

Table 8. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation and selected nature of injury, 1995

Occupation ¹	Total fatalities (number)	Nature ² (percent)					
		Gunshot wounds	Asphyxiations, strangulations, suffocations ³	Drownings	Electrocutions	Burns ⁴	Poisonings and toxic effects ⁵
Total	6,210	14.3	4.3	3.0	5.6	2.9	2.6
Managerial and professional specialty	699	21.2	3.9	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.9
Executive, administrative, and managerial	467	25.7	4.3	—	2.1	2.4	1.7
Financial managers	14	35.7	—	—	—	—	—
Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations	16	25.0	—	—	—	—	—
Managers, food serving and lodging establishments	58	62.1	—	—	—	—	—
Managers, properties and real estate	20	50.0	—	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	244	20.9	4.9	—	3.7	3.7	1.6
Management related occupations	60	13.3	—	—	—	—	—
Professional specialty	232	12.1	3.0	5.6	1.7	1.7	5.2
Natural scientists	9	—	—	44.4	—	—	—
Health diagnosing occupations	17	—	—	—	—	—	23.5
Lawyers and judges	15	33.3	—	—	—	—	—
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Writers, artists, entertainers, and athletes	50	22.0	—	8.0	—	—	—
Technical, sales, and administrative support	815	37.7	1.8	1.7	1.2	1.7	2.5
Technicians and related support occupations	189	2.1	2.1	3.7	—	4.2	3.2
Technicians, except health, engineering, and science ..	137	—	—	5.1	—	3.6	3.6
Airplane pilots and navigators	111	—	—	5.4	—	4.5	—
Sales occupations	492	56.1	2.2	1.0	1.4	1.0	2.8
Supervisors and proprietors, sales occupations	212	60.4	3.8	—	—	—	2.4
Sales representatives, finance and business services ..	33	24.2	—	—	—	—	—
Real estate sales occupations	12	33.3	—	—	—	—	—
Sales workers, retail and personal services	213	65.3	—	—	—	—	3.8
Sales counter clerks	10	90.0	—	—	—	—	—
Cashiers	116	80.2	—	—	—	—	—
Street and door-to-door sales workers	7	57.1	—	—	—	—	—
News vendors	21	19.0	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support occupations, including clerical	134	20.1	—	—	—	—	—
Secretaries, stenographers, and typists	21	33.3	—	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	21	33.3	—	—	—	—	—
Information clerks	13	61.5	—	—	—	—	—
Material recording, scheduling, and distributing clerks ..	22	22.7	—	—	—	—	—
Service occupations	533	33.6	3.8	2.4	1.9	1.7	6.0
Protective service occupations	314	39.8	2.2	2.9	—	1.3	6.4
Firefighting and fire prevention occupations, including supervisors	39	—	—	10.3	—	—	28.2
Firefighting occupations	35	—	—	11.4	—	—	22.9
Police and detectives, including supervisors	174	40.8	—	—	—	—	2.3
Police and detectives, public services	119	38.7	—	—	—	—	3.4
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers ..	37	45.9	—	—	—	—	—
Correctional institution officers	12	41.7	—	—	—	—	—
Guards	101	53.5	—	—	—	—	5.0
Guards and police, except public service	91	58.2	—	—	—	—	4.4
Service occupations, except protective and household	214	24.3	6.1	1.9	3.7	2.3	5.6
Food preparation and service occupations	72	50.0	—	—	—	—	—
Bartenders	14	50.0	—	—	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	8	87.5	—	—	—	—	—
Cooks	24	41.7	—	—	—	—	—
Food counter, fountain and related occupations	7	71.4	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous food preparation occupations	7	57.1	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and building service occupations, except household	75	6.7	8.0	—	6.7	—	9.3
Janitors and cleaners	66	—	7.6	—	7.6	—	10.6
Personal service occupations	35	31.4	—	—	—	—	—
Hairdressers and cosmetologists	6	66.7	—	—	—	—	—
Farming, forestry, and fishing	864	2.5	6.2	7.8	4.2	.8	1.9
Farming operators and managers	332	3.0	9.0	1.2	2.7	—	1.8
Farmers, except horticultural	244	2.5	7.8	—	2.0	—	2.0
Managers, farms, except horticultural	73	—	11.0	—	—	—	—
Other agricultural and related occupations	359	3.1	6.1	5.0	7.2	1.4	2.2
Farm occupations, except managerial	268	2.6	6.0	4.9	6.0	1.5	2.6
Farm workers	244	2.5	6.1	4.9	5.7	—	2.5
Related agricultural occupations	91	4.4	6.6	5.5	11.0	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	77	—	7.8	6.5	13.0	—	—
