

Table 1. Number and percent of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses with days away from work¹ by sex of injured for selected worker and case characteristic, 1996

Characteristic	All cases		Women		Men	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,880,525	100.0	620,508	100.0	1,240,018	100.0
Age:						
Under 14 years	34	0.0	--	--	18	0.0
14 to 15 years	1,476	0.1	594	0.1	879	0.1
16 to 19 years	73,817	3.9	22,700	3.7	50,909	4.1
20 to 24 years	231,273	12.3	65,874	10.6	164,440	13.3
25 to 34 years	559,893	29.8	172,888	27.9	384,380	31.0
35 to 44 years	511,689	27.2	171,989	27.7	335,937	27.1
45 to 54 years	304,382	16.2	114,089	18.4	187,403	15.1
55 to 64 years	126,494	6.7	51,488	8.3	73,884	6.0
65 years and over	17,664	0.9	7,472	1.2	10,128	0.8
Occupation:						
Managerial and professional	106,760	5.7	68,379	11.0	37,650	3.0
Technical, sales, and administrative support	274,001	14.6	155,504	25.1	115,990	9.4
Service	332,461	17.7	220,249	35.5	109,556	8.8
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	93,569	5.0	84,847	13.7	8,293	0.7
Maids and housemen	27,170	1.4	20,953	3.4	6,130	0.5
Farming, forestry, and fishing	45,118	2.4	7,003	1.1	37,908	3.1
Precision production, craft, and repair	309,027	16.4	20,281	3.3	286,835	23.1
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	797,581	42.4	145,855	23.5	643,642	51.9
Machine operators, tenders, except precision	193,998	10.3	57,956	9.3	135,152	10.9
Fabricators, assemblers, handworking	76,769	4.1	19,098	3.1	57,290	4.6
Assemblers	44,003	2.3	16,019	2.6	27,725	2.2
Handlers, helpers, laborers	296,263	15.8	45,584	7.3	247,340	19.9
Laborers, except construction	108,521	5.8	91,578	14.8	15,800	1.3
Length of service with employer:						
Less than 3 months	235,382	12.5	70,961	11.4	162,395	13.1
3 months to 11 months	342,944	18.2	112,776	18.2	228,937	18.5
1 year to 5 years	587,787	31.3	203,891	32.9	381,274	30.7
More than 5 years	506,341	26.9	166,981	26.9	337,296	27.2
Not reported	208,072	11.1	65,898	10.6	130,116	10.5
Race or ethnic origin:						
White, non-Hispanic	1,001,424	53.3	326,103	52.6	670,539	54.1
Black, non-Hispanic	165,700	8.8	70,112	11.3	95,043	7.7
Hispanic	169,300	9.0	43,270	7.0	125,638	10.1
Asian or Pacific Islander	27,010	1.4	10,955	1.8	15,930	1.3
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,316	0.4	3,073	0.5	4,225	0.3
Not reported	509,775	27.1	166,996	26.9	328,644	26.5

