

TABLE A-6. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics and event or exposure, 1998

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	6,026	43.6	15.9	15.6	11.6	9.5	3.4
Employee status							
Wage and salary workers ⁴	4,782	44.5	14.5	15.0	12.1	9.9	3.7
Self-employed ⁵	1,244	40.5	21.3	17.8	9.9	7.9	2.4
Sex							
Men	5,544	43.6	14.1	16.5	12.2	9.9	3.5
Women	482	44.4	36.7	5.8	5.6	4.8	2.3
Age							
under 15 years	25	72.0	16.0	—	—	—	—
15 to 24 years	594	44.4	13.3	15.5	10.8	11.8	4.2
25 to 44 years	2,754	40.6	17.7	14.8	10.5	11.9	4.2
45 to 64 years	2,106	45.5	15.0	16.3	12.9	7.4	2.5
65 to 74 years	365	49.6	14.5	17.3	13.4	3.3	1.9
75 years and over	169	49.7	11.8	18.9	15.4	2.4	1.8
Race							
White	5,016	45.3	13.9	15.9	11.6	9.5	3.5
Black	591	36.9	24.0	17.1	8.5	10.5	2.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	148	26.4	50.7	3.4	14.2	2.0	2.7
American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo	28	39.3	17.9	21.4	—	14.3	—
Other	243	36.2	17.3	12.8	18.5	10.7	3.3
Hispanic origin							
Hispanic ⁶	700	32.0	16.4	16.3	17.3	13.1	4.6

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 assaults 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 13 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, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries