

**Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by selected worker characteristics and event or exposure, 1996**

Worker characteristics	Total fatalities (number)	Event or exposure <sup>1</sup> (percent)					
		Transportation incidents <sup>2</sup>	Assaults and violent acts <sup>3</sup>	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total .....	6,112	41.8	18.7	16.4	11.2	8.6	3.0
<b>Employee status</b>							
Wage and salary workers <sup>4</sup> .....	4,905	43.9	16.4	15.7	11.6	9.0	3.2
Self-employed <sup>5</sup> .....	1,207	33.4	28.2	19.4	9.6	7.0	2.4
<b>Sex</b>							
Men .....	5,605	41.5	17.1	17.5	11.7	8.9	3.1
Women .....	507	45.6	36.7	4.7	5.5	4.3	2.6
<b>Age</b>							
Under 20 years .....	194	39.2	20.1	25.8	5.2	8.8	–
20 to 24 years .....	440	37.3	20.9	18.2	7.3	12.3	3.9
25 to 34 years .....	1,336	39.4	18.7	16.2	10.6	12.1	2.8
35 to 44 years .....	1,563	42.7	17.6	15.9	9.7	9.6	4.1
45 to 54 years .....	1,226	42.9	20.1	14.3	12.2	7.7	2.6
55 to 64 years .....	847	44.0	18.5	16.3	15.2	3.5	1.9
65 years and over .....	492	43.9	17.1	19.3	14.2	2.8	2.6
Unknown .....	14	50.0	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Race</b>							
White .....	5,047	42.9	16.0	17.3	11.9	8.7	3.1
Black .....	617	38.1	30.6	13.8	6.0	8.4	2.9
Asian or Pacific Islander .....	163	23.3	59.5	6.1	5.5	3.7	–
American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo .....	35	51.4	17.1	–	11.4	11.4	–
Other .....	250	39.6	18.4	14.4	14.0	9.6	3.2
<b>Hispanic origin</b>							
Hispanic <sup>6</sup> .....	626	32.6	24.1	15.5	14.5	9.3	3.8

<sup>1</sup> Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Structures. Includes other events and exposures, such as bodily reaction, in addition to those shown separately.

<sup>2</sup> Includes highway, nonhighway, air, water, and rail fatalities.

<sup>3</sup> Includes violence by persons, self-inflicted injury, and assaults by animals.

<sup>4</sup> May include volunteers and other workers receiving compensation.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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, 1996.