

*The majority of seriously injured or ill workers in 2004 were 25 to 54 years of age.*

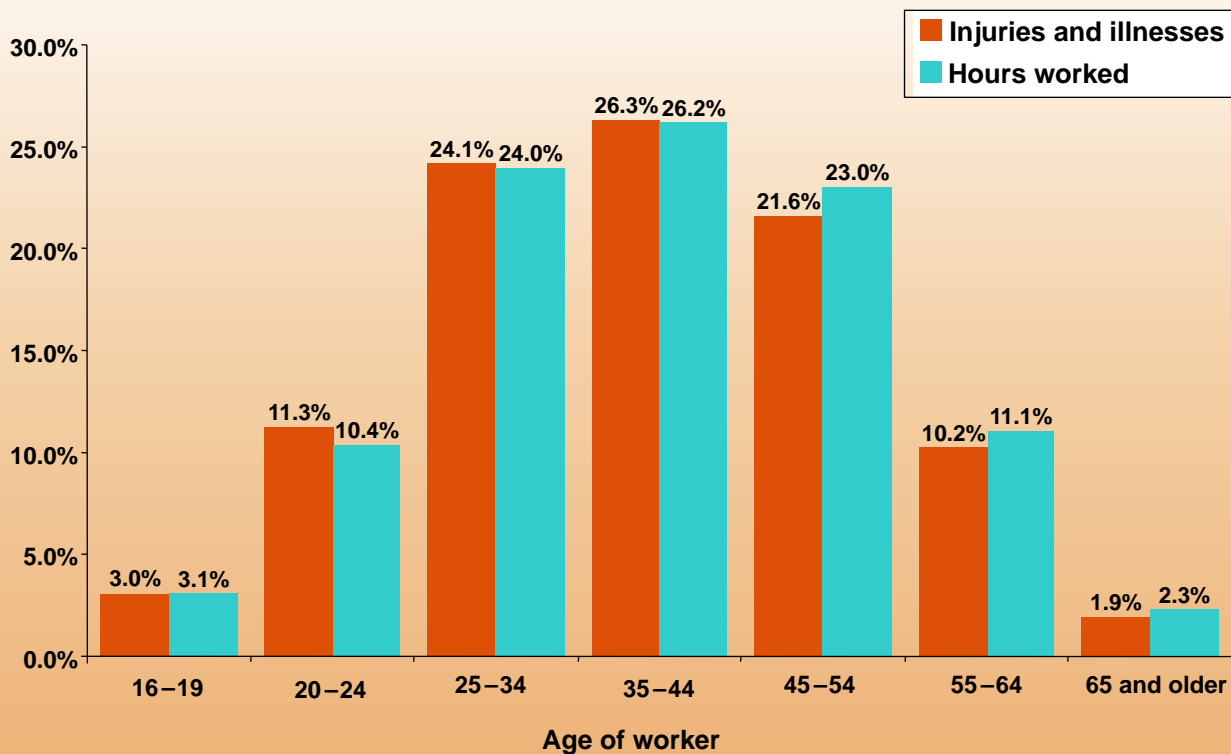
Workers 20 to 44 years had a slightly higher share of injuries and illnesses in 2004, while workers 45 years and older had a somewhat lower share, than each of their hours-worked shares suggests.

Workers aged 65 years and older accounted for less than 2 percent of all injuries and illnesses. About 84 percent of the cases among older workers occurred in the service-providing industries.

The upper extremities were the part of body most often affected by work incidents among employees aged 16 to 19 years. For each of the other age groups, it was the trunk, including the back and shoulders.



# Nonfatal injuries and illnesses with days away from work and hours worked, by age of worker, 2004



1,259,320 injuries and illnesses  
with days away from work

Hours worked  
(Current Population Survey, Private  
Wage and Salary Workers)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2005