

Table 1. Number and percent of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work¹ by sex of injured or ill worker for selected worker and case characteristic, 1998

Characteristic	All cases		Women		Men	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,730,534	100.0	571,341	100.0	1,147,388	100.0
Age:						
Under 14 years	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	276	0.0	100	0.0	176	0.0
16 to 19 years	60,415	3.5	18,702	3.3	41,558	3.6
20 to 24 years	200,225	11.6	58,013	10.2	141,244	12.3
25 to 34 years	487,214	28.2	145,005	25.4	340,120	29.6
35 to 44 years	488,819	28.2	164,223	28.7	322,192	28.1
45 to 54 years	311,745	18.0	119,255	20.9	189,929	16.6
55 to 64 years	131,717	7.6	49,075	8.6	81,354	7.1
65 years and over	21,104	1.2	8,978	1.6	12,064	1.1
Occupation:						
Managerial and professional	98,941	5.7	63,201	11.1	35,421	3.1
Technical, sales, and administrative support	251,056	14.5	147,000	25.7	102,590	8.9
Service	297,491	17.2	193,082	33.8	103,015	9.0
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	84,128	4.9	75,333	13.2	8,448	0.7
Maids and houseman	21,321	1.2	16,679	2.9	4,527	0.4
Farming, forestry, and fishing	47,015	2.7	6,319	1.1	40,603	3.5
Precision production, craft, and repair	293,470	17.0	20,433	3.6	271,512	23.7
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	729,025	42.1	138,426	24.2	584,542	50.9
Machine operators, tenders, exc precision	171,673	9.9	51,120	8.9	119,693	10.4
Fabricators, assemblers, handworking	76,740	4.4	20,218	3.5	56,152	4.9
Assemblers	43,262	2.5	17,306	3.0	25,674	2.2
Handlers, helpers, laborers	275,833	15.9	45,130	7.9	229,442	20.0
Laborers, except construction	97,250	5.6	13,417	2.3	83,193	7.3
Length of service with employer:						
Less than 3 months	221,317	12.8	67,123	11.7	153,500	13.4
3 months to 11 months	317,226	18.3	102,568	18.0	213,790	18.6
1 year to 5 years	547,496	31.6	188,811	33.0	357,242	31.1
More than 5 years	444,508	25.7	148,430	26.0	295,074	25.7
Not reported	199,986	11.6	64,409	11.3	127,782	11.1
Race or ethnic origin:						
White, non-Hispanic	882,428	51.0	283,803	49.7	597,326	52.1
Black, non-Hispanic	157,435	9.1	64,790	11.3	92,116	8.0
Hispanic	179,399	10.4	43,190	7.6	136,022	11.9
Asian or Pacific Islander	26,782	1.5	10,875	1.9	15,898	1.4
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,431	0.4	2,162	0.4	5,261	0.5
Not reported	477,059	27.6	166,520	29.1	300,765	26.2

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Industry division:						
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	41,741	2.4	6,414	1.1	35,238	3.1
Mining ³	13,734	0.8	350	0.1	13,362	1.2
Construction	178,341	10.3	4,484	0.8	173,427	15.1
Manufacturing	429,634	24.8	107,548	18.8	319,956	27.9
Transportation and public utilities ³	200,387	11.6	38,558	6.7	156,212	13.6
Wholesale trade	135,205	7.8	20,534	3.6	113,841	9.9
Retail trade	294,423	17.0	129,359	22.6	164,010	14.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	35,942	2.1	18,656	3.3	17,207	1.5
Services	401,128	23.2	245,438	43.0	154,351	13.4
Hospitals	80,682	4.7	62,250	10.9	18,040	1.6
Nursing and personal care facilities	64,268	3.7	57,173	10.0	6,800	0.6
Hotels and motels	27,932	1.6	15,687	2.7	12,212	1.1
Social services	40,629	2.3	29,665	5.2	10,792	0.9
Residential care	19,066	1.1	12,893	2.3	6,016	0.5
Business services	59,890	3.5	21,551	3.8	38,219	3.3
Number of days away from work:						
Cases involving 1 day	289,473	16.7	95,655	16.7	192,296	16.8
Cases involving 2 days	231,728	13.4	79,531	13.9	150,951	13.2
Cases involving 3-5 days	349,120	20.2	120,596	21.1	226,632	19.8
Cases involving 6-10 days	223,600	12.9	74,344	13.0	147,582	12.9
Cases involving 11-20 days	194,485	11.2	62,084	10.9	131,178	11.4
Cases involving 21-30 days	111,223	6.4	35,049	6.1	75,176	6.6
Cases involving 31 or more days	330,905	19.1	104,082	18.2	223,572	19.5
Median days away from work	5		5		6	
Nature of injury, illness:						
Sprains, strains	760,024	43.9	267,702	46.9	487,063	42.4
Fractures	115,438	6.7	29,876	5.2	84,818	7.4
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	160,788	9.3	30,932	5.4	128,822	11.2
Bruises, contusions	153,108	8.8	56,748	9.9	94,855	8.3
Heat burns	28,359	1.6	9,799	1.7	18,473	1.6
Chemical burns	11,695	0.7	2,691	0.5	8,990	0.8
Amputations	10,243	0.6	1,738	0.3	8,422	0.7
Carpal tunnel syndrome	26,266	1.5	18,719	3.3	7,493	0.7
Tendonitis	16,900	1.0	9,687	1.7	7,206	0.6
Multiple injuries	57,626	3.3	19,696	3.4	37,493	3.3
With fractures	11,141	0.6	2,413	0.4	8,306	0.7
With sprains	21,386	1.2	9,103	1.6	12,173	1.1
Soreness, Pain	101,599	5.9	38,706	6.8	62,530	5.5
Back pain	42,353	2.4	14,986	2.6	27,282	2.4
All other	288,489	16.7	85,047	14.9	201,223	17.5

