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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:	1,880,525	100.0	330,913	100.0	98,544	100.0	7,585	100.0	219,416	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,240,018	65.9	197,496	59.7	77,609	78.8	7,042	92.8	109,038	49.7
Women	620,508	33.0	131,751	39.8	20,329	20.6	505	6.7	109,365	49.8
Age:										
Under 14 years	34	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	1,476	0.1	939	0.3	176	0.2	--	--	762	0.3
16 to 19 years	73,817	3.9	10,929	3.3	2,504	2.5	180	2.4	8,150	3.7
20 to 24 years	231,273	12.3	30,995	9.4	10,415	10.6	1,323	17.4	18,641	8.5
25 to 34 years	559,893	29.8	83,653	25.3	26,425	26.8	2,704	35.6	53,155	24.2
35 to 44 years	511,689	27.2	87,146	26.3	27,393	27.8	1,955	25.8	56,660	25.8
45 to 54 years	304,382	16.2	66,666	20.1	17,814	18.1	1,035	13.6	46,629	21.3
55 to 64 years	126,494	6.7	35,695	10.8	9,258	9.4	129	1.7	25,606	11.7
65 years and over	17,664	0.9	6,991	2.1	1,494	1.5	95	1.3	5,319	2.4
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	106,760	5.7	26,827	8.1	6,121	6.2	309	4.1	20,110	9.2
Technical, sales, and administrative support	274,001	14.6	57,371	17.3	13,029	13.2	723	9.5	42,709	19.5
Service	332,461	17.7	71,287	21.5	9,974	10.1	336	4.4	60,434	27.5
Farming, forestry, and fishing	45,118	2.4	8,628	2.6	3,526	3.6	288	3.8	4,616	2.1
Precision production, craft, and repair	309,027	16.4	52,113	15.7	25,780	26.2	1,530	20.2	24,118	11.0
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	797,581	42.4	113,134	34.2	39,748	40.3	4,249	56.0	66,426	30.3
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	235,382	12.5	43,729	13.2	14,651	14.9	1,068	14.1	27,479	12.5
3 months to 11 months	342,944	18.2	58,148	17.6	17,302	17.6	1,326	17.5	38,833	17.7
1 year to 5 years	587,787	31.3	102,489	31.0	30,547	31.0	2,451	32.3	67,553	30.8
More than 5 years	506,341	26.9	91,269	27.6	25,548	25.9	2,052	27.1	62,102	28.3
Not reported	208,072	11.1	35,278	10.7	10,497	10.7	689	9.1	23,450	10.7
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	1,001,424	53.3	175,993	53.2	53,201	54.0	4,528	59.7	116,093	52.9
Black, non-Hispanic	165,700	8.8	29,507	8.9	7,623	7.7	559	7.4	21,070	9.6
Hispanic	169,300	9.0	29,912	9.0	9,767	9.9	835	11.0	18,039	8.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	27,010	1.4	3,966	1.2	1,159	1.2	56	0.7	2,660	1.2
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,316	0.4	1,435	0.4	307	0.3	--	--	1,114	0.5
Not reported	509,775	27.1	90,101	27.2	26,487	26.9	1,593	21.0	60,442	27.5

