

TABLE A-6. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics and event or exposure, 1997

Worker characteristics	Total fatalities (number)	Event or exposure ¹ (percent)					
		Transportation incidents ²	Assaults and violent acts ³	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total	6,218	41.8	17.7	16.6	11.5	8.8	3.2
Employee status							
Wage and salary workers ⁴	4,959	42.8	16.1	16.0	12.0	9.3	3.4
Self-employed ⁵	1,259	37.9	24.1	19.1	9.6	7.2	2.0
Sex							
Men	5,743	41.3	16.3	17.6	12.1	9.2	3.2
Women	475	47.8	35.2	5.5	4.6	4.2	2.1
Age							
under 15 years	15	66.7	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 24 years	663	38.3	16.1	19.3	10.1	12.7	3.2
25 to 44 years	2,839	38.7	19.5	16.3	10.8	11.0	3.5
45 to 64 years	2,168	44.7	17.0	16.3	12.0	6.5	3.0
65 to 74 years	380	48.2	15.5	16.1	15.5	2.1	2.6
75 years and over	139	54.7	9.4	18.0	14.4	2.2	—
Race							
White	5,098	42.9	15.5	17.1	11.9	8.9	3.4
Black	676	39.6	24.6	15.5	8.3	9.0	2.5
Asian or Pacific Islander	189	27.0	53.4	6.9	7.4	4.8	—
American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo	35	45.7	11.4	17.1	17.1	8.6	—
Other	220	34.1	18.6	17.3	15.0	10.9	2.7
Hispanic origin							
Hispanic ⁶	656	32.8	20.0	19.1	13.4	11.3	3.4

¹ Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Manual.

² Includes highway, nonhighway, air, water, and rail fatalities.

³ Includes violence by persons, self-inflicted injury, and assaults by animals.

⁴ May include volunteers and other workers receiving compensation.

⁵ Includes paid and unpaid family workers, and may include owners of incorporated businesses, or members of partnerships.

⁶ Persons identified as Hispanic may be of any race.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding.

There were 14 fatalities for which there was insufficient information to determine the age of the decedent.

Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries

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