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Characteristic	All occupations		Registered nurses		Licensed practical nurses		Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	2,040,929	100.0	27,798	100.0	13,291	100.0	100,596	100.0
Sex:								
Men	1,355,099	66.4	1,625	5.8	457	3.4	10,204	10.1
Women	667,166	32.7	26,077	93.8	12,771	96.1	89,687	89.2
Age:								
Under 14 years	17	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
16 to 19 years	83,512	4.1	--	--	--	--	4,134	4.1
20 to 24 years	265,469	13.0	1,089	3.9	825	6.2	15,609	15.5
25 to 34 years	628,282	30.8	7,061	25.4	2,679	20.2	31,013	30.8
35 to 44 years	538,757	26.4	10,098	36.3	4,792	36.1	26,117	26.0
45 to 54 years	319,009	15.6	6,329	22.8	3,247	24.4	13,985	13.9
55 to 64 years	131,327	6.4	2,106	7.6	1,331	10.0	6,082	6.0
65 years and over	18,891	0.9	395	1.4	187	1.4	622	0.6
Length of service with employer:								
Less than 3 months	277,739	13.6	1,168	4.2	586	4.4	16,119	16.0
3 months to 11 months	402,069	19.7	2,804	10.1	1,730	13.0	24,306	24.2
1 year to 5 years	613,670	30.1	9,452	34.0	4,958	37.3	32,993	32.8
More than 5 years	539,609	26.4	11,507	41.4	4,284	32.2	15,915	15.8
Not reported	207,842	10.2	2,866	10.3	1,733	13.0	11,263	11.2
Race or ethnic origin:								
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	52.4	15,926	57.3	7,399	55.7	48,954	48.7
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	9.6	1,372	4.9	1,730	13.0	19,791	19.7
Hispanic	191,665	9.4	473	1.7	434	3.3	4,658	4.6
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	1.4	739	2.7	119	0.9	1,154	1.1
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	0.4	--	--	--	--	450	0.4
Not reported	545,157	26.7	9,269	33.3	3,583	27.0	25,591	25.4
Major industry division								
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	42,111	2.1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mining ³	19,778	1.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Construction	190,591	9.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
Manufacturing	527,458	25.8	41	0.1	--	--	--	--
Transportation and public utilities ³	222,897	10.9	--	--	--	--	343	0.3
Wholesale trade	159,875	7.8	--	--	--	--	82	0.1
Retail trade	355,672	17.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
Finance, insurance, and real estate	47,238	2.3	125	0.5	27	0.2	537	0.5
Services	475,308	23.3	27,586	99.2	13,261	99.8	99,610	99.0

