

Table 15. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ for three selected nature of injury or illness categories by selected worker and case characteristic, 1995

Characteristic	All natures	Sprains, strains, tears	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Tendonitis
Total:	2,040,929	876,792	31,457	22,072
Sex:				
Men	1,355,099	566,519	8,836	9,123
Women	667,166	302,435	22,286	12,819
Age:				
Under 14 years	17	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	176	--	--
16 to 19 years	83,512	30,413	309	454
20 to 24 years	265,469	109,488	2,036	2,247
25 to 34 years	628,282	281,511	7,818	7,162
35 to 44 years	538,757	245,428	11,134	6,188
45 to 54 years	319,009	132,538	7,174	4,151
55 to 64 years	131,327	50,779	2,297	1,370
65 years and over	18,891	5,344	114	171
Occupation:				
Managerial and professional	110,499	51,245	1,768	870
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	134,517	9,916	3,998
Service	362,591	169,723	2,111	2,358
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	19,195	232	388
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	128,301	3,794	2,878
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	369,273	13,450	11,487
Length of service with employer:				
Less than 3 months	277,739	109,000	1,313	1,979
3 months to 11 months	402,069	170,254	3,901	3,825
1 year to 5 years	613,670	273,737	9,613	7,615
More than 5 years	539,609	232,134	13,735	7,077
Not reported	207,842	91,667	2,895	1,576
Race or ethnic origin:				
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	462,132	19,346	12,939
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	87,605	2,536	1,936
Hispanic	191,665	73,514	1,803	1,594
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	9,731	305	596
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	3,818	103	99
Not reported	545,157	239,992	7,364	4,907

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Major industry division				
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	42,111	15,711	260	300
Mining ³	19,778	8,367	38	8
Construction	190,591	72,404	1,253	971
Manufacturing	527,458	198,682	14,655	10,164
Transportation and public utilities ³	222,897	112,809	1,728	2,022
Wholesale trade	159,875	72,146	1,778	1,233
Retail trade	355,672	143,412	4,198	2,673
Finance, insurance, and real estate	47,238	17,259	2,238	655
Services	475,308	236,003	5,308	4,047
Number of days away from work:				
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	121,046	993	2,264
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	118,262	1,052	1,977
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	201,511	2,450	3,554
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	129,786	3,154	2,851
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	102,238	4,291	4,235
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	53,550	4,252	1,646
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	150,398	15,265	5,546
Median days away from work	5	5	30	12
Part of body affected:				
Head	140,898	817	--	--
Eye	77,056	257	--	--
Neck	38,186	27,985	--	--
Trunk	776,617	551,093	--	3,084
Back	540,047	436,681	--	--
Shoulder	100,792	67,511	--	3,006
Upper extremities	466,522	69,504	31,457	16,572
Finger	176,909	8,297	--	866
Hand, except finger	82,590	6,879	--	1,480
Wrist	97,367	26,848	31,457	6,636
Lower extremities	404,743	176,936	--	1,046
Knee	138,058	75,141	--	477
Foot, toe	99,955	12,921	--	354
Body systems	31,540	--	--	--
Multiple	159,874	48,187	--	981
All other	22,550	2,271	--	365

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Source of injury, illness:				
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	457	--	--
Containers	287,175	186,279	108	2,553
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	33,208	--	227
Machinery	143,226	32,524	--	398
Parts and materials	227,042	85,288	30	1,825
Worker motion or position	300,987	191,380	31,176	14,626
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	127,972	--	347
Handtools	91,853	16,707	18	446
Vehicles	158,197	56,675	--	251
Health care patient	97,564	72,988	--	274
All other	303,404	73,314	49	1,125
Event or exposure:				
Contact with object, equipment	562,187	53,074	66	1,334
Struck by object	270,369	21,599	40	876
Struck against object	143,459	20,302	--	342
Caught in object, equipment, material	95,043	7,466	--	49
Fall to lower level	104,801	36,212	--	145
Fall on same level	224,244	85,756	--	184
Slips, trips	59,647	51,138	--	87
Overexertion	559,938	446,772	153	5,338
Overexertion in lifting	334,843	269,583	124	2,135
Repetitive motion	82,625	16,071	31,154	12,324
Exposed to harmful substance	103,541	--	--	--
Transportation accidents	73,841	24,609	--	--
Fires, explosions	4,250	184	--	--
Assault, violent act	29,024	5,426	--	--
by person	22,956	5,279	--	--
by other	6,069	147	--	--
All other	236,831	157,550	52	2,625

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.

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 1995 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.

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