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Industry division:						
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	38,256	2.0	6,596	1.1	31,474	2.5
Mining ³	15,091	0.8	316	0.1	14,735	1.2
Construction	182,334	9.7	4,385	0.7	177,215	14.3
Manufacturing	462,239	24.6	115,654	18.6	343,451	27.7
Transportation and public utilities ^{3,4}	224,030	11.9	39,484	6.4	178,062	14.4
Wholesale trade	144,698	7.7	17,357	2.8	126,797	10.2
Retail trade	322,046	17.1	140,242	22.6	176,328	14.2
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,785	2.3	21,552	3.5	20,897	1.7
Services	449,047	23.9	274,920	44.3	171,060	13.8
Hospitals	89,400	4.8	69,647	11.2	19,121	1.5
Nursing and personal care facilities	77,962	4.1	68,113	11.0	8,863	0.7
Hotels and motels	36,738	2.0	19,338	3.1	17,330	1.4
Social services	44,835	2.4	32,239	5.2	12,252	1.0
Residential care	20,447	1.1	14,387	2.3	5,894	0.5
Business services	59,836	3.2	19,466	3.1	39,858	3.2
Number of days away from work:						
Cases involving 1 day	313,907	16.7	104,264	16.8	206,439	16.6
Cases involving 2 days	245,510	13.1	83,885	13.5	158,957	12.8
Cases involving 3-5 days	388,010	20.6	135,385	21.8	248,259	20.0
Cases involving 6-10 days	248,389	13.2	82,947	13.4	162,582	13.1
Cases involving 11-20 days	219,888	11.7	71,137	11.5	146,682	11.8
Cases involving 21-30 days	117,529	6.2	36,636	5.9	79,961	6.4
Cases involving 31 or more days	347,292	18.5	106,254	17.1	237,139	19.1
Median days away from work	5		5		6	
Nature of injury, illness:						
Sprains, strains	819,658	43.6	289,090	46.6	521,818	42.1
Fractures	120,497	6.4	30,189	4.9	88,958	7.2
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	156,418	8.3	29,085	4.7	125,721	10.1
Bruises, contusions	174,862	9.3	67,243	10.8	105,338	8.5
Heat burns	29,049	1.5	10,699	1.7	18,242	1.5
Chemical burns	11,578	0.6	2,881	0.5	8,672	0.7
Amputations	10,167	0.5	1,257	0.2	8,860	0.7
Carpal tunnel syndrome	29,937	1.6	20,725	3.3	9,160	0.7
Tendonitis	17,416	0.9	10,631	1.7	6,732	0.5
Multiple injuries	60,277	3.2	19,164	3.1	40,829	3.3
With fractures	11,542	0.6	2,759	0.4	8,748	0.7
With sprains	20,564	1.1	9,359	1.5	11,165	0.9
Soreness, Pain	125,588	6.7	46,487	7.5	78,586	6.3
Back pain	52,047	2.8	17,718	2.9	34,072	2.7
Part of body affected:						
Head	123,977	6.6	30,532	4.9	92,269	7.4
Eye	66,032	3.5	11,137	1.8	54,526	4.4
Neck	34,510	1.8	15,020	2.4	18,974	1.5
Trunk	715,562	38.1	231,778	37.4	476,963	38.5
Back	490,608	26.1	167,796	27.0	318,308	25.7
Shoulder	96,512	5.1	32,768	5.3	62,714	5.1
Upper extremities	425,649	22.6	145,963	23.5	276,116	22.3
Finger	152,585	8.1	35,533	5.7	115,580	9.3
Hand, except finger	75,610	4.0	22,103	3.6	52,855	4.3
Wrist	94,954	5.0	50,056	8.1	44,109	3.6
Lower extremities	375,538	20.0	113,418	18.3	258,177	20.8
Knee	127,623	6.8	42,524	6.9	83,884	6.8
Foot, toe	91,731	4.9	24,125	3.9	66,538	5.4
Body systems	26,800	1.4	12,834	2.1	13,831	1.1
Multiple	161,016	8.6	65,909	10.6	94,226	7.6

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Source of injury, illness:						
Chemicals, chemical products	34,904	1.9	13,006	2.1	21,725	1.8
Containers	272,851	14.5	89,395	14.4	181,892	14.7
Furniture, fixtures	68,602	3.6	28,821	4.6	39,635	3.2
Machinery	123,203	6.6	27,727	4.5	94,840	7.6
Parts and materials	208,917	11.1	21,321	3.4	185,672	15.0
Worker motion or position	272,992	14.5	109,962	17.7	160,969	13.0
Floor, ground surfaces	304,484	16.2	124,649	20.1	178,156	14.4
Handtools	81,080	4.3	11,686	1.9	68,796	5.5
Vehicles	151,009	8.0	33,329	5.4	116,461	9.4
Health care patient	86,661	4.6	75,844	12.2	10,092	0.8
Event or exposure:						
Contact with object, equipment	492,939	26.2	111,548	18.0	377,978	30.5
Struck by object	238,934	12.7	53,337	8.6	183,694	14.8
Struck against object	127,481	6.8	34,785	5.6	92,176	7.4
Caught in object, equipment, material	79,985	4.3	16,595	2.7	63,148	5.1
Fall to lower level	98,544	5.2	20,329	3.3	77,609	6.3
Fall on same level	219,416	11.7	109,365	17.6	109,038	8.8
Slips, trips	59,328	3.2	18,040	2.9	40,160	3.2
Overexertion	526,594	28.0	182,436	29.4	340,715	27.5
Overexertion in lifting	311,851	16.6	105,991	17.1	204,376	16.5
Repetitive motion	73,796	3.9	46,211	7.4	27,366	2.2
Exposed to harmful substance	87,164	4.6	32,075	5.2	54,505	4.4
Transportation accidents	77,617	4.1	18,360	3.0	58,431	4.7
Fires, explosions	4,146	0.2	273	0.0	3,866	0.3
Assault, violent act	24,241	1.3	14,187	2.3	9,811	0.8
by person	18,538	1.0	11,853	1.9	6,459	0.5
by other	5,703	0.3	2,334	0.4	3,352	0.3

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.

⁴ In 1996, air courier operations previously classified in Industry Groups 421, 422, 423, 452, 473, and 478 were reclassified to Industry Group 451. As a result, the 1996 estimates for these SIC's and Major Industry Groups 42, 45, and 47 are not comparable to those for prior years. In addition, the 1996 estimates for transportation and public utilities may have more variability than those for prior years.

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 1996 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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