

Table 17. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ affecting the back by selected worker and case characteristic, 1995

Characteristic	All parts	Back, including spine, spinal cord	Lumbar region	Thoracic region	Sacral region	Coccygeal region	Multiple back regions
Total:	2,040,929	540,047	232,728	18,000	3,360	3,716	18,199
Sex:							
Men	1,355,099	350,100	152,721	10,776	1,841	1,582	10,724
Women	667,166	186,054	77,597	6,905	1,519	2,120	7,407
Age:							
Under 14 years	17	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	77	53	--	--	--	--
16 to 19 years	83,512	18,420	7,689	559	161	394	401
20 to 24 years	265,469	65,690	26,551	2,589	428	350	2,417
25 to 34 years	628,282	175,747	75,802	6,722	994	999	5,076
35 to 44 years	538,757	154,529	67,843	4,841	1,196	830	5,952
45 to 54 years	319,009	80,191	35,075	2,361	477	703	3,156
55 to 64 years	131,327	29,660	13,203	558	70	240	853
65 years and over	18,891	2,871	1,314	57	--	105	106
Occupation:							
Managerial and professional	110,499	31,632	13,884	1,279	114	309	1,859
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	84,603	36,390	2,529	544	746	2,470
Service	362,591	109,648	45,564	3,585	769	1,114	3,960
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	12,774	5,315	262	--	30	426
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	82,238	34,726	2,141	333	279	2,582
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	216,392	95,404	8,073	1,545	1,228	6,827
Length of service with employer:							
Less than 3 months	277,739	62,064	25,206	2,367	323	626	1,516
3 months to 11 months	402,069	104,868	43,099	3,396	649	772	3,137
1 year to 5 years	613,670	171,671	73,712	5,591	1,076	835	5,940
More than 5 years	539,609	146,934	64,342	4,320	963	1,060	5,691
Not reported	207,842	54,511	26,369	2,327	349	424	1,914
Race or ethnic origin:							
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	287,468	123,595	8,855	1,665	1,972	7,793
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	53,535	20,916	1,635	310	382	1,577
Hispanic	191,665	46,553	19,011	1,440	259	176	1,947
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	6,482	3,002	171	--	67	267
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	2,139	907	--	19	42	142
Not reported	545,157	143,872	65,298	5,877	1,085	1,078	6,472

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Major industry division							
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	42,111	10,797	4,325	222	18	33	323
Mining ³	19,778	5,067	2,038	159	31	23	99
Construction	190,591	45,148	17,380	1,044	171	217	1,031
Manufacturing	227,458	122,237	56,592	5,277	1,047	567	4,777
Transportation and public utilities ³	222,897	61,971	25,986	2,233	225	531	1,497
Wholesale trade	159,875	45,052	19,975	1,378	268	189	1,229
Retail trade	355,672	89,707	38,018	2,250	389	954	1,917
Finance, insurance, and real estate	47,238	11,038	4,691	271	58	84	393
Services	475,308	149,030	63,724	5,167	1,152	1,118	6,932
Number of days away from work:							
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	69,388	28,915	3,329	452	580	2,223
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	73,418	31,248	2,796	632	478	2,369
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	126,568	55,205	4,406	790	631	4,673
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	81,824	35,535	2,880	568	468	2,554
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	62,770	28,132	1,526	387	503	2,125
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	30,294	13,183	921	108	499	886
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	95,785	40,510	2,144	422	558	3,369
Median days away from work	5	6	6	4	4	7	5
Nature of injury, illness:							
Sprains, strains	876,792	436,681	190,132	14,099	2,554	736	13,693
Fractures	124,601	2,419	481	99	46	724	14
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	278	56	19	--	--	--
Bruises, contusions	192,147	12,659	4,347	640	113	1,538	621
Heat burns	36,119	111	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	13,861	33	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	11,308	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	22,072	--	--	--	--	--	--
Multiple injuries	61,709	2,351	911	67	--	--	338
With fractures	11,438	--	--	--	--	--	--
With sprains	22,888	2,043	827	49	--	--	314
Soreness, Pain	134,498	58,983	26,475	2,218	391	297	1,465
Back pain	58,985	58,983	26,475	2,218	391	297	1,465
All other	358,628	26,533	10,314	846	251	409	2,059

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Source of injury, illness:							
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	368	173	--	--	--	--
Containers	287,175	136,781	62,354	4,537	931	344	3,253
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	23,629	9,972	693	226	131	680
Machinery	143,226	21,817	10,019	693	123	97	500
Parts and materials	227,042	59,870	26,009	2,196	377	35	1,921
Worker motion or position	300,987	93,569	42,037	2,913	468	130	3,140
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	59,633	20,950	1,161	330	2,702	2,472
Handtools	91,853	10,364	4,487	429	71	--	277
Vehicles	158,197	29,710	11,971	1,256	91	73	1,197
Health care patient	97,564	55,511	24,544	2,277	424	31	3,419
All other	303,404	48,796	20,212	1,845	316	172	1,338
Event or exposure:							
Contact with object, equipment	562,187	17,048	6,582	1,183	108	226	526
Struck by object	270,369	8,675	2,717	857	76	36	265
Struck against object	143,459	4,910	2,260	157	--	183	88
Caught in object, equipment, material	95,043	988	351	53	--	--	69
Fall to lower level	104,801	16,544	5,235	361	43	697	841
Fall on same level	224,244	45,323	15,852	948	341	2,173	1,785
Slips, trips	59,647	17,151	7,155	526	82	39	622
Overexertion	559,938	337,512	150,971	11,334	2,300	388	10,462
Overexertion in lifting	334,843	217,806	96,655	6,146	1,356	266	6,305
Repetitive motion	82,625	5,732	2,496	325	51	--	121
Exposed to harmful substance	103,541	256	18	45	--	--	--
Transportation accidents	73,841	11,648	3,615	492	30	20	782
Fires, explosions	4,250	266	16	--	--	--	--
Assault, violent act	29,024	1,968	823	168	--	--	94
by person	22,956	1,866	807	168	--	--	94
by other	6,069	102	16	--	--	--	--
All other	236,831	86,599	39,966	2,616	396	167	2,954

¹ Days away from work cases 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 1995 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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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