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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	2,040,929	100.0	343,929	100.0	104,801	100.0	9,688	100.0	224,244	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,355,099	66.4	206,968	60.2	81,095	77.4	9,123	94.2	112,932	50.4
Women	667,166	32.7	134,769	39.2	23,212	22.1	533	5.5	109,668	48.9
Age:										
Under 14 years	17	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	0.0	190	0.1	46	0.0	--	--	140	0.1
16 to 19 years	83,512	4.1	13,889	4.0	2,357	2.2	269	2.8	11,242	5.0
20 to 24 years	265,469	13.0	37,925	11.0	10,594	10.1	1,705	17.6	25,067	11.2
25 to 34 years	628,282	30.8	92,040	26.8	30,628	29.2	3,633	37.5	56,140	25.0
35 to 44 years	538,757	26.4	86,854	25.3	30,079	28.7	1,844	19.0	53,781	24.0
45 to 54 years	319,009	15.6	63,229	18.4	18,062	17.2	1,369	14.1	42,733	19.1
55 to 64 years	131,327	6.4	34,277	10.0	9,360	8.9	368	3.8	24,036	10.7
65 years and over	18,891	0.9	7,530	2.2	1,459	1.4	--	--	6,019	2.7
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	110,499	5.4	23,476	6.8	5,454	5.2	226	2.3	17,254	7.7
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	14.7	61,022	17.7	15,086	14.4	743	7.7	44,731	19.9
Service	362,591	17.8	75,932	22.1	12,483	11.9	535	5.5	62,352	27.8
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	2.5	8,358	2.4	3,108	3.0	405	4.2	4,631	2.1
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	16.7	56,712	16.5	27,404	26.1	1,825	18.8	26,526	11.8
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	42.1	116,443	33.9	40,767	38.9	5,934	61.3	67,311	30.0
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	277,739	13.6	51,864	15.1	17,944	17.1	1,656	17.1	31,673	14.1
3 months to 11 months	402,069	19.7	65,339	19.0	19,384	18.5	2,207	22.8	42,760	19.1
1 year to 5 years	613,670	30.1	100,340	29.2	29,370	28.0	3,098	32.0	66,205	29.5
More than 5 years	539,609	26.4	92,914	27.0	27,971	26.7	2,155	22.2	61,471	27.4
Not reported	207,842	10.2	33,471	9.7	10,132	9.7	572	5.9	22,136	9.9
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	52.4	183,468	53.3	59,495	56.8	6,161	63.6	115,157	51.4
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	9.6	30,898	9.0	6,791	6.5	775	8.0	22,927	10.2
Hispanic	191,665	9.4	34,085	9.9	10,566	10.1	975	10.1	21,778	9.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	1.4	4,876	1.4	1,589	1.5	64	0.7	3,040	1.4
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	0.4	1,647	0.5	667	0.6	73	0.7	902	0.4
Not reported	545,157	26.7	88,955	25.9	25,692	24.5	1,640	16.9	60,440	27.0

