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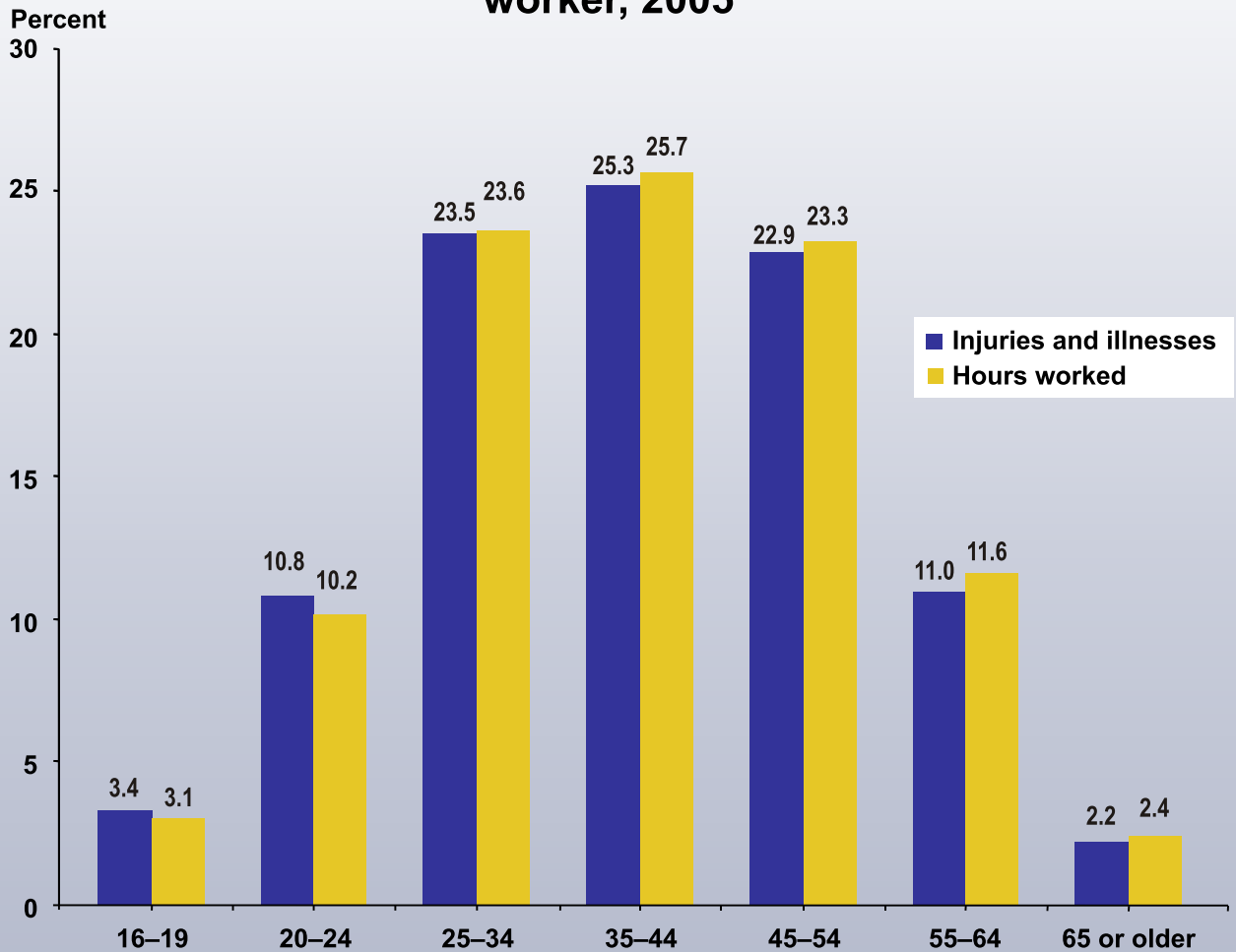
In 2005, the number of injuries and illnesses tracked closely with the number of hours worked, regardless of age. No age group had a large disparity between hours worked and percentage of total cases.

Injuries and illnesses to workers 65 years and older accounted for 2 percent of all injuries and illnesses. Among injuries and illnesses to workers 65 years and older, 57 percent were to workers who had been with their employer for 5 or more years, a larger share than that of any other age group.

Sprains and strains accounted for 41 percent of all injuries and illnesses. The very young and the very old suffered from fewer sprains and strains as a percentage of total injuries. Among workers aged 16 to 19, only 30 percent of injuries were sprains and strains, and among workers 65 and older, just 31 percent of injuries were sprains and strains.



# Injuries and illnesses and hours worked, by age of worker, 2005



**1,234,680 injuries and illnesses  
with days away from work.**

**Hours worked  
(Current Population Survey,  
Private Wage and Salary Workers)**

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November, 2006