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Total:	1,537,567	100.0	288,500	100.0	182,641	100.0	155,503	100.0	21,641	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,009,499	65.7	167,788	58.2	88,332	48.4	70,889	45.6	14,299	66.1
Women	516,842	33.6	118,217	41.0	93,094	51.0	83,517	53.7	7,316	33.8
Age:										
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	908	0.1	107	0.0	86	0.0	83	0.1	--	--
16 to 19	44,535	2.9	5,947	2.1	3,787	2.1	3,179	2.0	565	2.6
20 to 24	171,659	11.2	25,504	8.8	15,416	8.4	12,729	8.2	2,205	10.2
25 to 34	389,065	25.3	62,117	21.5	36,530	20.0	30,826	19.8	4,622	21.4
35 to 44	438,445	28.5	77,010	26.7	47,104	25.8	39,536	25.4	6,213	28.7
45 to 54	315,794	20.5	68,315	23.7	43,829	24.0	37,467	24.1	4,733	21.9
55 to 64	135,690	8.8	37,132	12.9	26,820	14.7	23,786	15.3	2,408	11.1
65 and over	24,541	1.6	9,533	3.3	7,120	3.9	6,082	3.9	784	3.6
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	97,797	6.4	24,519	8.5	17,729	9.7	16,296	10.5	1,027	4.7
Technical, sales, and administrative support	237,717	15.5	55,345	19.2	39,238	21.5	34,919	22.5	3,196	14.8
Service	266,346	17.3	60,870	21.1	50,573	27.7	45,047	29.0	4,597	21.2
Farming, forestry, and fishing	44,336	2.9	7,182	2.5	3,590	2.0	2,830	1.8	704	3.3
Precision production, craft, and repair	281,027	18.3	50,752	17.6	21,017	11.5	16,538	10.6	3,397	15.7
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	605,769	39.4	89,141	30.9	50,024	27.4	39,471	25.4	8,652	40.0
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	181,874	11.8	36,670	12.7	21,637	11.8	18,356	11.8	2,509	11.6
3 months to 11 months	283,835	18.5	54,052	18.7	33,122	18.1	28,000	18.0	4,415	20.4
1 year to 5 years	511,471	33.3	92,223	32.0	56,562	31.0	48,033	30.9	6,636	30.7
More than 5 years	378,194	24.6	69,839	24.2	47,237	25.9	40,253	25.9	5,648	26.1
Not reported	182,192	11.8	35,716	12.4	24,083	13.2	20,862	13.4	2,433	11.2
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	765,228	49.8	149,722	51.9	92,089	50.4	77,826	50.0	11,040	51.0
Black, non-Hispanic	133,785	8.7	22,690	7.9	16,150	8.8	14,086	9.1	1,677	7.7
Hispanic	191,959	12.5	34,044	11.8	19,763	10.8	16,866	10.8	2,649	12.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	25,317	1.6	4,479	1.6	3,317	1.8	2,811	1.8	480	2.2
American Indian or Alaskan Native	5,661	0.4	888	0.3	670	0.4	647	0.4	19	0.1
Not reported	415,616	27.0	76,677	26.6	50,652	27.7	43,269	27.8	5,775	26.7