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Part of body affected:						
Head	117,528	6.8	30,042	5.3	86,550	7.5
Eye	58,526	3.4	9,894	1.7	48,285	4.2
Neck	29,874	1.7	12,191	2.1	17,354	1.5
Trunk	645,074	37.3	210,954	36.9	429,941	37.5
Back	440,160	25.4	153,144	26.8	284,425	24.8
Shoulder	89,337	5.2	31,890	5.6	56,542	4.9
Upper extremities	400,797	23.2	136,373	23.9	262,259	22.9
Finger	147,544	8.5	35,749	6.3	110,877	9.7
Hand, except finger	73,287	4.3	19,778	3.5	53,701	4.7
Wrist	84,471	4.9	46,421	8.1	37,741	3.3
Lower extremities	355,196	20.5	105,627	18.5	247,170	21.5
Knee	122,293	7.1	37,563	6.6	83,861	7.3
Foot, toe	84,292	4.9	22,339	3.9	61,460	5.4
Body systems	22,296	1.3	10,237	1.8	11,945	1.0
Multiple	142,532	8.2	61,226	10.7	80,523	7.0
All other	17,238	1.0	4,691	0.8	11,646	1.0
Source of injury, illness:						
Chemicals, chemical products	28,797	1.7	9,545	1.7	19,203	1.7
Containers	253,040	14.6	82,709	14.5	169,327	14.8
Furniture, fixtures	61,527	3.6	26,936	4.7	34,386	3.0
Machinery	118,020	6.8	26,131	4.6	91,348	8.0
Parts and materials	199,400	11.5	20,105	3.5	178,544	15.6
Worker motion or position	262,690	15.2	108,273	19.0	153,714	13.4
Floor, ground surfaces	268,749	15.5	109,891	19.2	156,448	13.6
Handtools	80,604	4.7	13,187	2.3	66,842	5.8
Vehicles	135,867	7.9	31,353	5.5	103,319	9.0
Health care patient	80,413	4.6	70,209	12.3	9,909	0.9
All other	241,427	14.0	73,002	12.7	164,348	14.3

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Event or exposure:						
Contact with object, equipment	476,846	27.6	109,229	19.1	365,010	31.8
Struck by object	230,931	13.3	54,620	9.6	175,117	15.3
Struck against object	126,374	7.3	31,473	5.5	94,199	8.2
Caught in object, equipment, material	78,379	4.5	17,518	3.1	60,371	5.2
Fall to lower level	95,460	5.5	21,846	3.8	72,024	6.3
Fall on same level	184,682	10.7	92,877	16.3	91,181	7.9
Slips, trips	55,363	3.2	19,788	3.5	35,275	3.1
Overexertion	477,785	27.6	166,471	29.1	309,303	27.0
Overexertion in lifting	280,725	16.2	97,647	17.1	182,352	15.9
Repetitive motion	65,866	3.8	42,347	7.4	23,272	2.0
Exposed to harmful substance	80,651	4.7	28,820	5.0	51,369	4.5
Transportation accidents	69,660	4.0	16,051	2.8	52,563	4.6
Fires, explosions	4,152	0.2	230	0.0	3,903	0.3
Assault, violent act	22,382	1.3	12,124	2.1	10,013	0.9
by person	17,589	1.0	10,348	1.8	7,000	0.6
by other	4,793	0.3	1,761	0.3	2,972	0.3
All other	197,687	11.4	61,558	10.8	133,475	11.6

¹ Days away from work 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 1998 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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