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Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	42,111	2.1	6,684	1.9	2,681	2.6	274	2.8	3,546	1.6
Mining ³	19,778	1.0	3,598	1.0	1,651	1.6	33	0.3	1,913	0.9
Construction	190,591	9.3	39,362	11.4	22,634	21.6	1,894	19.5	14,185	6.3
Manufacturing	527,458	25.8	58,519	17.0	16,594	15.8	1,811	18.7	39,176	17.5
Transportation and public utilities ³	222,897	10.9	40,095	11.7	15,415	14.7	2,266	23.4	21,332	9.5
Wholesale trade	159,875	7.8	23,589	6.9	8,343	8.0	1,002	10.3	13,928	6.2
Retail trade	355,672	17.4	73,594	21.4	14,451	13.8	1,189	12.3	57,089	25.5
Finance, insurance, and real estate	47,238	2.3	11,290	3.3	3,238	3.1	143	1.5	7,600	3.4
Services	475,308	23.3	87,200	25.4	19,795	18.9	1,076	11.1	65,476	29.2
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	16.9	45,204	13.1	10,943	10.4	1,693	17.5	32,205	14.4
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	13.4	41,017	11.9	11,426	10.9	866	8.9	28,108	12.5
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	20.9	67,604	19.7	18,314	17.5	2,073	21.4	46,281	20.6
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	13.4	44,492	12.9	13,511	12.9	1,258	13.0	28,782	12.8
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	11.3	41,764	12.1	13,852	13.2	972	10.0	26,446	11.8
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	6.2	23,805	6.9	8,245	7.9	524	5.4	14,583	6.5
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	17.9	80,043	23.3	28,510	27.2	2,302	23.8	47,839	21.3
Median days away from work	5		7		10		6		6	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	876,792	43.0	129,662	37.7	36,212	34.6	6,186	63.8	85,756	38.2
Fractures	124,601	6.1	53,646	15.6	22,033	21.0	1,447	14.9	29,354	13.1
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	8.7	11,014	3.2	3,916	3.7	120	1.2	6,872	3.1
Bruises, contusions	192,147	9.4	59,290	17.2	14,586	13.9	547	5.6	43,078	19.2
Heat burns	36,119	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	13,861	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	11,308	0.6	116	0.0	59	0.1	--	--	44	0.0
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	22,072	1.1	349	0.1	145	0.1	--	--	184	0.1
Multiple injuries	61,709	3.0	27,006	7.9	9,949	9.5	263	2.7	16,494	7.4
With fractures	11,438	0.6	3,970	1.2	2,081	2.0	189	1.9	1,667	0.7
With sprains	22,888	1.1	13,617	4.0	4,026	3.8	37	0.4	9,413	4.2
Soreness, Pain	134,498	6.6	22,346	6.5	5,677	5.4	330	3.4	16,041	7.2
Back pain	58,985	2.9	7,374	2.1	2,001	1.9	138	1.4	5,165	2.3
All other	358,628	17.6	40,473	11.8	12,224	11.7	786	8.1	26,393	11.8

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Part of body affected:										
Head	140,898	6.9	12,227	3.6	3,411	3.3	35	0.4	8,640	3.9
Eye	77,056	3.8	410	0.1	156	0.1	--	--	201	0.1
Neck	38,186	1.9	2,924	0.9	582	0.6	109	1.1	2,199	1.0
Trunk	776,617	38.1	106,449	31.0	29,115	27.8	1,891	19.5	73,885	32.9
Back	540,047	26.5	64,036	18.6	16,544	15.8	1,340	13.8	45,323	20.2
Shoulder	100,792	4.9	16,111	4.7	4,266	4.1	102	1.1	11,432	5.1
Upper extremities	466,522	22.9	45,436	13.2	13,418	12.8	330	3.4	30,972	13.8
Finger	176,909	8.7	4,645	1.4	868	0.8	--	--	3,547	1.6
Hand, except finger	82,590	4.0	5,674	1.6	1,851	1.8	--	--	3,763	1.7
Wrist	97,367	4.8	14,874	4.3	4,696	4.5	90	0.9	9,870	4.4
Lower extremities	404,743	19.8	114,040	33.2	37,476	35.8	7,046	72.7	67,971	30.3
Knee	138,058	6.8	48,435	14.1	11,562	11.0	1,966	20.3	34,241	15.3
Foot, toe	99,955	4.9	11,449	3.3	5,465	5.2	1,584	16.4	4,139	1.8
Body systems	31,540	1.5	274	0.1	52	0.0	--	--	216	0.1
Multiple	159,874	7.8	60,352	17.5	19,849	18.9	251	2.6	39,122	17.4
All other	22,550	1.1	2,228	0.6	899	0.9	--	--	1,240	0.6
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	1.9	17	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	287,175	14.1	5,451	1.6	814	0.8	224	2.3	4,226	1.9
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	3.7	5,751	1.7	447	0.4	44	0.5	5,169	2.3
Machinery	143,226	7.0	4,259	1.2	655	0.6	78	0.8	3,443	1.5
Parts and materials	227,042	11.1	6,089	1.8	968	0.9	189	1.9	4,721	2.1
Worker motion or position	300,987	14.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	15.5	298,377	86.8	92,337	88.1	7,823	80.8	195,015	87.0
Handtools	91,853	4.5	308	0.1	39	0.0	--	--	255	0.1
Vehicles	158,197	7.8	10,865	3.2	4,452	4.2	956	9.9	5,126	2.3
Health care patient	97,564	4.8	34	0.0	--	--	--	--	19	0.0
All other	303,404	14.9	12,779	3.7	5,076	4.8	354	3.7	6,261	2.8

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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