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Characteristic	All Events		Falls		Fall to lower level		Jump to lower level		Fall on same level	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,833,380	100.0	313,335	100.0	99,882	100.0	8,558	100.0	198,128	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,209,097	65.9	184,523	58.9	74,937	75.0	7,901	92.3	97,711	49.3
Women	605,589	33.0	125,988	40.2	23,258	23.3	614	7.2	99,334	50.1
Age:										
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	284	0.0	152	0.0	--	--	--	--	112	0.1
16 to 19	59,737	3.3	10,487	3.3	2,339	2.3	279	3.3	7,553	3.8
20 to 24	208,054	11.3	27,358	8.7	9,665	9.7	1,033	12.1	16,108	8.1
25 to 34	532,816	29.1	78,061	24.9	28,094	28.1	2,472	28.9	45,724	23.1
35 to 44	517,842	28.2	81,769	26.1	27,230	27.3	3,024	35.3	49,749	25.1
45 to 54	314,158	17.1	65,666	21.0	19,438	19.5	1,228	14.3	43,503	22.0
55 to 64	134,737	7.3	35,849	11.4	9,548	9.6	282	3.3	25,335	12.8
65 and over	22,380	1.2	7,696	2.5	1,463	1.5	--	--	6,141	3.1
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	98,489	5.4	22,382	7.1	5,175	5.2	224	2.6	16,537	8.3
Technical, sales, and administrative support	271,685	14.8	56,068	17.9	13,960	14.0	641	7.5	40,354	20.4
Service	315,050	17.2	66,064	21.1	11,442	11.5	543	6.3	52,623	26.6
Farming, forestry, and fishing	48,040	2.6	9,225	2.9	3,865	3.9	292	3.4	4,857	2.5
Precision production, craft, and repair	310,434	16.9	50,878	16.2	27,309	27.3	1,701	19.9	20,719	10.5
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	775,259	42.3	106,656	34.0	37,430	37.5	5,123	59.9	61,790	31.2
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	236,518	12.9	42,380	13.5	14,657	14.7	1,122	13.1	25,658	13.0
3 months to 11 months	328,245	17.9	56,842	18.1	18,484	18.5	2,076	24.3	35,237	17.8
1 year to 5 years	581,534	31.7	98,587	31.5	31,236	31.3	2,556	29.9	62,354	31.5
More than 5 years	479,738	26.2	83,499	26.6	24,448	24.5	1,731	20.2	55,402	28.0
Not reported	207,346	11.3	32,028	10.2	11,057	11.1	1,072	12.5	19,478	9.8
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	966,289	52.7	167,782	53.5	55,408	55.5	5,132	60.0	104,836	52.9
Black, non-Hispanic	163,823	8.9	28,453	9.1	7,665	7.7	894	10.4	18,965	9.6
Hispanic	187,221	10.2	33,337	10.6	11,487	11.5	701	8.2	20,395	10.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	30,969	1.7	4,537	1.4	904	0.9	82	1.0	2,943	1.5
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,551	0.4	1,592	0.5	676	0.7	--	--	853	0.4
Not reported	477,528	26.0	77,634	24.8	23,743	23.8	1,727	20.2	50,136	25.3

