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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,833,380	100.0	313,335	100.0	198,128	100.0	168,994	100.0	25,015	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,209,097	65.9	184,523	58.9	97,711	49.3	79,561	47.1	16,261	65.0
Women	605,589	33.0	125,988	40.2	99,334	50.1	88,481	52.4	8,642	34.5
Age:										
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	284	0.0	152	0.0	112	0.1	111	0.1	--	--
16 to 19	59,737	3.3	10,487	3.3	7,553	3.8	6,699	4.0	772	3.1
20 to 24	208,054	11.3	27,358	8.7	16,108	8.1	13,183	7.8	2,511	10.0
25 to 34	532,816	29.1	78,061	24.9	45,724	23.1	38,241	22.6	6,536	26.1
35 to 44	517,842	28.2	81,769	26.1	49,749	25.1	42,479	25.1	6,224	24.9
45 to 54	314,158	17.1	65,666	21.0	43,503	22.0	37,421	22.1	4,964	19.8
55 to 64	134,737	7.3	35,849	11.4	25,335	12.8	22,168	13.1	2,824	11.3
65 and over	22,380	1.2	7,696	2.5	6,141	3.1	5,435	3.2	641	2.6
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	98,489	5.4	22,382	7.1	16,537	8.3	14,759	8.7	1,212	4.8
Technical, sales, and administrative support	271,685	14.8	56,068	17.9	40,354	20.4	35,531	21.0	3,851	15.4
Service	315,050	17.2	66,064	21.1	52,623	26.6	47,497	28.1	4,067	16.3
Farming, forestry, and fishing	48,040	2.6	9,225	2.9	4,857	2.5	4,024	2.4	796	3.2
Precision production, craft, and repair	310,434	16.9	50,878	16.2	20,719	10.5	16,694	9.9	3,594	14.4
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	775,259	42.3	106,656	34.0	61,790	31.2	49,349	29.2	11,388	45.5
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	236,518	12.9	42,380	13.5	25,658	13.0	21,480	12.7	3,681	14.7
3 months to 11 months	328,245	17.9	56,842	18.1	35,237	17.8	30,062	17.8	4,423	17.7
1 year to 5 years	581,534	31.7	98,587	31.5	62,354	31.5	54,187	32.1	7,148	28.6
More than 5 years	479,738	26.2	83,499	26.6	55,402	28.0	47,385	28.0	6,698	26.8
Not reported	207,346	11.3	32,028	10.2	19,478	9.8	15,879	9.4	3,065	12.3
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	966,289	52.7	167,782	53.5	104,836	52.9	89,066	52.7	13,637	54.5
Black, non-Hispanic	163,823	8.9	28,453	9.1	18,965	9.6	16,738	9.9	1,800	7.2
Hispanic	187,221	10.2	33,337	10.6	20,395	10.3	17,995	10.6	2,157	8.6
Asian or Pacific Islander	30,969	1.7	4,537	1.4	2,943	1.5	2,633	1.6	274	1.1
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,551	0.4	1,592	0.5	853	0.4	710	0.4	132	0.5
Not reported	477,528	26.0	77,634	24.8	50,136	25.3	41,853	24.8	7,016	28.0