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Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	38,256	2.0	6,981	2.1	2,890	2.9	299	3.9	3,566	1.6
Mining ³	15,091	0.8	2,676	0.8	1,510	1.5	20	0.3	1,143	0.5
Construction	182,334	9.7	38,200	11.5	21,382	21.7	1,508	19.9	14,551	6.6
Manufacturing	462,239	24.6	55,026	16.6	14,579	14.8	1,854	24.4	37,608	17.1
Transportation and public utilities ^{3,4}	224,030	11.9	42,970	13.0	17,096	17.3	1,124	14.8	24,073	11.0
Wholesale trade	144,698	7.7	20,849	6.3	7,856	8.0	1,111	14.6	11,602	5.3
Retail trade	322,046	17.1	66,134	20.0	11,746	11.9	945	12.5	52,153	23.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,785	2.3	11,888	3.6	3,628	3.7	103	1.4	8,066	3.7
Services	449,047	23.9	86,191	26.0	17,858	18.1	620	8.2	66,655	30.4
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	313,907	16.7	45,874	13.9	11,500	11.7	763	10.1	32,805	15.0
Cases involving 2 days	245,510	13.1	39,323	11.9	11,286	11.5	1,050	13.8	26,494	12.1
Cases involving 3-5 days	388,010	20.6	61,773	18.7	16,636	16.9	1,228	16.2	43,104	19.6
Cases involving 6-10 days	248,389	13.2	43,257	13.1	11,988	12.2	989	13.0	29,298	13.4
Cases involving 11-20 days	219,888	11.7	40,592	12.3	12,587	12.8	606	8.0	26,478	12.1
Cases involving 21-30 days	117,529	6.2	22,629	6.8	6,930	7.0	399	5.3	15,039	6.9
Cases involving 31 or more days	347,292	18.5	77,466	23.4	27,617	28.0	2,551	33.6	46,199	21.1
Median days away from work	5		7		10		9		7	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	819,658	43.6	120,030	36.3	34,940	35.5	4,224	55.7	79,296	36.1
Fractures	120,497	6.4	54,115	16.4	20,784	21.1	1,393	18.4	31,288	14.3
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	156,418	8.3	9,111	2.8	1,929	2.0	108	1.4	6,893	3.1
Bruises, contusions	174,862	9.3	58,210	17.6	14,008	14.2	495	6.5	42,542	19.4
Heat burns	29,049	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	11,578	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	10,167	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	29,937	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	17,416	0.9	277	0.1	57	0.1	--	--	196	0.1
Multiple injuries	60,277	3.2	26,098	7.9	8,964	9.1	208	2.7	16,643	7.6
With fractures	11,542	0.6	5,036	1.5	2,144	2.2	94	1.2	2,754	1.3
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Soreness, Pain	125,588	6.7	25,192	7.6	6,787	6.9	561	7.4	17,324	7.9
Back pain	52,047	2.8	8,366	2.5	2,292	2.3	405	5.3	5,427	2.5
All other	325,080	17.3	37,861	11.4	11,075	11.2	573	7.6	25,219	11.5

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Part of body affected:										
Head	123,977	6.6	10,774	3.3	2,751	2.8	18	0.2	7,887	3.6
Eye	66,032	3.5	400	0.1	--	--	--	--	384	0.2
Neck	34,510	1.8	3,060	0.9	742	0.8	122	1.6	2,164	1.0
Trunk	715,562	38.1	103,043	31.1	27,502	27.9	1,613	21.3	72,147	32.9
Back	490,608	26.1	59,728	18.0	16,011	16.2	1,342	17.7	41,706	19.0
Shoulder	96,512	5.1	16,712	5.1	5,149	5.2	72	0.9	11,041	5.0
Upper extremities	425,649	22.6	44,810	13.5	11,932	12.1	300	4.0	31,941	14.6
Finger	152,585	8.1	3,484	1.1	884	0.9	--	--	2,510	1.1
Hand, except finger	75,610	4.0	4,956	1.5	948	1.0	79	--	3,834	1.7
Wrist	94,954	5.0	16,397	5.0	5,009	5.1	109	1.4	11,066	5.0
Lower extremities	375,538	20.0	109,470	33.1	36,306	36.8	5,176	68.2	66,392	30.3
Knee	127,623	6.8	47,162	14.3	11,246	11.4	1,655	21.8	33,776	15.4
Foot, toe	91,731	4.9	13,498	4.1	6,208	6.3	1,038	13.7	6,113	2.8
Body systems	26,800	1.4	265	0.1	--	--	--	--	229	0.1
Multiple	161,016	8.6	58,035	17.5	18,887	19.2	310	4.1	37,675	17.2
All other	17,474	0.9	1,457	0.4	402	0.4	47	0.6	981	0.4
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	34,904	1.9	16	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	272,851	14.5	5,294	1.6	549	0.6	163	2.1	4,417	2.0
Furniture, fixtures	68,602	3.6	6,287	1.9	455	0.5	55	0.7	5,701	2.6
Machinery	123,203	6.6	3,950	1.2	807	0.8	172	2.3	2,872	1.3
Parts and materials	208,917	11.1	5,356	1.6	735	0.7	174	2.3	4,340	2.0
Worker motion or position	272,992	14.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	304,484	16.2	287,062	86.7	87,413	88.7	6,173	81.4	189,726	86.5
Handtools	81,080	4.3	359	0.1	50	0.1	--	--	303	0.1
Vehicles	151,009	8.0	8,168	2.5	2,975	3.0	453	6.0	4,623	2.1
Health care patient	86,661	4.6	134	0.0	--	--	--	--	46	0.0
All other	275,822	14.7	14,288	4.3	5,555	5.6	395	5.2	7,378	3.4

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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