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing <sup>2</sup>	40,514	2.2	7,404	2.4	3,394	3.4	242	2.8	3,554	1.8
Mining <sup>3</sup>	18,069	1.0	3,040	1.0	1,756	1.8	58	0.7	1,183	0.6
Construction	189,839	10.4	37,667	12.0	21,982	22.0	1,635	19.1	13,318	6.7
Manufacturing	446,109	24.3	50,801	16.2	14,402	14.4	1,392	16.3	33,960	17.1
Transportation and public utilities <sup>3</sup>	220,607	12.0	39,778	12.7	15,677	15.7	2,283	26.7	20,681	10.4
Wholesale trade	138,180	7.5	20,467	6.5	8,172	8.2	976	11.4	11,050	5.6
Retail trade	313,915	17.1	64,142	20.5	13,156	13.2	758	8.9	48,764	24.6
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,699	2.3	10,195	3.3	3,236	3.2	67	0.8	6,719	3.4
Services	423,449	23.1	79,842	25.5	18,109	18.1	1,147	13.4	58,900	29.7
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	304,898	16.6	40,915	13.1	10,696	10.7	610	7.1	28,537	14.4
Cases involving 2 days	238,661	13.0	35,348	11.3	9,990	10.0	861	10.1	23,735	12.0
Cases involving 3-5 days	373,463	20.4	59,324	18.9	15,986	16.0	1,390	16.2	40,188	20.3
Cases involving 6-10 days	240,339	13.1	38,198	12.2	12,113	12.1	1,661	19.4	23,555	11.9
Cases involving 11-20 days	214,516	11.7	36,482	11.6	10,825	10.8	1,020	11.9	23,967	12.1
Cases involving 21-30 days	121,932	6.7	24,977	8.0	9,640	9.7	691	8.1	14,369	7.3
Cases involving 31 or more days	339,572	18.5	78,091	24.9	30,633	30.7	2,325	27.2	43,777	22.1
Median days away from work	5		8		12		10		7	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	799,012	43.6	112,584	35.9	34,431	34.5	5,325	62.2	70,637	35.7
Fractures	119,470	6.5	55,297	17.6	21,468	21.5	1,438	16.8	31,341	15.8
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	156,722	8.5	8,227	2.6	2,202	2.2	--	--	5,761	2.9
Bruises, contusions	165,810	9.0	51,503	16.4	13,300	13.3	498	5.8	36,610	18.5
Heat burns	29,994	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	12,211	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	10,852	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	29,244	1.6	80	0.0	47	0.0	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	17,961	1.0	372	0.1	--	--	--	--	326	0.2
Multiple injuries	59,803	3.3	26,514	8.5	9,989	10.0	174	2.0	15,761	8.0
With fractures	11,037	0.6	4,275	1.4	2,264	2.3	--	--	1,907	1.0
With sprains	22,273	1.2	12,824	4.1	3,460	3.5	87	1.0	9,166	4.6
Soreness, Pain	115,411	6.3	20,082	6.4	5,148	5.2	529	6.2	13,664	6.9
Back pain	48,742	2.7	6,022	1.9	2,018	2.0	200	2.3	3,682	1.9
All other	316,892	17.3	38,653	12.3	13,252	13.3	561	6.6	23,991	12.1

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Part of body affected:										
Head	123,392	6.7	11,760	3.8	3,270	3.3	230	2.7	7,787	3.9
Eye	64,909	3.5	416	0.1	--	--	--	--	396	0.2
Neck	32,008	1.7	2,634	0.8	1,061	1.1	--	--	1,441	0.7
Trunk	687,395	37.5	90,753	29.0	28,980	29.0	1,451	17.0	58,463	29.5
Back	472,091	25.7	51,818	16.5	15,998	16.0	958	11.2	33,683	17.0
Shoulder	92,763	5.1	14,456	4.6	4,963	5.0	181	2.1	8,957	4.5
Upper extremities	419,519	22.9	43,493	13.9	10,494	10.5	224	2.6	31,965	16.1
Finger	154,112	8.4	2,863	0.9	540	0.5	--	--	2,175	1.1
Hand, except finger	72,862	4.0	4,942	1.6	839	0.8	--	--	4,010	2.0
Wrist	92,157	5.0	16,427	5.2	4,219	4.2	63	0.7	11,921	6.0
Lower extremities	375,031	20.5	104,712	33.4	36,185	36.2	6,039	70.6	60,287	30.4
Knee	129,948	7.1	42,502	13.6	10,800	10.8	1,697	19.8	29,261	14.8
Foot, toe	90,534	4.9	11,926	3.8	5,728	5.7	1,246	14.6	4,399	2.2
Body systems	25,193	1.4	172	0.1	--	--	--	--	134	0.1
Multiple	150,635	8.2	57,837	18.5	19,165	19.2	578	6.8	36,813	18.6
All other	20,206	1.1	1,974	0.6	698	0.7	--	--	1,238	0.6
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	32,229	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	267,438	14.6	5,559	1.8	620	0.6	233	2.7	4,393	2.2
Furniture, fixtures	64,433	3.5	5,167	1.6	718	0.7	--	--	4,163	2.1
Machinery	122,777	6.7	4,236	1.4	622	0.6	86	1.0	3,339	1.7
Parts and materials	207,271	11.3	5,417	1.7	866	0.9	112	1.3	4,211	2.1
Worker motion or position	277,533	15.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	287,786	15.7	272,031	86.8	89,247	89.4	7,260	84.8	171,821	86.7
Handtools	78,107	4.3	386	0.1	--	--	--	--	339	0.2
Vehicles	147,808	8.1	7,730	2.5	2,526	2.5	658	7.7	4,075	2.1
Health care patient	85,896	4.7	185	0.1	19	0.0	--	--	105	0.1
All other	262,102	14.3	12,604	4.0	5,223	5.2	173	2.0	5,667	2.9

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

<sup>3</sup> 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 1997 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: Bureau of Labor Statistics  
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