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Characteristic	All Events		Falls		Fall to lower level		Jump to lower level		Fall on same level	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,730,534	100.0	292,090	100.0	95,460	100.0	8,188	100.0	184,682	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,147,388	66.3	173,595	59.4	72,024	75.4	7,394	90.3	91,181	49.4
Women	571,341	33.0	116,236	39.8	21,846	22.9	770	9.4	92,877	50.3
Age:										
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	276	0.0	120	0.0	--	--	--	--	92	0.0
16 to 19	60,415	3.5	8,985	3.1	2,720	2.8	141	1.7	6,036	3.3
20 to 24	200,225	11.6	27,786	9.5	9,533	10.0	813	9.9	17,080	9.2
25 to 34	487,214	28.2	71,334	24.4	25,707	26.9	2,638	32.2	41,692	22.6
35 to 44	488,819	28.2	76,355	26.1	26,136	27.4	2,287	27.9	47,017	25.5
45 to 54	311,745	18.0	62,413	21.4	18,429	19.3	1,672	20.4	41,612	22.5
55 to 64	131,717	7.6	33,583	11.5	10,405	10.9	427	5.2	22,477	12.2
65 and over	21,104	1.2	7,583	2.6	1,407	1.5	58	0.7	6,074	3.3
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	98,941	5.7	21,329	7.3	4,482	4.7	234	2.9	16,498	8.9
Technical, sales, and administrative support	251,056	14.5	53,087	18.2	14,703	15.4	694	8.5	37,332	20.2
Service	297,491	17.2	62,485	21.4	11,117	11.6	277	3.4	50,678	27.4
Farming, forestry, and fishing	47,015	2.7	7,434	2.5	3,544	3.7	243	3.0	3,503	1.9
Precision production, craft, and repair	293,470	17.0	48,448	16.6	24,571	25.7	2,093	25.6	20,569	11.1
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	729,025	42.1	97,908	33.5	36,604	38.3	4,611	56.3	55,232	29.9
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	221,317	12.8	41,846	14.3	14,681	15.4	1,126	13.8	25,556	13.8
3 months to 11 months	317,226	18.3	54,997	18.8	17,654	18.5	1,696	20.7	34,828	18.9
1 year to 5 years	547,496	31.6	87,950	30.1	29,829	31.2	2,531	30.9	54,722	29.6
More than 5 years	444,508	25.7	75,760	25.9	23,415	24.5	1,833	22.4	49,362	26.7
Not reported	199,986	11.6	31,537	10.8	9,882	10.4	1,001	12.2	20,214	10.9
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	882,428	51.0	152,916	52.4	51,763	54.2	5,066	61.9	94,556	51.2
Black, non-Hispanic	157,435	9.1	25,278	8.7	7,267	7.6	583	7.1	17,063	9.2
Hispanic	179,399	10.4	31,417	10.8	11,717	12.3	597	7.3	18,653	10.1
Asian or Pacific Islander	26,782	1.5	3,919	1.3	956	1.0	--	--	2,932	1.6
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,431	0.4	1,758	0.6	641	0.7	--	--	1,093	0.6
Not reported	477,059	27.6	76,802	26.3	23,116	24.2	1,898	23.2	50,386	27.3

