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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:	1,436,194	100.0	272,988	100.0	86,946	100.0	6,739	100.0	176,019	100.0
Sex:										
Men	930,925	64.8	156,969	57.5	64,714	74.4	5,930	88.0	83,905	47.7
Women	500,592	34.9	115,023	42.1	21,328	24.5	809	12.0	92,024	52.3
Age:										
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	198	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
16 to 19	38,387	2.7	5,609	2.1	1,676	1.9	125	1.9	3,698	2.1
20 to 24	159,229	11.1	25,105	9.2	8,115	9.3	1,004	14.9	15,778	9.0
25 to 34	358,377	25.0	56,793	20.8	19,889	22.9	1,492	22.1	34,594	19.7
35 to 44	400,871	27.9	70,910	26.0	24,208	27.8	1,961	29.1	43,795	24.9
45 to 54	304,970	21.2	63,059	23.1	18,955	21.8	1,621	24.1	41,810	23.8
55 to 64	143,523	10.0	39,900	14.6	11,335	13.0	473	7.0	27,671	15.7
65 and over	25,103	1.7	10,733	3.9	2,465	2.8	40	0.6	8,169	4.6
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	92,967	6.5	23,072	8.5	5,496	6.3	588	8.7	16,723	9.5
Technical, sales, and administrative support	239,364	16.7	50,515	18.5	12,896	14.8	728	10.8	36,540	20.8
Service	270,251	18.8	60,247	22.1	9,868	11.3	316	4.7	49,521	28.1
Farming, forestry, and fishing	35,629	2.5	6,927	2.5	2,481	2.9	450	6.7	3,917	2.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	242,787	16.9	44,450	16.3	23,338	26.8	1,014	15.0	19,561	11.1
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	552,886	38.5	87,331	32.0	32,717	37.6	3,644	54.1	49,463	28.1
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	176,701	12.3	35,881	13.1	12,284	14.1	1,204	17.9	21,610	12.3
3 months to 11 months	290,342	20.2	55,295	20.3	18,537	21.3	924	13.7	35,088	19.9
1 year to 5 years	534,192	37.2	97,252	35.6	30,420	35.0	2,898	43.0	63,042	35.8
More than 5 years	422,273	29.4	82,345	30.2	24,336	28.0	1,689	25.1	55,477	31.5
Not reported	12,685	0.9	2,217	0.8	1,370	1.6	--	--	803	0.5
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	688,009	47.9	135,721	49.7	45,583	52.4	4,006	59.4	84,124	47.8
Black, non-Hispanic	114,453	8.0	20,443	7.5	5,358	6.2	295	4.4	14,423	8.2
Hispanic	180,419	12.6	33,389	12.2	11,567	13.3	707	10.5	20,851	11.8
Asian or Pacific Islander	22,099	1.5	3,532	1.3	753	0.9	72	1.1	2,661	1.5
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,225	0.6	1,742	0.6	396	0.5	83	1.2	1,148	0.7
Not reported	422,989	29.5	78,161	28.6	23,288	26.8	1,576	23.4	52,813	30.0

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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
Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing <sup>2</sup>	31,520	2.2	5,932	2.2	2,433	2.8	546	8.1	2,866	1.6
Mining <sup>3</sup>	11,355	0.8	1,924	0.7	883	1.0	33	0.5	1,004	0.6
Construction	163,641	11.4	36,324	13.3	22,421	25.8	1,207	17.9	12,308	7.0
Manufacturing	280,005	19.5	35,445	13.0	9,950	11.4	1,140	16.9	23,922	13.6
Transportation and public utilities <sup>4</sup>	168,632	11.7	31,682	11.6	13,105	15.1	827	12.3	17,405	9.9
Wholesale trade	108,791	7.6	19,025	7.0	6,750	7.8	702	10.4	10,888	6.2
Retail trade	263,401	18.3	55,493	20.3	11,827	13.6	605	9.0	42,467	24.1
Finance, insurance, and real estate	36,689	2.6	9,309	3.4	2,763	3.2	196	2.9	6,265	3.6
Services	372,159	25.9	77,854	28.5	16,815	19.3	1,483	22.0	58,895	33.5
Public sector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	214,923	15.0	34,288	12.6	8,737	10.0	591	8.8	24,560	14.0
Cases involving 2 days	161,426	11.2	27,137	9.9	7,003	8.1	497	7.4	19,239	10.9
Cases involving 3-5 days	266,511	18.6	46,851	17.2	13,815	15.9	999	14.8	31,251	17.8
Cases involving 6-10 days	178,778	12.4	29,940	11.0	9,069	10.4	1,421	21.1	19,025	10.8
Cases involving 11-20 days	158,609	11.0	29,584	10.8	10,570	12.2	595	8.8	18,195	10.3
Cases involving 21-30 days	95,886	6.7	18,629	6.8	5,955	6.8	441	6.5	11,861	6.7
Cases involving 31 or more days	360,061	25.1	86,560	31.7	31,798	36.6	2,195	32.6	51,888	29.5
Median days away from work	7		10		14		10		9	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	617,186	43.0	94,211	34.5	28,255	32.5	3,823	56.7	60,880	34.6
Fractures	99,171	6.9	47,300	17.3	18,344	21.1	1,292	19.2	27,150	15.4
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	128,061	8.9	7,109	2.6	2,003	2.3	77	1.1	4,954	2.8
Bruises, contusions	126,986	8.8	46,601	17.1	12,221	14.1	336	5.0	33,651	19.1
Heat burns	21,468	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	8,257	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	8,793	0.6	44	0.0	--	--	--	--	18	0.0
Carpal tunnel syndrome	22,651	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	9,275	0.6	140	0.1	--	--	--	--	132	0.1
Multiple injuries	52,496	3.7	24,293	8.9	9,603	11.0	168	2.5	14,205	8.1
With fractures	12,137	0.8	4,926	1.8	2,251	2.6	45	0.7	2,604	1.5
With sprains	20,411	1.4	11,611	4.3	4,136	4.8	116	1.7	7,296	4.1
Soreness, Pain	116,956	8.1	23,232	8.5	6,699	7.7	467	6.9	15,642	8.9
Back pain	46,504	3.2	6,512	2.4	2,000	2.3	214	3.2	4,205	2.4
All other	224,896	15.7	30,047	11.0	9,782	11.3	572	8.5	19,385	11.0

