

Table 9. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ for three selected nature of injury or illness categories by selected worker and case characteristics, 1997

Characteristic	All natures	Sprains, strains, tears	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Tendonitis
Total:	1,833,380	799,012	29,244	17,961
Sex:				
Men	1,209,097	510,332	8,475	6,848
Women	605,589	280,692	20,584	11,054
Age:				
Under 14	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	284	142	--	--
16 to 19	59,737	20,858	72	357
20 to 24	208,054	85,854	1,135	1,435
25 to 34	532,816	240,999	6,354	5,317
35 to 44	517,842	237,162	10,601	6,081
45 to 54	314,158	138,060	7,345	3,187
55 to 64	134,737	53,482	3,098	1,213
65 and over	22,380	7,137	215	87
Occupation:				
Managerial and professional	98,489	46,798	2,266	1,661
Technical, sales, and administrative support	271,685	127,897	8,757	2,971
Service	315,050	149,210	2,827	2,525
Farming, forestry, and fishing	48,040	15,854	241	192
Precision production, craft, and repair	310,434	118,605	3,571	2,042
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	775,259	336,198	11,450	8,483
Length of service with employer:				
Less than 3 months	236,518	91,553	921	1,707
3 months to 11 months	328,245	140,062	2,899	2,492
1 year to 5 years	581,534	254,937	9,576	6,342
More than 5 years	479,738	214,495	13,349	5,961
Not reported	207,346	97,966	2,499	1,459
Race or ethnic origin:				
White, non-Hispanic	966,289	419,516	18,688	10,528
Black, non-Hispanic	163,823	75,079	2,041	1,742
Hispanic	187,221	69,558	1,428	1,531
Asian or Pacific Islander	30,969	11,730	246	295
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,551	3,197	110	41
Not reported	477,528	219,932	6,732	3,825

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Major industry division				
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	40,514	13,154	232	176
Mining ³	18,069	6,558	81	--
Construction	189,839	70,073	1,062	789
Manufacturing	446,109	170,361	12,183	8,154
Transportation and public utilities ³	220,607	115,203	2,199	786
Wholesale trade	138,180	64,423	1,848	812
Retail trade	313,915	130,065	3,105	3,015
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,699	16,235	2,440	566
Services	423,449	212,941	6,095	3,662
Number of days away from work:				
Cases involving 1 day	304,898	108,403	1,156	1,764
Cases involving 2 days	238,661	104,158	1,282	1,541
Cases involving 3-5 days	373,463	177,931	2,760	3,118
Cases involving 6-10 days	240,339	115,344	2,817	2,507
Cases involving 11-20 days	214,516	98,401	4,772	2,927
Cases involving 21-30 days	121,932	50,765	3,808	1,436
Cases involving 31 or more days	339,572	144,011	12,650	4,669
Median days away from work	5	6	25	11
Part of body affected:				
Head	123,392	782	--	--
Eye	64,909	317	--	--
Neck	32,008	24,264	--	--
Trunk	687,395	489,431	--	3,351
Back	472,091	384,480	--	--
Shoulder	92,763	62,998	--	3,278
Upper extremities	419,519	66,797	29,244	12,805
Finger	154,112	8,909	--	663
Hand, except finger	72,862	4,845	--	1,339
Wrist	92,157	25,603	29,244	4,628
Lower extremities	375,031	167,012	--	1,010
Knee	129,948	75,279	--	497
Foot, toe	90,534	11,294	--	185
Body systems	25,193	--	--	--
Multiple	150,635	49,402	--	576
All other	20,206	1,325	--	182

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Source of injury, illness:				
Chemicals, chemical products	32,229	302	--	--
Containers	267,438	174,556	78	1,229
Furniture, fixtures	64,433	29,074	--	388
Machinery	122,777	28,670	232	381
Parts and materials	207,271	78,965	43	736
Worker motion or position	277,533	176,583	28,763	13,135
Floor, ground surfaces	287,786	111,328	76	364
Handtools	78,107	15,523	--	301
Vehicles	147,808	53,934	--	218
Health care patient	85,896	66,278	--	309
All other	262,102	63,799	--	900
Event or exposure:				
Contact with object, equipment	494,428	50,236	250	723
Struck by object	239,341	20,639	244	352
Struck against object	128,860	20,238	--	287
Caught in object, equipment, material	80,600	6,459	--	56
Fall to lower level	99,882	34,431	47	--
Fall on same level	198,128	70,637	--	326
Slips, trips	57,425	47,752	--	159
Overexertion	507,520	407,932	106	3,300
Overexertion in lifting	297,317	241,981	47	1,493
Repetitive motion	75,188	14,383	28,759	11,246
Exposed to harmful substance	83,441	--	--	--
Transportation accidents	74,134	25,093	--	--
Fires, explosions	3,716	70	--	--
Assault, violent act	27,060	7,138	--	--
by person	21,329	6,863	--	--
by other	5,731	275	--	--
All other	212,460	141,340	--	2,100

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

² Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

³ 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.

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