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Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing <sup>2</sup>	40,514	2.2	7,404	2.4	3,554	1.8	2,907	1.7	633	2.5
Mining <sup>3</sup>	18,069	1.0	3,040	1.0	1,183	0.6	796	0.5	383	1.5
Construction	189,839	10.4	37,667	12.0	13,318	6.7	10,055	5.9	2,843	11.4
Manufacturing	446,109	24.3	50,801	16.2	33,960	17.1	27,438	16.2	5,990	23.9
Transportation and public utilities <sup>3</sup>	220,607	12.0	39,778	12.7	20,681	10.4	16,775	9.9	3,444	13.8
Wholesale trade	138,180	7.5	20,467	6.5	11,050	5.6	9,511	5.6	1,250	5.0
Retail trade	313,915	17.1	64,142	20.5	48,764	24.6	43,548	25.8	4,429	17.7
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,699	2.3	10,195	3.3	6,719	3.4	5,928	3.5	675	2.7
Services	423,449	23.1	79,842	25.5	58,900	29.7	52,037	30.8	5,367	21.5
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	304,898	16.6	40,915	13.1	28,537	14.4	23,883	14.1	4,109	16.4
Cases involving 2 days	238,661	13.0	35,348	11.3	23,735	12.0	20,304	12.0	2,979	11.9
Cases involving 3-5 days	373,463	20.4	59,324	18.9	40,188	20.3	34,412	20.4	5,206	20.8
Cases involving 6-10 days	240,339	13.1	38,198	12.2	23,555	11.9	19,492	11.5	3,506	14.0
Cases involving 11-20 days	214,516	11.7	36,482	11.6	23,967	12.1	20,506	12.1	2,992	12.0
Cases involving 21-30 days	121,932	6.7	24,977	8.0	14,369	7.3	12,468	7.4	1,486	5.9
Cases involving 31 or more days	339,572	18.5	78,091	24.9	43,777	22.1	37,931	22.4	4,737	18.9
Median days away from work	5		8		7		7		6	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	799,012	43.6	112,584	35.9	70,637	35.7	64,404	38.1	5,049	20.2
Fractures	119,470	6.5	55,297	17.6	31,341	15.8	27,800	16.5	3,042	12.2
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	156,722	8.5	8,227	2.6	5,761	2.9	2,391	1.4	3,261	13.0
Bruises, contusions	165,810	9.0	51,503	16.4	36,610	18.5	28,653	17.0	7,318	29.3
Heat burns	29,994	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	12,211	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	10,852	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	29,244	1.6	80	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	17,961	1.0	372	0.1	326	0.2	291	0.2	--	--
Multiple injuries	59,803	3.3	26,514	8.5	15,761	8.0	13,431	7.9	1,961	7.8
With fractures	11,037	0.6	4,275	1.4	1,907	1.0	1,579	0.9	305	1.2
With sprains	22,273	1.2	12,824	4.1	9,166	4.6	8,079	4.8	857	3.4
Soreness, Pain	115,411	6.3	20,082	6.4	13,664	6.9	11,745	6.9	1,453	5.8
Back pain	48,742	2.7	6,022	1.9	3,682	1.9	3,332	2.0	267	1.1
All other	316,892	17.3	38,653	12.3	23,991	12.1	20,249	12.0	2,912	11.6

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Part of body affected:										
Head	123,392	6.7	11,760	3.8	7,787	3.9	5,650	3.3	1,980	7.9
Eye	64,909	3.5	416	0.1	396	0.2	329	0.2	65	0.3
Neck	32,008	1.7	2,634	0.8	1,441	0.7	1,206	0.7	213	0.9
Trunk	687,395	37.5	90,753	29.0	58,463	29.5	48,721	28.8	8,741	34.9
Back	472,091	25.7	51,818	16.5	33,683	17.0	29,898	17.7	3,188	12.7
Shoulder	92,763	5.1	14,456	4.6	8,957	4.5	7,491	4.4	1,253	5.0
Upper extremities	419,519	22.9	43,493	13.9	31,965	16.1	27,649	16.4	3,786	15.1
Finger	154,112	8.4	2,863	0.9	2,175	1.1	1,580	0.9	533	2.1
Hand, except finger	72,862	4.0	4,942	1.6	4,010	2.0	3,160	1.9	817	3.3
Wrist	92,157	5.0	16,427	5.2	11,921	6.0	11,155	6.6	595	2.4
Lower extremities	375,031	20.5	104,712	33.4	60,287	30.4	52,311	31.0	6,896	27.6
Knee	129,948	7.1	42,502	13.6	29,261	14.8	26,074	15.4	2,757	11.0
Foot, toe	90,534	4.9	11,926	3.8	4,399	2.2	3,742	2.2	585	2.3
Body systems	25,193	1.4	172	0.1	134	0.1	104	0.1	--	--
Multiple	150,635	8.2	57,837	18.5	36,813	18.6	32,233	19.1	3,295	13.2
All other	20,206	1.1	1,974	0.6	1,238	0.6	1,121	0.7	74	0.3
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	32,229	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	267,438	14.6	5,559	1.8	4,393	2.2	--	--	4,329	17.3
Furniture, fixtures	64,433	3.5	5,167	1.6	4,163	2.1	--	--	4,100	16.4
Machinery	122,777	6.7	4,236	1.4	3,339	1.7	--	--	3,254	13.0
Parts and materials	207,271	11.3	5,417	1.7	4,211	2.1	19	0.0	4,092	16.4
Worker motion or position	277,533	15.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	287,786	15.7	272,031	86.8	171,821	86.7	168,729	99.8	155	0.6
Handtools	78,107	4.3	386	0.1	339	0.2	--	--	338	1.4
Vehicles	147,808	8.1	7,730	2.5	4,075	2.1	--	--	3,921	15.7
Health care patient	85,896	4.7	185	0.1	105	0.1	--	--	72	0.3
All other	262,102	14.3	12,604	4.0	5,667	2.9	162	0.1	4,746	19.0

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

<sup>3</sup> 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 1997 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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