

Table 5. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ involving assaults and violent acts by person(s) by selected worker and case characteristic, 1996

Characteristic	All events	Assaults and violent acts	Assaults and violent acts by person(s)	Biting	Hitting, kicking, beating	Shooting	Squeezing, pinching, scratching, twisting
Total:	1,880,525	24,241	18,538	599	8,643	557	1,214
Sex:							
Men	1,240,018	9,811	6,459	97	2,899	367	169
Women	620,508	14,187	11,853	500	5,726	183	1,045
Age:							
Under 14 years	34	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	1,476	--	--	--	--	--	--
16 to 19 years	73,817	733	488	--	263	--	--
20 to 24 years	231,273	4,997	4,211	54	1,907	177	140
25 to 34 years	559,893	7,924	5,464	196	2,856	197	315
35 to 44 years	511,689	5,197	3,884	200	1,679	--	251
45 to 54 years	304,382	3,697	3,173	136	1,378	142	252
55 to 64 years	126,494	971	774	--	409	--	56
65 years and over	17,664	125	113	--	64	--	--
Occupation:							
Managerial and professional	106,760	4,335	3,968	273	1,859	222	104
Technical, sales, and administrative support	274,001	3,660	2,801	16	1,483	44	94
Service	332,461	10,348	9,638	288	4,530	40	955
Farming, forestry, and fishing	45,118	1,721	80	--	34	--	--
Precision production, craft, and repair	309,027	954	389	--	185	--	--
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	797,581	3,174	1,628	--	538	224	48
Length of service with employer:							
Less than 3 months	235,382	2,994	2,288	134	1,033	--	121
3 months to 11 months	342,944	5,286	3,849	103	2,000	42	301
1 year to 5 years	587,787	8,585	6,512	105	3,129	295	395
More than 5 years	506,341	5,103	4,126	227	1,758	179	280
Not reported	208,072	2,275	1,764	--	724	--	117
Race or ethnic origin:							
White, non-Hispanic	1,001,424	13,173	9,747	381	4,629	468	614
Black, non-Hispanic	165,700	3,169	2,821	92	1,321	--	211
Hispanic	169,300	1,632	955	--	564	--	34
Asian or Pacific Islander	27,010	546	522	--	121	--	75
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,316	154	149	--	38	--	--
Not reported	509,775	5,567	4,344	83	1,971	56	280

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Major industry division							
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	38,256	2,080	73	--	--	--	--
Mining ³	15,091	11	6	--	6	--	--
Construction	182,334	434	201	--	75	--	--
Manufacturing	462,239	953	499	--	239	14	30
Transportation and public utilities ^{3,4}	224,030	1,899	725	--	314	--	--
Wholesale trade	144,698	372	155	--	--	--	--
Retail trade	322,046	3,575	3,264	--	1,466	262	--
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,785	622	541	28	162	153	15
Services	449,047	14,295	13,075	545	6,293	99	1,138
Number of days away from work:							
Cases involving 1 day	313,907	4,618	3,154	326	1,509	1	270
Cases involving 2 days	245,510	4,046	3,187	67	1,563	0	330
Cases involving 3-5 days	388,010	6,035	4,485	151	2,182	6	244
Cases involving 6-10 days	248,389	2,268	1,804	0	891	23	193
Cases involving 11-20 days	219,888	3,301	2,452	38	927	201	63
Cases involving 21-30 days	117,529	1,118	892	5	285	155	18
Cases involving 31 or more days	347,292	2,856	2,565	12	1,286	172	96
Median days away from work	5	4	5	1	4	27	3
Nature of injury, illness:							
Sprains, strains	819,658	4,892	4,702	75	1,273	--	874
Fractures	120,497	1,436	1,147	--	830	--	15
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	156,418	1,410	733	119	372	--	--
Bruises, contusions	174,862	4,869	4,374	42	3,192	--	93
Heat burns	29,049	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	11,578	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	10,167	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	29,937	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	17,416	44	44	--	--	--	39
Multiple injuries	60,277	1,916	1,778	--	477	17	18
With fractures	11,542	146	131	--	99	--	--
With sprains	20,564	386	300	--	113	--	--
Soreness, Pain	125,588	1,218	1,189	--	709	--	76
Back pain	52,047	233	227	--	159	--	--
All other	325,080	8,393	4,531	360	1,788	538	80

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Part of body affected:							
Head	123,977	4,577	4,096	--	2,724	114	--
Eye	66,032	570	489	--	340	--	--
Neck	34,510	907	848	--	532	--	65
Trunk	715,562	5,271	4,773	--	2,750	52	203
Back	490,608	1,975	1,876	--	724	--	141
Shoulder	96,512	1,105	972	--	568	--	--
Upper extremities	425,649	5,740	3,331	499	882	--	828
Finger	152,585	1,347	812	124	263	--	212
Hand, except finger	75,610	1,432	421	104	160	--	71
Wrist	94,954	1,430	1,192	128	196	--	420
Lower extremities	375,538	2,791	1,371	--	643	186	34
Knee	127,623	638	473	--	245	--	--
Foot, toe	91,731	199	130	--	61	--	--
Body systems	26,800	731	641	--	--	--	--
Multiple	161,016	3,927	3,383	82	1,074	167	69
All other	17,474	298	97	--	18	--	--
Source of injury, illness:							
Chemicals, chemical products	34,904	42	38	--	--	--	--
Containers	272,851	155	145	--	114	--	--
Furniture, fixtures	68,602	89	89	--	56	--	--
Machinery	123,203	38	38	--	--	--	--
Parts and materials	208,917	71	69	--	40	--	--
Worker motion or position	272,992	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	304,484	333	323	--	254	--	--
Handtools	81,080	328	321	--	58	--	--
Vehicles	151,009	75	75	--	37	--	--
Health care patient	86,661	8,918	8,903	447	4,411	--	1,108
All other	275,822	14,194	8,538	152	3,641	557	104

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.

⁴ In 1996, air courier operations previously classified in Industry Groups 421, 422, 423, 452, 473, and 478 were reclassified to Industry Group 451. As a result, the 1996 estimates for these SIC's and Major Industry Groups 42, 45, and 47 are not comparable to those for prior years. In addition, the 1996 estimates for transportation and public utilities may have more variability than those for prior years.

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 1996 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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