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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:	1,537,567	100.0	288,500	100.0	96,359	100.0	6,135	100.0	182,641	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,009,499	65.7	167,788	58.2	71,531	74.2	5,474	89.2	88,332	48.4
Women	516,842	33.6	118,217	41.0	23,573	24.5	651	10.6	93,094	51.0
Age:										
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	908	0.1	107	--	--	--	--	--	86	--
16 to 19	44,535	2.9	5,947	2.1	1,881	2.0	204	3.3	3,787	2.1
20 to 24	171,659	11.2	25,504	8.8	8,831	9.2	838	13.7	15,416	8.4
25 to 34	389,065	25.3	62,117	21.5	23,127	24.0	1,759	28.7	36,530	20.0
35 to 44	438,445	28.5	77,010	26.7	27,612	28.7	1,394	22.7	47,104	25.8
45 to 54	315,794	20.5	68,315	23.7	22,162	23.0	1,344	21.9	43,829	24.0
55 to 64	135,690	8.8	37,132	12.9	9,573	9.9	501	8.2	26,820	14.7
65 and over	24,541	1.6	9,533	3.3	2,315	2.4	50	0.8	7,120	3.9
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	97,797	6.4	24,519	8.5	6,119	6.4	225	3.7	17,729	9.7
Technical, sales, and administrative support	237,717	15.5	55,345	19.2	14,997	15.6	742	12.1	39,238	21.5
Service	266,346	17.3	60,870	21.1	9,745	10.1	201	3.3	50,573	27.7
Farming, forestry, and fishing	44,336	2.9	7,182	2.5	3,143	3.3	281	4.6	3,590	2.0
Precision production, craft, and repair	281,027	18.3	50,752	17.6	27,444	28.5	1,406	22.9	21,017	11.5
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	605,769	39.4	89,141	30.9	34,741	36.1	3,243	52.9	50,024	27.4
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	181,874	11.8	36,670	12.7	14,028	14.6	724	11.8	21,637	11.8
3 months to 11 months	283,835	18.5	54,052	18.7	19,137	19.9	1,122	18.3	33,122	18.1
1 year to 5 years	511,471	33.3	92,223	32.0	32,195	33.4	2,216	36.1	56,562	31.0
More than 5 years	378,194	24.6	69,839	24.2	20,198	21.0	1,576	25.7	47,237	25.9
Not reported	182,192	11.8	35,716	12.4	10,800	11.2	497	8.1	24,083	13.2
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	765,228	49.8	149,722	51.9	52,726	54.7	3,485	56.8	92,089	50.4
Black, non-Hispanic	133,785	8.7	22,690	7.9	5,974	6.2	265	4.3	16,150	8.8
Hispanic	191,959	12.5	34,044	11.8	12,900	13.4	700	11.4	19,763	10.8
Asian or Pacific Islander	25,317	1.6	4,479	1.6	953	1.0	102	1.7	3,317	1.8
American Indian or Alaskan Native	5,661	0.4	888	0.3	173	0.2	40	0.7	670	0.4
Not reported	415,616	27.0	76,677	26.6	23,633	24.5	1,543	25.2	50,652	27.7