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Part of body affected:										
Head	90,228	6.3	10,888	4.0	2,890	3.3	--	--	7,837	4.5
Eye	42,286	2.9	244	0.1	94	0.1	--	--	150	0.1
Neck	22,885	1.6	2,151	0.8	690	0.8	117	1.7	1,316	0.7
Trunk	522,055	36.3	76,638	28.1	22,993	26.4	1,082	16.1	51,564	29.3
Back	345,294	24.0	42,341	15.5	12,269	14.1	826	12.3	28,613	16.3
Shoulder	83,924	5.8	13,733	5.0	4,306	5.0	89	1.3	9,153	5.2
Upper extremities	328,274	22.9	36,317	13.3	10,839	12.5	214	3.2	24,883	14.1
Finger	121,562	8.5	3,241	1.2	862	1.0	--	--	2,363	1.3
Hand, except finger	55,894	3.9	3,460	1.3	622	0.7	--	--	2,796	1.6
Wrist	69,187	4.8	12,757	4.7	4,064	4.7	62	0.9	8,585	4.9
Lower extremities	304,453	21.2	88,811	32.5	29,526	34.0	4,953	73.5	53,505	30.4
Knee	113,035	7.9	38,448	14.1	9,546	11.0	2,003	29.7	26,558	15.1
Foot, toe	60,729	4.2	9,501	3.5	4,275	4.9	867	12.9	4,217	2.4
Body systems	19,933	1.4	234	0.1	88	0.1	--	--	146	0.1
Multiple	139,445	9.7	56,682	20.8	19,442	22.4	320	4.7	36,035	20.5
All other	8,921	0.6	1,268	0.5	480	0.6	--	--	734	0.4
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	20,652	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	193,146	13.4	4,270	1.6	636	0.7	100	1.5	3,302	1.9
Furniture, fixtures	52,393	3.6	5,496	2.0	772	0.9	115	1.7	4,459	2.5
Machinery	92,560	6.4	3,192	1.2	392	0.5	82	1.2	2,619	1.5
Parts and materials	147,553	10.3	3,454	1.3	633	0.7	179	2.7	2,462	1.4
Worker motion or position	220,794	15.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	255,548	17.8	238,662	87.4	76,625	88.1	5,396	80.1	154,576	87.8
Handtools	66,588	4.6	302	0.1	--	--	--	--	258	0.1
Vehicles	118,569	8.3	6,326	2.3	2,676	3.1	450	6.7	3,037	1.7
Health care patient	69,994	4.9	49	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
All other	198,395	13.8	11,225	4.1	5,190	6.0	414	6.1	5,266	3.0

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work include those that result in days away from work with or without job transfer or restriction.

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

<sup>3</sup> Data for Mining (Division B in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987 edition) include establishments not governed by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) rules and reporting, such as those in oil and gas extraction. Data for mining operators in coal, metal, and nonmetal mining are provided to BLS by the Mine Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor. Independent mining contractors are excluded from the coal, metal, and nonmetal mining industries. These data do not reflect the changes OSHA made to its recordkeeping requirements effective January 1, 2002; therefore estimates for these industries are not comparable with estimates for other industries.

<sup>4</sup> Data for employers in railroad transportation are provided to BLS by the Federal Railroad Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation. These data do not reflect the changes OSHA made to its recordkeeping requirements effective January 1, 2002; therefore estimates for these industries are not comparable with estimates for other 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 2002 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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