	16.3	203,025	16.8
Cases involving 2 days	238,661	13.0	84,352	13.9	151,869	12.6
Cases involving 3-5 days	373,463	20.4	126,283	20.9	244,213	20.2
Cases involving 6-10 days	240,339	13.1	79,475	13.1	158,380	13.1
Cases involving 11-20 days	214,516	11.7	71,149	11.7	141,198	11.7
Cases involving 21-30 days	121,932	6.7	38,059	6.3	82,600	6.8
Cases involving 31 or more days	339,572	18.5	107,783	17.8	227,812	18.8
Median days away from work	5		5		6	
Nature of injury, illness:						
Sprains, strains	799,012	43.6	280,692	46.4	510,332	42.2
Fractures	119,470	6.5	30,943	5.1	87,373	7.2
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	133,612	7.3	25,772	4.2	106,510	8.8
Bruises, contusions	165,810	9.0	60,329	10.0	103,231	8.5
Heat burns	29,994	1.6	9,837	1.6	19,912	1.6
Chemical burns	12,211	0.7	3,314	0.5	8,860	0.7
Amputations	10,852	0.6	1,351	0.2	9,428	0.8
Carpal tunnel syndrome	29,244	1.6	20,584	3.4	8,475	0.7
Tendonitis	17,961	1.0	11,054	1.8	6,848	0.6
Multiple injuries	59,803	3.3	21,245	3.5	38,299	3.2
With fractures	11,137	0.6	2,930	0.5	8,026	0.7
With sprains	22,273	1.2	10,262	1.7	11,893	1.0
Soreness, Pain	115,411	6.3	45,133	7.5	69,444	5.7
Back pain	48,742	2.7	17,021	2.8	31,475	2.6
Part of body affected:						
Head	123,392	6.7	30,117	5.0	92,318	7.6
Eye	64,909	3.5	10,939	1.8	53,673	4.4
Neck	32,008	1.7	13,488	2.2	18,094	1.5
Trunk	687,395	37.5	220,667	36.4	460,610	38.1
Back	472,091	25.7	159,997	26.4	308,072	25.5
Shoulder	92,763	5.1	32,457	5.4	59,305	4.9
Upper extremities	419,519	22.9	146,170	24.1	269,112	22.3
Finger	154,112	8.4	37,022	6.1	115,422	9.5
Hand, except finger	72,862	4.0	21,131	3.5	50,956	4.2
Wrist	92,157	5.0	49,667	8.2	41,701	3.4
Lower extremities	375,031	20.5	111,602	18.4	259,231	21.4
Knee	129,948	7.1	42,619	7.0	85,848	7.1
Foot, toe	90,534	5.0	21,820	3.6	67,967	5.7
Body systems	25,193	1.4	11,706	1.9	13,326	1.1
Multiple	150,635	8.2	65,104	10.8	84,900	7.0

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Source of injury, illness:						
Chemicals, chemical products	32,229	1.8	11,291	1.9	20,770	1.7
Containers	267,438	14.6	83,191	13.7	182,928	15.1
Furniture, fixtures	64,433	3.5	27,851	4.6	36,385	3.0
Machinery	122,777	6.7	30,106	5.0	91,954	7.6
Parts and materials	207,271	11.3	20,982	3.5	184,828	15.3
Worker motion or position	277,533	15.1	115,596	19.1	160,488	13.3
Floor, ground surfaces	287,786	15.7	117,973	19.5	166,771	13.8
Handtools	78,107	4.3	11,541	1.9	65,933	5.5
Vehicles	147,808	8.1	34,470	5.7	111,902	9.3
Health care patient	85,896	4.7	74,275	12.3	11,381	0.9
Event or exposure:						
Contact with object, equipment	494,428	27.0	114,091	18.8	376,980	31.2
Struck by object	239,341	13.1	55,219	9.1	182,493	15.1
Struck against object	128,860	7.0	36,237	6.0	91,646	7.6
Caught in object, equipment, material	80,137	4.4	16,351	2.7	63,387	5.2
Fall to lower level	99,882	5.4	23,258	3.8	74,937	6.2
Fall on same level	198,128	10.8	99,334	16.4	97,711	8.1
Slips, trips	57,425	3.1	19,917	3.3	36,895	3.1
Overexertion	507,520	27.7	170,699	28.2	334,054	27.6
Overexertion in lifting	297,317	16.2	98,220	16.2	198,073	16.4
Repetitive motion	75,188	4.1	47,408	7.8	27,403	2.3
Exposed to harmful substance	83,441	4.6	29,292	4.8	53,507	4.4
Transportation accidents	74,134	4.0	18,129	3.0	54,999	4.5
Fires, explosions	3,716	0.2	413	0.1	3,294	0.3
Assault, violent act	27,060	1.5	15,286	2.5	11,601	1.0
by person	21,329	1.2	13,193	2.2	7,964	0.7
by other	5,731	0.3	2,093	0.3	3,637	0.3

¹ Days away from work cases include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

² Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

³ Data conforming to OSHA definitions for mining operators in coal, metal, and nonmetal mining and for employees in railroad transportation are provided to BLS by the Mine Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; and the Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation. Independent mining contractors are excluded from the coal, metal, and nonmetal mining industries.

NOTE: Because of rounding and data exclusion of nonclassifiable responses, data may not sum to the totals. Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines. The scientifically selected probability sample used in 1995 was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
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