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing <sup>2</sup>	40,153	2.6	6,579	2.3	2,950	3.1	250	4.1	3,242	1.8
Mining <sup>3</sup>	10,582	0.7	1,827	0.6	900	0.9	14	0.2	899	0.5
Construction	185,662	12.1	39,716	13.8	23,826	24.7	1,379	22.5	13,780	7.5
Manufacturing	317,326	20.6	38,391	13.3	11,863	12.3	991	16.2	25,009	13.7
Transportation and public utilities <sup>3</sup>	199,939	13.0	36,584	12.7	16,332	16.9	1,072	17.5	18,544	10.2
Wholesale trade	111,925	7.3	17,588	6.1	6,488	6.7	702	11.4	10,219	5.6
Retail trade	265,700	17.3	57,759	20.0	11,772	12.2	969	15.8	44,567	24.4
Finance, insurance, and real estate	37,982	2.5	11,407	4.0	3,979	4.1	47	0.8	7,288	4.0
Services	368,299	24.0	78,649	27.3	18,247	18.9	711	11.6	59,093	32.4
Public sector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	237,547	15.4	36,487	12.6	9,950	10.3	452	7.4	25,688	14.1
Cases involving 2 days	195,958	12.7	33,018	11.4	9,441	9.8	722	11.8	22,680	12.4
Cases involving 3-5 days	305,140	19.8	52,205	18.1	16,832	17.5	988	16.1	33,794	18.5
Cases involving 6-10 days	193,066	12.6	33,343	11.6	10,805	11.2	1,034	16.9	21,144	11.6
Cases involving 11-20 days	170,772	11.1	33,813	11.7	12,353	12.8	767	12.5	20,329	11.1
Cases involving 21-30 days	97,526	6.3	19,511	6.8	6,516	6.8	449	7.3	12,139	6.6
Cases involving 31 or more days	337,558	22.0	80,123	27.8	30,462	31.6	1,723	28.1	46,868	25.7
Median days away from work	6		9		11		10		7	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	669,889	43.6	103,772	36.0	34,742	36.1	3,987	65.0	63,719	34.9
Fractures	108,127	7.0	51,510	17.9	21,300	22.1	1,107	18.0	28,471	15.6
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	133,314	8.7	6,919	2.4	1,662	1.7	--	--	5,153	2.8
Bruises, contusions	136,361	8.9	46,331	16.1	12,738	13.2	179	2.9	33,025	18.1
Heat burns	25,078	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	9,451	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	8,612	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	26,794	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	14,124	0.9	299	0.1	119	0.1	--	--	180	0.1
Multiple injuries	53,211	3.5	24,863	8.6	9,379	9.7	250	4.1	14,868	8.1
With fractures	10,199	0.7	4,264	1.5	2,384	2.5	73	1.2	1,738	1.0
With sprains	21,959	1.4	12,403	4.3	3,675	3.8	97	1.6	8,472	4.6
Soreness, Pain	109,986	7.2	21,129	7.3	5,720	5.9	264	4.3	15,025	8.2
Back pain	42,679	2.8	5,524	1.9	1,699	1.8	86	1.4	3,663	2.0
All other	242,621	15.8	33,650	11.7	10,698	11.1	312	5.1	22,175	12.1

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Part of body affected:										
Head	99,523	6.5	12,428	4.3	3,543	3.7	43	0.7	8,736	4.8
Eye	44,811	2.9	546	0.2	54	--	--	--	480	0.3
Neck	27,111	1.8	1,989	0.7	638	0.7	40	0.7	1,230	0.7
Trunk	561,603	36.5	79,877	27.7	25,774	26.7	1,039	16.9	51,944	28.4
Back	372,683	24.2	43,851	15.2	14,805	15.4	835	13.6	27,568	15.1
Shoulder	88,484	5.8	14,952	5.2	4,428	4.6	62	1.0	10,276	5.6
Upper extremities	355,344	23.1	40,423	14.0	12,514	13.0	246	4.0	27,391	15.0
Finger	123,523	8.0	3,167	1.1	489	0.5	--	--	2,628	1.4
Hand, except finger	63,727	4.1	3,502	1.2	849	0.9	17	0.3	2,619	1.4
Wrist	78,857	5.1	14,869	5.2	4,937	5.1	105	1.7	9,742	5.3
Lower extremities	322,959	21.0	95,529	33.1	33,693	35.0	4,491	73.2	56,295	30.8
Knee	119,670	7.8	40,202	13.9	9,468	9.8	1,702	27.7	28,839	15.8
Foot, toe	68,117	4.4	10,924	3.8	5,429	5.6	675	11.0	4,597	2.5
Body systems	21,657	1.4	698	0.2	399	0.4	--	--	300	0.2
Multiple	139,675	9.1	56,132	19.5	19,108	19.8	276	4.5	36,024	19.7
All other	9,695	0.6	1,423	0.5	691	0.7	--	--	722	0.4
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	25,125	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	209,078	13.6	4,093	1.4	969	1.0	95	1.5	2,981	1.6
Furniture, fixtures	53,974	3.5	4,325	1.5	582	0.6	--	--	3,676	2.0
Machinery	97,634	6.3	3,153	1.1	488	0.5	135	2.2	2,484	1.4
Parts and materials	162,475	10.6	4,386	1.5	890	0.9	112	1.8	3,218	1.8
Worker motion or position	245,867	16.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	264,677	17.2	249,962	86.6	83,853	87.0	4,937	80.5	158,886	87.0
Handtools	68,113	4.4	424	0.1	135	0.1	--	--	286	0.2
Vehicles	128,534	8.4	7,595	2.6	2,453	2.5	612	10.0	4,492	2.5
Health care patient	67,635	4.4	124	--	--	--	19	0.3	67	--
All other	214,455	13.9	14,429	5.0	6,974	7.2	192	3.1	6,546	3.6

<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 2001 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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