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Number of days away from work:								
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	16.9	5,523	19.9	2,407	18.1	16,756	16.7
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	13.4	3,944	14.2	2,442	18.4	15,884	15.8
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	20.9	6,195	22.3	2,416	18.2	24,514	24.4
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	13.4	3,571	12.8	1,569	11.8	15,074	15.0
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	11.3	3,135	11.3	1,560	11.7	10,338	10.3
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	6.2	1,624	5.8	636	4.8	4,651	4.6
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	17.9	3,806	13.7	2,261	17.0	13,380	13.3
Median days away from work	5		4		5		4	
Nature of injury, illness:								
Sprains, strains	876,792	43.0	16,544	59.5	7,840	59.0	65,082	64.7
Fractures	124,601	6.1	1,314	4.7	518	3.9	1,747	1.7
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	8.7	506	1.8	208	1.6	1,273	1.3
Bruises, contusions	192,147	9.4	2,479	8.9	1,108	8.3	7,594	7.5
Heat burns	36,119	1.8	80	0.3	--	--	300	0.3
Chemical burns	13,861	0.7	40	0.1	15	0.1	92	0.1
Amputations	11,308	0.6	--	--	--	--	147	0.1
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	1.5	69	0.2	56	0.4	218	0.2
Tendonitis	22,072	1.1	161	0.6	36	0.3	362	0.4
Multiple injuries	61,709	3.0	821	3.0	418	3.1	1,469	1.5
With fractures	11,438	0.6	52	0.2	13	0.1	74	0.1
With sprains	22,888	1.1	435	1.6	281	2.1	958	1.0
Soreness, Pain	134,498	6.6	2,410	8.7	1,895	14.3	13,154	13.1
Back pain	58,985	2.9	1,268	4.6	832	6.3	6,853	6.8
All other	358,628	17.6	3,370	12.1	1,193	9.0	9,158	9.1
Part of body affected:								
Head	140,898	6.9	1,110	4.0	327	2.5	3,227	3.2
Eye	77,056	3.8	283	1.0	88	0.7	1,144	1.1
Neck	38,186	1.9	1,028	3.7	471	3.5	2,382	2.4
Trunk	776,617	38.1	14,643	52.7	7,015	52.8	60,475	60.1
Back	540,047	26.5	11,913	42.9	5,651	42.5	46,427	46.2
Shoulder	100,792	4.9	1,486	5.3	636	4.8	7,221	7.2
Upper extremities	466,522	22.9	2,951	10.6	1,265	9.5	12,103	12.0
Finger	176,909	8.7	668	2.4	298	2.2	2,336	2.3
Hand, except finger	82,590	4.0	510	1.8	163	1.2	1,556	1.5
Wrist	97,367	4.8	787	2.8	325	2.4	4,128	4.1
Lower extremities	404,743	19.8	3,859	13.9	2,181	16.4	12,314	12.2
Knee	138,058	6.8	1,655	6.0	1,174	8.8	5,654	5.6
Foot, toe	99,955	4.9	849	3.1	243	1.8	2,249	2.2
Body systems	31,540	1.5	746	2.7	172	1.3	773	0.8
Multiple	159,874	7.8	3,343	12.0	1,787	13.4	8,466	8.4
All other	22,550	1.1	118	0.4	76	0.6	857	0.9

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Source of injury, illness:								
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	1.9	557	2.0	85	0.6	440	0.4
Containers	287,175	14.1	666	2.4	166	1.2	1,746	1.7
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	3.7	1,369	4.9	684	5.1	3,644	3.6
Machinery	143,226	7.0	380	1.4	65	0.5	834	0.8
Parts and materials	227,042	11.1	103	0.4	108	0.8	383	0.4
Worker motion or position	300,987	14.7	2,995	10.8	1,523	11.5	7,527	7.5
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	15.5	4,230	15.2	2,311	17.4	10,255	10.2
Handtools	91,853	4.5	102	0.4	--	--	185	0.2
Vehicles	158,197	7.8	1,501	5.4	433	3.3	3,237	3.2
Health care patient	97,564	4.8	12,805	46.1	6,725	50.6	62,627	62.3
All other	303,404	14.9	3,091	11.1	1,172	8.8	9,718	9.7
Event or exposure:								
Contact with object, equipment	562,187	27.5	3,002	10.8	1,623	12.2	8,500	8.4
Struck by object	270,369	13.2	1,413	5.1	821	6.2	3,909	3.9
Struck against object	143,459	7.0	1,068	3.8	670	5.0	3,079	3.1
Caught in object, equipment, material	95,043	4.7	357	1.3	54	0.4	1,016	1.0
Fall to lower level	104,801	5.1	469	1.7	258	1.9	1,228	1.2
Fall on same level	224,244	11.0	3,769	13.6	2,065	15.5	9,522	9.5
Slips, trips	59,647	2.9	691	2.5	317	2.4	2,027	2.0
Overexertion	559,938	27.4	13,059	47.0	6,394	48.1	59,319	59.0
Overexertion in lifting	334,843	16.4	6,578	23.7	3,810	28.7	34,703	34.5
Repetitive motion	82,625	4.0	224	0.8	86	0.6	652	0.6
Exposed to harmful substance	103,541	5.1	1,437	5.2	273	2.1	2,106	2.1
Transportation accidents	73,841	3.6	1,193	4.3	270	2.0	2,059	2.0
Fires, explosions	4,250	0.2	15	0.1	--	--	64	0.1
Assault, violent act	29,024	1.4	1,305	4.7	632	4.8	7,017	7.0
by person	22,956	1.1	1,257	4.5	627	4.7	6,916	6.9
by other	6,069	0.3	48	0.2	--	--	101	0.1
All other	236,831	11.6	2,637	9.5	1,373	10.3	8,104	8.1

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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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