

TABLE A-6. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics and event or exposure, 1999

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	6,023	43.4	14.8	17.1	11.9	8.8	3.6
Employee status							
Wage and salary workers ⁴	4,884	44.5	13.3	16.4	12.6	9.0	3.8
Self-employed ⁵	1,139	38.5	21.5	20.2	8.9	8.0	2.6
Sex							
Men	5,582	42.9	13.4	18.1	12.3	9.3	3.7
Women	441	50.1	33.3	4.3	7.0	2.7	1.8
Age							
under 15 years	15	60.0	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 17 years	57	45.6	21.1	22.8	—	—	—
18 to 24 years	572	43.0	14.3	18.0	8.2	13.1	3.1
25 to 44 years	2,670	40.9	15.5	16.9	11.8	10.5	4.1
45 to 64 years	2,140	44.5	14.6	17.1	12.9	6.7	3.5
65 to 74 years	397	49.6	13.6	15.9	14.1	4.5	1.5
75 years and over	162	53.1	8.0	18.5	11.7	3.7	4.3
Race							
White	4,990	45.2	12.3	17.5	12.4	8.5	3.7
Black	626	37.7	23.2	16.1	8.5	10.4	3.4
American Indian or Alaskan native	57	36.8	14.0	24.6	14.0	—	—
Asian	166	21.1	56.0	5.4	9.0	5.4	—
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	25	40.0	44.0	—	—	—	—
Other or not reported	146	34.9	14.4	18.5	13.0	15.8	3.4
Hispanic origin							
Hispanic ⁶	725	36.1	15.6	18.9	16.3	10.1	2.9

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 attacks 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 10 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, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries