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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:	1,702,470	100.0	297,499	100.0	93,881	100.0	7,852	100.0	190,701	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,129,243	66.3	178,503	60.0	70,911	75.5	7,322	93.3	95,997	50.3
Women	558,127	32.8	116,970	39.3	21,669	23.1	502	6.4	94,016	49.3
Age:										
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	866	0.1	468	0.2	392	0.4	--	--	76	0.0
16 to 19	58,206	3.4	9,402	3.2	1,957	2.1	249	3.2	6,920	3.6
20 to 24	197,841	11.6	30,102	10.1	9,127	9.7	1,096	14.0	19,102	10.0
25 to 34	457,555	26.9	66,161	22.2	22,638	24.1	2,086	26.6	40,589	21.3
35 to 44	483,545	28.4	80,665	27.1	27,744	29.6	2,717	34.6	49,002	25.7
45 to 54	310,502	18.2	59,268	19.9	18,618	19.8	1,271	16.2	38,246	20.1
55 to 64	138,391	8.1	36,071	12.1	10,147	10.8	318	4.0	24,933	13.1
65 and over	22,538	1.3	9,091	3.1	1,679	1.8	78	1.0	7,272	3.8
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	94,671	5.6	22,439	7.5	5,051	5.4	266	3.4	16,850	8.8
Technical, sales, and administrative support	249,426	14.7	51,073	17.2	12,931	13.8	629	8.0	36,752	19.3
Service	289,479	17.0	62,389	21.0	10,397	11.1	243	3.1	51,339	26.9
Farming, forestry, and fishing	42,899	2.5	7,110	2.4	3,013	3.2	196	2.5	3,661	1.9
Precision production, craft, and repair	297,965	17.5	50,361	16.9	25,310	27.0	1,880	23.9	21,952	11.5
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	719,728	42.3	102,864	34.6	36,639	39.0	4,634	59.0	59,445	31.2
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	229,969	13.5	42,681	14.3	15,073	16.1	1,143	14.6	25,724	13.5
3 months to 11 months	308,348	18.1	53,355	17.9	16,512	17.6	1,505	19.2	34,137	17.9
1 year to 5 years	549,718	32.3	93,678	31.5	30,995	33.0	2,981	38.0	58,499	30.7
More than 5 years	413,776	24.3	73,735	24.8	21,448	22.8	1,543	19.7	49,459	25.9
Not reported	200,660	11.8	34,050	11.4	9,853	10.5	680	8.7	22,882	12.0
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	859,591	50.5	151,044	50.8	48,480	51.6	4,356	55.5	95,898	50.3
Black, non-Hispanic	155,149	9.1	27,395	9.2	8,061	8.6	278	3.5	18,210	9.5
Hispanic	182,896	10.7	33,286	11.2	12,045	12.8	1,314	16.7	19,450	10.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	25,328	1.5	4,849	1.6	1,159	1.2	68	0.9	3,598	1.9
American Indian or Alaskan Native	6,812	0.4	1,101	0.4	371	0.4	--	--	664	0.3
Not reported	472,693	27.8	79,825	26.8	23,766	25.3	1,804	23.0	52,880	27.7

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing <sup>2</sup>	34,941	2.1	5,901	2.0	2,649	2.8	188	2.4	2,885	1.5
Mining <sup>3</sup>	11,318	0.7	2,108	0.7	1,081	1.2	97	1.2	897	0.5
Construction	193,765	11.4	40,061	13.5	22,381	23.8	2,266	28.9	13,774	7.2
Manufacturing	403,568	23.7	47,579	16.0	13,217	14.1	1,382	17.6	32,121	16.8
Transportation and public utilities <sup>3</sup>	196,725	11.6	34,141	11.5	13,458	14.3	1,580	20.1	18,518	9.7
Wholesale trade	136,110	8.0	21,811	7.3	8,521	9.1	849	10.8	12,160	6.4
Retail trade	291,648	17.1	60,892	20.5	12,453	13.3	577	7.3	47,343	24.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	39,472	2.3	9,397	3.2	2,611	2.8	151	1.9	6,590	3.5
Services	394,922	23.2	75,609	25.4	17,510	18.7	763	9.7	56,412	29.6
Public sector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	272,605	16.0	39,085	13.1	10,279	10.9	956	12.2	27,194	14.3
Cases involving 2 days	219,191	12.9	33,706	11.3	9,894	10.5	1,007	12.8	21,941	11.5
Cases involving 3-5 days	348,806	20.5	58,686	19.7	15,975	17.0	1,581	20.1	40,227	21.1
Cases involving 6-10 days	226,406	13.3	36,701	12.3	11,186	11.9	1,066	13.6	23,804	12.5
Cases involving 11-20 days	193,564	11.4	33,638	11.3	10,833	11.5	852	10.9	21,466	11.3
Cases involving 21-30 days	107,415	6.3	19,955	6.7	7,353	7.8	409	5.2	11,908	6.2
Cases involving 31 or more days	334,483	19.6	75,728	25.5	28,361	30.2	1,981	25.2	44,160	23.2
Median days away from work	6		7		10		7		6	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	739,742	43.5	107,658	36.2	31,281	33.3	4,713	60.0	69,636	36.5
Fractures	113,734	6.7	52,168	17.5	21,263	22.6	961	12.2	29,021	15.2
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	153,762	9.0	10,223	3.4	2,350	2.5	70	--	7,646	4.0
Bruises, contusions	155,965	9.2	50,500	17.0	14,655	15.6	592	7.5	34,766	18.2
Heat burns	27,108	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	11,614	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	9,985	0.6	42	0.0	37	0.0	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	27,922	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	16,582	1.0	387	0.1	--	--	--	--	349	0.2
Multiple injuries	59,343	3.5	24,765	8.3	9,312	9.9	193	2.5	15,002	7.9
With fractures	10,965	0.6	4,450	1.5	2,428	2.6	67	0.9	1,950	1.0
With sprains	22,407	1.3	12,676	4.3	3,863	4.1	66	0.8	8,649	4.5
Soreness, Pain	109,257	6.4	18,320	6.2	4,910	5.2	489	6.2	12,525	6.6
Back pain	43,198	2.5	5,953	2.0	1,844	2.0	43	0.5	3,936	2.1
All other	277,455	16.3	33,432	11.2	10,038	10.7	831	10.6	21,750	11.4

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Part of body affected:										
Head	107,696	6.3	11,852	4.0	3,337	3.6	108	1.4	8,252	4.3
Eye	53,096	3.1	291	0.1	--	--	--	--	256	0.1
Neck	30,889	1.8	3,309	1.1	1,122	1.2	--	--	1,973	1.0
Trunk	631,173	37.1	87,150	29.3	26,774	28.5	1,486	18.9	57,437	30.1
Back	424,251	24.9	49,311	16.6	14,200	15.1	1,085	13.8	33,262	17.4
Shoulder	93,787	5.5	15,705	5.3	4,576	4.9	88	1.1	10,739	5.6
Upper extremities	397,118	23.3	41,767	14.0	11,455	12.2	285	3.6	29,436	15.4
Finger	149,475	8.8	3,587	1.2	890	0.9	--	--	2,683	1.4
Hand, except finger	70,809	4.2	5,004	1.7	700	0.7	--	--	4,258	2.2
Wrist	84,410	5.0	15,261	5.1	4,759	5.1	60	0.8	10,237	5.4
Lower extremities	350,202	20.6	96,562	32.5	31,085	33.1	5,583	71.1	57,880	30.4
Knee	127,953	7.5	41,819	14.1	9,865	10.5	2,086	26.6	29,247	15.3
Foot, toe	77,649	4.6	10,601	3.6	5,018	5.3	1,117	14.2	4,260	2.2
Body systems	21,910	1.3	185	0.1	37	0.0	--	--	147	0.1
Multiple	148,188	8.7	55,286	18.6	19,692	21.0	364	4.6	34,598	18.1
All other	15,294	0.9	1,388	0.5	379	0.4	--	--	978	0.5
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	28,773	1.7	16	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	244,574	14.4	4,287	1.4	605	0.6	167	2.1	3,439	1.8
Furniture, fixtures	58,537	3.4	4,830	1.6	689	0.7	79	1.0	4,009	2.1
Machinery	114,183	6.7	3,054	1.0	396	0.4	37	0.5	2,507	1.3
Parts and materials	192,005	11.3	5,144	1.7	1,229	1.3	275	3.5	3,396	1.8
Worker motion or position	267,060	15.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	272,026	16.0	259,321	87.2	82,681	88.1	6,414	81.7	166,938	87.5
Handtools	77,942	4.6	461	0.2	54	0.1	--	--	405	0.2
Vehicles	137,660	8.1	7,901	2.7	2,360	2.5	606	7.7	4,650	2.4
Health care patient	72,363	4.3	118	0.0	--	--	--	--	102	0.1
All other	237,346	13.9	12,369	4.2	5,864	6.2	268	3.4	5,240	2.7

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

<sup>3</sup> 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 1999 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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