

Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by selected worker characteristics and event or exposure, 1994

Characteristics	Fatalities		Event or exposure ¹ (percent)						
	Number	Percent	Total	Transportation incidents	Assaults and violent acts	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total	6,588	100.0	100	41.6	19.9	15.4	10.0	9.7	3.1
Employee status									
Wage and salary workers	5,336	81.0	100	42.5	18.2	15.0	10.3	10.3	3.3
Self-employed ²	1,252	19.0	100	37.6	26.8	17.1	9.1	7.1	2.1
Sex and age									
Men	6,067	92.1	100	41.5	18.2	16.3	10.3	10.2	3.2
Women	521	7.9	100	43.2	39.2	4.8	6.7	4.0	1.7
Both sexes:									
Under 16 years	25	.4	100	60.0	-	24.0	-	-	-
16 to 17 years	42	.6	100	38.1	23.8	14.3	-	14.3	-
18 to 19 years	112	1.7	100	33.9	30.4	16.1	8.9	10.7	-
20 to 24 years	545	8.3	100	36.0	21.1	16.9	7.0	14.7	4.2
25 to 34 years	1,558	23.6	100	39.9	20.9	13.2	9.1	13.1	3.7
35 to 44 years	1,608	24.4	100	38.6	21.9	15.7	9.6	10.2	3.5
45 to 54 years	1,304	19.8	100	43.7	19.6	15.8	10.4	7.1	3.1
55 to 64 years	858	13.0	100	47.3	15.4	15.2	13.3	6.4	1.9
65 years and over	517	7.8	100	47.4	15.9	18.8	12.4	4.1	1.2
Race									
White	5,420	82.3	100	43.4	16.5	16.1	10.4	10.0	3.4
Black	702	10.7	100	32.3	32.8	14.0	9.0	9.5	2.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	181	2.7	100	21.5	63.5	5.0	4.4	5.0	-
American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo	40	.6	100	37.5	20.0	22.5	12.5	-	-
Other or unspecified	245	3.7	100	43.3	25.7	11.4	8.2	7.8	1.6
Hispanic origin									
Hispanic ³	611	9.3	100	34.7	25.5	12.8	11.9	13.1	2.0

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

² Includes paid and unpaid family workers, and may include owners of incorporated businesses, or members of partnerships.

³ Persons identified as Hispanic may be of any race.

NOTE: Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, 1994.