Fishers, hunters, and trappers	57	—	—	78.9	—	—	—
Captains and other officers, fishing vessels	7	—	—	57.1	—	—	—
Fishers	48	—	—	81.2	—	—	—
Precision production, craft, and repair	1,041	4.8	5.1	1.8	18.8	3.7	2.5
Mechanics and repairers	265	6.8	8.3	1.9	12.5	4.5	4.5
Supervisors, mechanics and repairers	25	24.0	—	—	—	16.0	—
Mechanics and repairers, except supervisors	240	5.0	8.8	2.1	12.9	3.3	4.2
Vehicle and mobile equipment mechanics, repairers ..	114	8.8	8.8	—	—	4.4	6.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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Automobile mechanics and apprentices	47	14.9	10.6	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic equipment repairers	31	—	—	—	35.5	—	—
Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment	13	—	—	—	30.8	—	—
Miscellaneous electrical and electronic equipment repairers	5	—	—	—	80.0	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics	17	—	—	—	41.2	—	—
Miscellaneous mechanics and repairers	56	—	14.3	—	16.1	—	—
Construction trades	607	2.8	3.1	1.5	26.0	2.8	1.2
Supervisors, construction occupations	88	6.8	8.0	—	20.5	—	—
Supervisors, electricians and power transmission installers	6	—	—	—	100.0	—	—
Supervisors, n.e.c.	73	8.2	6.8	—	13.7	—	—
Construction trades, except supervisors	519	2.1	2.3	1.3	27.0	3.3	1.2
Carpenters and apprentices	96	4.2	5.2	—	11.5	—	—
Electricians and apprentices	117	—	—	—	58.1	6.0	—
Electrical power installers and repairers	35	—	—	—	62.9	—	—
Painters, construction and maintenance	45	—	—	—	28.9	8.9	—
Plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, and apprentices ..	33	—	—	—	18.2	—	—
Roofers	60	—	—	—	13.3	—	—
Structural metal workers	38	—	—	—	13.2	—	—
Extractive occupations	67	—	7.5	—	—	—	—
Mining machine operators	28	—	14.3	—	—	—	—
Precision production occupations	102	14.7	6.9	—	—	5.9	4.9
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	2,051	7.4	4.3	2.5	3.7	4.6	2.1
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	238	7.6	7.1	3.4	5.5	11.3	2.5
Printing machine operators	7	57.1	—	—	—	—	—
Machine operators, assorted materials	92	7.6	7.6	—	4.3	13.0	—
Furnace, kiln, and oven operators except food	7	—	—	—	—	57.1	—
Fabricators, assemblers, and hand working occupations	87	—	4.6	5.7	8.0	12.6	—
Welders and cutters	72	—	5.6	6.9	6.9	13.9	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	1,148	9.3	2.9	2.0	2.1	3.9	2.1
Motor vehicle operators	918	11.4	2.6	.8	1.7	4.6	2.4
Truck drivers	749	3.2	3.2	.7	2.0	5.3	2.5
Driver-sales workers	33	33.3	—	—	—	—	—
Taxicab drivers and chauffeurs	99	63.6	—	—	—	—	—
Parking lot attendants	8	50.0	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation occupations, except motor vehicles	63	—	—	17.5	—	—	—
Water transportation occupations	38	—	—	28.9	—	—	—
Sailors and deckhands	30	—	—	33.3	—	—	—
Material moving equipment operators	167	—	4.2	3.0	3.6	—	—
Operating engineers	44	—	—	9.1	—	—	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	665	3.9	5.7	3.0	5.9	3.3	2.0
Helpers, construction and extractive occupations	10	—	—	—	40.0	—	—
Helpers, construction trades	7	—	—	—	57.1	—	—
Construction laborers	309	—	6.5	2.9	7.4	1.3	1.9
Freight, stock, and material handlers	75	13.3	—	—	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	13	69.2	—	—	—	—	—
Garage and service station related occupations	28	17.9	—	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction	212	2.8	6.6	5.2	3.3	4.7	3.3

¹ Based on the 1990 Occupational Classification System developed by the Bureau of the Census.

² Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Structures. The nature of injury identifies the principal physical characteristics of the injury.

³ May include some asphyxiations due to chest compressions.

⁴ Includes chemical and heat burns.

⁵ Includes poisoning and carbon monoxide poisoning; asphyxia and other toxic effects from gas, fumes, and chemical vapors; and reactions to venomous animal or insect bites.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding.

Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, 1995.