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Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	40,153	2.6	6,579	2.3	3,242	1.8	2,528	1.6	668	3.1
Mining ³	10,582	0.7	1,827	0.6	899	0.5	632	0.4	252	1.2
Construction	185,662	12.1	39,716	13.8	13,780	7.5	10,547	6.8	2,384	11.0
Manufacturing	317,326	20.6	38,391	13.3	25,009	13.7	20,131	12.9	4,072	18.8
Transportation and public utilities ³	199,939	13.0	36,584	12.7	18,544	10.2	14,475	9.3	3,123	14.4
Wholesale trade	111,925	7.3	17,588	6.1	10,219	5.6	8,178	5.3	1,601	7.4
Retail trade	265,700	17.3	57,759	20.0	44,567	24.4	39,909	25.7	3,642	16.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	37,982	2.5	11,407	4.0	7,288	4.0	6,604	4.2	566	2.6
Services	368,299	24.0	78,649	27.3	59,093	32.4	52,498	33.8	5,333	24.6
Public sector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	237,547	15.4	36,487	12.6	25,688	14.1	22,338	14.4	2,680	12.4
Cases involving 2 days	195,958	12.7	33,018	11.4	22,680	12.4	19,035	12.2	2,900	13.4
Cases involving 3-5 days	305,140	19.8	52,205	18.1	33,794	18.5	27,984	18.0	4,790	22.1
Cases involving 6-10 days	193,066	12.6	33,343	11.6	21,144	11.6	18,222	11.7	2,306	10.7
Cases involving 11-20 days	170,772	11.1	33,813	11.7	20,329	11.1	17,045	11.0	2,590	12.0
Cases involving 21-30 days	97,526	6.3	19,511	6.8	12,139	6.6	10,528	6.8	1,149	5.3
Cases involving 31 or more days	337,558	22.0	80,123	27.8	46,868	25.7	40,352	25.9	5,226	24.1
Median days away from work	6		9		7		7		6	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	669,889	43.6	103,772	36.0	63,719	34.9	56,661	36.4	5,136	23.7
Fractures	108,127	7.0	51,510	17.9	28,471	15.6	24,829	16.0	2,807	13.0
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	133,314	8.7	6,919	2.4	5,153	2.8	1,962	1.3	3,070	14.2
Bruises, contusions	136,361	8.9	46,331	16.1	33,025	18.1	26,516	17.1	5,385	24.9
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	180	0.1	160	0.1	--	--
Multiple injuries	53,211	3.5	24,863	8.6	14,868	8.1	12,770	8.2	1,590	7.3
With fractures	10,199	0.7	4,264	1.5	1,738	1.0	1,545	1.0	150	0.7
With sprains	21,959	1.4	12,403	4.3	8,472	4.6	7,426	4.8	739	3.4
Soreness, Pain	109,986	7.2	21,129	7.3	15,025	8.2	13,207	8.5	1,323	6.1
Back pain	42,679	2.8	5,524	1.9	3,663	2.0	3,347	2.2	272	1.3
All other	242,621	15.8	33,650	11.7	22,175	12.1	19,386	12.5	2,299	10.6

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Part of body affected:										
Head	99,523	6.5	12,428	4.3	8,736	4.8	6,285	4.0	2,286	10.6
Eye	44,811	2.9	546	0.2	480	0.3	90	0.1	389	1.8
Neck	27,111	1.8	1,989	0.7	1,230	0.7	1,036	0.7	154	0.7
Trunk	561,603	36.5	79,877	27.7	51,944	28.4	42,473	27.3	7,516	34.7
Back	372,683	24.2	43,851	15.2	27,568	15.1	23,642	15.2	3,019	14.0
Shoulder	88,484	5.8	14,952	5.2	10,276	5.6	8,472	5.4	1,317	6.1
Upper extremities	355,344	23.1	40,423	14.0	27,391	15.0	23,680	15.2	3,198	14.8
Finger	123,523	8.0	3,167	1.1	2,628	1.4	2,119	1.4	476	2.2
Hand, except finger	63,727	4.1	3,502	1.2	2,619	1.4	1,938	1.2	622	2.9
Wrist	78,857	5.1	14,869	5.2	9,742	5.3	9,104	5.9	460	2.1
Lower extremities	322,959	21.0	95,529	33.1	56,295	30.8	49,657	31.9	5,007	23.1
Knee	119,670	7.8	40,202	13.9	28,839	15.8	25,547	16.4	2,436	11.3
Foot, toe	68,117	4.4	10,924	3.8	4,597	2.5	4,113	2.6	372	1.7
Body systems	21,657	1.4	698	0.2	300	0.2	281	0.2	19	0.1
Multiple	139,675	9.1	56,132	19.5	36,024	19.7	31,421	20.2	3,442	15.9
All other	9,695	0.6	1,423	0.5	722	0.4	671	0.4	19	0.1
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	25,125	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	209,078	13.6	4,093	1.4	2,981	1.6	--	--	2,910	13.4
Furniture, fixtures	53,974	3.5	4,325	1.5	3,676	2.0	--	--	3,647	16.9
Machinery	97,634	6.3	3,153	1.1	2,484	1.4	285	0.2	2,043	9.4
Parts and materials	162,475	10.6	4,386	1.5	3,218	1.8	--	--	3,031	14.0
Worker motion or position	245,867	16.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	264,677	17.2	249,962	86.6	158,886	87.0	154,763	99.5	610	2.8
Handtools	68,113	4.4	424	0.1	286	0.2	--	--	269	1.2
Vehicles	128,534	8.4	7,595	2.6	4,492	2.5	222	0.1	4,042	18.7
Health care patient	67,635	4.4	124	0.0	67	0.0	--	--	60	0.3
All other	214,455	13.9	14,429	5.0	6,546	3.6	232	0.1	5,022	23.2

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 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.

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