

Table 9. 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 characteristics, 1998

Characteristic	All natures	Sprains, strains, tears	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Tendonitis
Total:	1,730,534	760,024	26,266	16,900
Sex:				
Men	1,147,388	487,063	7,493	7,206
Women	571,341	267,702	18,719	9,687
Age:				
Under 14	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	276	53	--	--
16 to 19	60,415	20,960	124	227
20 to 24	200,225	81,809	1,065	1,987
25 to 34	487,214	223,090	5,702	4,269
35 to 44	488,819	223,404	8,777	5,448
45 to 54	311,745	139,234	7,170	3,386
55 to 64	131,717	53,013	2,832	1,209
65 and over	21,104	6,678	194	135
Occupation:				
Managerial and professional	98,941	48,343	1,864	589
Technical, sales, and administrative support	251,056	118,124	8,173	3,256
Service	297,491	141,887	1,974	1,475
Farming, forestry, and fishing	47,015	16,289	168	172
Precision production, craft, and repair	293,470	112,184	3,248	2,751
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	729,025	319,049	10,687	8,580
Length of service with employer:				
Less than 3 months	221,317	87,379	820	1,332
3 months to 11 months	317,226	139,597	2,539	2,620
1 year to 5 years	547,496	243,188	8,491	6,640
More than 5 years	444,508	198,665	12,142	5,046
Not reported	199,986	91,196	2,275	1,262
Race or ethnic origin:				
White, non-Hispanic	882,428	386,949	16,073	9,842
Black, non-Hispanic	157,435	72,311	2,109	1,405
Hispanic	179,399	69,548	1,755	1,147
Asian or Pacific Islander	26,782	8,963	417	379
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,431	3,053	145	63
Not reported	477,059	219,200	5,768	4,063

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Major industry division				
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	41,741	14,017	152	182
Mining ³	13,734	5,323	18	30
Construction	178,341	66,854	968	989
Manufacturing	429,634	163,108	11,630	7,571
Transportation and public utilities ³	200,387	101,084	1,503	1,035
Wholesale trade	135,205	65,287	1,129	1,330
Retail trade	294,423	126,188	2,901	1,533
Finance, insurance, and real estate	35,942	14,318	1,932	940
Services	401,128	203,846	6,034	3,292
Public sector	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:				
Cases involving 1 day	289,473	107,238	1,008	1,642
Cases involving 2 days	231,728	99,484	1,131	1,823
Cases involving 3-5 days	349,120	169,761	2,980	2,580
Cases involving 6-10 days	223,600	105,512	2,675	2,485
Cases involving 11-20 days	194,485	87,238	4,057	3,109
Cases involving 21-30 days	111,223	48,388	3,101	1,378
Cases involving 31 or more days	330,905	142,403	11,314	3,883
Median days away from work	5	6	24	10
Part of body affected:				
Head	117,528	338	--	--
Eye	58,526	111	--	--
Neck	29,874	23,230	--	--
Trunk	645,074	467,430	--	2,939
Back	440,160	363,783	--	--
Shoulder	89,337	63,058	--	2,893
Upper extremities	400,797	61,473	26,266	12,456
Finger	147,544	7,300	--	671
Hand, except finger	73,827	5,962	--	903
Wrist	84,471	24,021	26,266	5,304
Lower extremities	355,196	160,813	--	1,069
Knee	122,293	70,773	--	436
Foot, toe	84,292	10,688	--	399
Body systems	22,296	--	--	--
Multiple	142,532	45,408	--	347
All other	17,238	1,334	--	59

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Source of injury, illness:				
Chemicals, chemical products	28,797	323	--	--
Containers	253,040	165,302	19	1,282
Furniture, fixtures	61,527	28,442	43	174
Machinery	118,020	27,296	--	240
Parts and materials	199,400	73,373	68	730
Worker motion or position	262,690	171,758	26,062	11,946
Floor, ground surfaces	268,749	103,311	--	333
Handtools	80,604	14,928	--	627
Vehicles	135,867	52,094	--	438
Health care patient	80,413	62,900	--	479
All other	241,427	60,297	--	645
Event or exposure:				
Contact with object, equipment	476,846	47,135	62	619
Struck by object	230,931	19,874	17	152
Struck against object	126,374	18,080	45	402
Caught in object, equipment, material	78,379	6,560	--	--
Fall to lower level	95,460	34,305	--	--
Fall on same level	184,682	66,348	--	282
Slips, trips	55,363	47,761	--	118
Overexertion	477,785	386,681	123	3,653
Overexertion in lifting	280,725	229,067	87	1,681
Repetitive motion	65,866	10,992	26,058	10,474
Exposed to harmful substance	80,651	--	--	--
Transportation accidents	69,660	27,232	--	--
Fires, explosions	4,152	65	--	--
Assault, violent act	22,382	4,882	--	42
by person	17,589	4,577	--	42
by other	4,793	306	--	--
All other	197,687	134,624	19	1,683

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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