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Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	41,741	2.4	7,081	2.4	3,121	3.3	263	3.2	3,585	1.9
Mining ³	13,734	0.8	2,422	0.8	1,189	1.2	26	0.3	1,208	0.7
Construction	178,341	10.3	36,699	12.6	21,081	22.1	1,953	23.9	12,318	6.7
Manufacturing	429,634	24.8	48,783	16.7	14,798	15.5	1,698	20.7	31,618	17.1
Transportation and public utilities ³	200,387	11.6	33,873	11.6	14,630	15.3	1,690	20.6	16,953	9.2
Wholesale trade	135,205	7.8	18,546	6.3	6,871	7.2	989	12.1	10,482	5.7
Retail trade	294,423	17.0	61,571	21.1	12,842	13.5	773	9.4	47,665	25.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	35,942	2.1	8,868	3.0	2,897	3.0	97	1.2	5,843	3.2
Services	401,128	23.2	74,248	25.4	18,030	18.9	699	8.5	55,010	29.8
Public sector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	289,473	16.7	39,102	13.4	11,084	11.6	932	11.4	26,459	14.3
Cases involving 2 days	231,728	13.4	34,857	11.9	9,983	10.5	922	11.3	23,588	12.8
Cases involving 3-5 days	349,120	20.2	54,373	18.6	16,205	17.0	1,496	18.3	35,858	19.4
Cases involving 6-10 days	223,600	12.9	36,772	12.6	12,494	13.1	1,189	14.5	22,615	12.2
Cases involving 11-20 days	194,485	11.2	32,427	11.1	10,755	11.3	996	12.2	20,391	11.0
Cases involving 21-30 days	111,223	6.4	21,207	7.3	6,864	7.2	598	7.3	13,551	7.3
Cases involving 31 or more days	330,905	19.1	73,353	25.1	28,075	29.4	2,057	25.1	42,220	22.9
Median days away from work	5		8		10		8		7	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	760,024	43.9	106,622	36.5	34,305	35.9	4,667	57.0	66,348	35.9
Fractures	115,438	6.7	51,326	17.6	19,702	20.6	1,302	15.9	29,586	16.0
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	160,788	9.3	8,029	2.7	2,344	2.5	--	--	5,583	3.0
Bruises, contusions	153,108	8.8	48,981	16.8	13,521	14.2	468	5.7	34,413	18.6
Heat burns	28,359	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	11,695	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	10,243	0.6	46	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	26,266	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	16,900	1.0	327	0.1	--	--	--	--	282	0.2
Multiple injuries	57,626	3.3	25,866	8.9	9,577	10.0	147	1.8	15,811	8.6
With fractures	11,141	0.6	4,027	1.4	2,301	2.4	66	0.8	1,655	0.9
With sprains	21,386	1.2	12,182	4.2	3,339	3.5	50	0.6	8,694	4.7
Soreness, Pain	101,599	5.9	18,476	6.3	4,996	5.2	986	12.0	12,112	6.6
Back pain	42,353	2.4	4,892	1.7	1,467	1.5	155	1.9	3,221	1.7
All other	288,489	16.7	32,412	11.1	10,971	11.5	564	6.9	20,520	11.1

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Part of body affected:										
Head	117,528	6.8	12,276	4.2	3,493	3.7	--	--	8,651	4.7
Eye	58,526	3.4	326	0.1	61	0.1	--	--	259	0.1
Neck	29,874	1.7	2,084	0.7	769	0.8	40	0.5	1,272	0.7
Trunk	645,074	37.3	85,150	29.2	28,755	30.1	1,781	21.8	53,775	29.1
Back	440,160	25.4	49,836	17.1	17,339	18.2	1,280	15.6	30,780	16.7
Shoulder	89,337	5.2	14,873	5.1	5,158	5.4	81	1.0	9,482	5.1
Upper extremities	400,797	23.2	40,832	14.0	11,974	12.5	277	3.4	28,017	15.2
Finger	147,544	8.5	3,007	1.0	566	0.6	--	--	2,399	1.3
Hand, except finger	73,827	4.3	5,457	1.9	1,438	1.5	--	--	3,802	2.1
Wrist	84,471	4.9	15,376	5.3	4,738	5.0	81	1.0	10,346	5.6
Lower extremities	355,196	20.5	96,970	33.2	30,274	31.7	5,678	69.3	59,396	32.2
Knee	122,293	7.1	41,695	14.3	9,317	9.8	1,729	21.1	30,232	16.4
Foot, toe	84,292	4.9	10,602	3.6	4,175	4.4	1,243	15.2	5,016	2.7
Body systems	22,296	1.3	143	0.0	18	0.0	--	--	125	0.1
Multiple	142,532	8.2	52,970	18.1	19,528	20.5	396	4.8	32,465	17.6
All other	17,238	1.0	1,665	0.6	650	0.7	--	--	982	0.5
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	28,797	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	253,040	14.6	4,961	1.7	722	0.8	78	1.0	4,097	2.2
Furniture, fixtures	61,527	3.6	4,618	1.6	619	0.6	--	--	3,885	2.1
Machinery	118,020	6.8	3,327	1.1	505	0.5	50	0.6	2,660	1.4
Parts and materials	199,400	11.5	4,578	1.6	1,068	1.1	185	2.3	3,015	1.6
Worker motion or position	262,690	15.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	268,749	15.5	256,111	87.7	85,312	89.4	7,160	87.4	161,526	87.5
Handtools	80,604	4.7	459	0.2	70	0.1	--	--	388	0.2
Vehicles	135,867	7.9	7,110	2.4	2,507	2.6	373	4.6	4,093	2.2
Health care patient	80,413	4.6	86	0.0	--	--	48	0.6	--	--
All other	241,427	14.0	10,833	3.7	4,640	4.9	265	3.2	4,991	2.7

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 1998 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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