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Total:	1,730,534	100.0	292,090	100.0	184,682	100.0	158,841	100.0	21,609	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,147,388	66.3	173,595	59.4	91,181	49.4	75,097	47.3	13,917	64.4
Women	571,341	33.0	116,236	39.8	92,877	50.3	83,293	52.4	7,607	35.2
Age:										
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	276	0.0	120	0.0	92	0.0	91	0.1	--	--
16 to 19	60,415	3.5	8,985	3.1	6,036	3.3	5,179	3.3	621	2.9
20 to 24	200,225	11.6	27,786	9.5	17,080	9.2	14,170	8.9	2,606	12.1
25 to 34	487,214	28.2	71,334	24.4	41,692	22.6	35,609	22.4	5,049	23.4
35 to 44	488,819	28.2	76,355	26.1	47,017	25.5	39,640	25.0	6,096	28.2
45 to 54	311,745	18.0	62,413	21.4	41,612	22.5	36,370	22.9	4,388	20.3
55 to 64	131,717	7.6	33,583	11.5	22,477	12.2	19,812	12.5	2,228	10.3
65 and over	21,104	1.2	7,583	2.6	6,074	3.3	5,591	3.5	413	1.9
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	98,941	5.7	21,329	7.3	16,498	8.9	15,362	9.7	937	4.3
Technical, sales, and administrative support	251,056	14.5	53,087	18.2	37,332	20.2	33,160	20.9	3,201	14.8
Service	297,491	17.2	62,485	21.4	50,678	27.4	45,866	28.9	3,688	17.1
Farming, forestry, and fishing	47,015	2.7	7,434	2.5	3,503	1.9	2,891	1.8	557	2.6
Precision production, craft, and repair	293,470	17.0	48,448	16.6	20,569	11.1	16,567	10.4	3,674	17.0
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	729,025	42.1	97,908	33.5	55,232	29.9	44,214	27.8	9,461	43.8
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	221,317	12.8	41,846	14.3	25,556	13.8	22,115	13.9	2,818	13.0
3 months to 11 months	317,226	18.3	54,997	18.8	34,828	18.9	29,812	18.8	3,979	18.4
1 year to 5 years	547,496	31.6	87,950	30.1	54,722	29.6	46,889	29.5	7,071	32.7
More than 5 years	444,508	25.7	75,760	25.9	49,362	26.7	43,118	27.1	5,143	23.8
Not reported	199,986	11.6	31,537	10.8	20,214	10.9	16,907	10.6	2,599	12.0
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	882,428	51.0	152,916	52.4	94,556	51.2	81,110	51.1	11,347	52.5
Black, non-Hispanic	157,435	9.1	25,278	8.7	17,063	9.2	15,118	9.5	1,526	7.1
Hispanic	179,399	10.4	31,417	10.8	18,653	10.1	16,033	10.1	2,378	11.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	26,782	1.5	3,919	1.3	2,932	1.6	2,530	1.6	386	1.8
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,431	0.4	1,758	0.6	1,093	0.6	969	0.6	102	0.5
Not reported	477,059	27.6	76,802	26.3	50,386	27.3	43,081	27.1	5,870	27.2

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Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	41,741	2.4	7,081	2.4	3,585	1.9	2,929	1.8	509	2.4
Mining ³	13,734	0.8	2,422	0.8	1,208	0.7	762	0.5	422	2.0
Construction	178,341	10.3	36,699	12.6	12,318	6.7	9,682	6.1	2,370	11.0
Manufacturing	429,634	24.8	48,783	16.7	31,618	17.1	25,687	16.2	5,236	24.2
Transportation and public utilities ³	200,387	11.6	33,873	11.6	16,953	9.2	13,506	8.5	2,782	12.9
Wholesale trade	135,205	7.8	18,546	6.3	10,482	5.7	8,518	5.4	1,585	7.3
Retail trade	294,423	17.0	61,571	21.1	47,665	25.8	43,059	27.1	3,778	17.5
Finance, insurance, and real estate	35,942	2.1	8,868	3.0	5,843	3.2	5,382	3.4	404	1.9
Services	401,128	23.2	74,248	25.4	55,010	29.8	49,316	31.0	4,525	20.9
Public sector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	289,473	16.7	39,102	13.4	26,459	14.3	22,042	13.9	3,946	18.3
Cases involving 2 days	231,728	13.4	34,857	11.9	23,588	12.8	19,600	12.3	3,368	15.6
Cases involving 3-5 days	349,120	20.2	54,373	18.6	35,858	19.4	30,663	19.3	4,332	20.0
Cases involving 6-10 days	223,600	12.9	36,772	12.6	22,615	12.2	19,591	12.3	2,589	12.0
Cases involving 11-20 days	194,485	11.2	32,427	11.1	20,391	11.0	17,594	11.1	2,470	11.4
Cases involving 21-30 days	111,223	6.4	21,207	7.3	13,551	7.3	11,896	7.5	1,145	5.3
Cases involving 31 or more days	330,905	19.1	73,353	25.1	42,220	22.9	37,454	23.6	3,759	17.4
Median days away from work	5		8		7		7		5	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	760,024	43.9	106,622	36.5	66,348	35.9	60,388	38.0	4,541	21.0
Fractures	115,438	6.7	51,326	17.6	29,586	16.0	26,684	16.8	2,449	11.3
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	160,788	9.3	8,029	2.7	5,583	3.0	2,744	1.7	2,765	12.8
Bruises, contusions	153,108	8.8	48,981	16.8	34,413	18.6	27,874	17.5	5,739	26.6
Heat burns	28,359	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	11,695	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	10,243	0.6	46	0.0	--	--	--	--	16	0.1
Carpal tunnel syndrome	26,266	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	16,900	1.0	327	0.1	282	0.2	251	0.2	--	--
Multiple injuries	57,626	3.3	25,866	8.9	15,811	8.6	13,417	8.4	2,082	9.6
With fractures	11,141	0.6	4,027	1.4	1,655	0.9	1,511	1.0	132	0.6
With sprains	21,386	1.2	12,182	4.2	8,694	4.7	7,380	4.6	1,202	5.6
Soreness, Pain	101,599	5.9	18,476	6.3	12,112	6.6	10,518	6.6	1,214	5.6
Back pain	42,353	2.4	4,892	1.7	3,221	1.7	2,868	1.8	294	1.4
All other	288,489	16.7	32,412	11.1	20,520	11.1	16,954	10.7	2,790	12.9

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Part of body affected:										
Head	117,528	6.8	12,276	4.2	8,651	4.7	5,937	3.7	2,327	10.8
Eye	58,526	3.4	326	0.1	259	0.1	178	0.1	80	0.4
Neck	29,874	1.7	2,084	0.7	1,272	0.7	1,004	0.6	237	1.1
Trunk	645,074	37.3	85,150	29.2	53,775	29.1	45,440	28.6	7,373	34.1
Back	440,160	25.4	49,836	17.1	30,780	16.7	27,092	17.1	3,163	14.6
Shoulder	89,337	5.2	14,873	5.1	9,482	5.1	8,177	5.1	1,129	5.2
Upper extremities	400,797	23.2	40,832	14.0	28,017	15.2	24,222	15.2	3,256	15.1
Finger	147,544	8.5	3,007	1.0	2,399	1.3	1,825	1.1	543	2.5
Hand, except finger	73,827	4.3	5,457	1.9	3,802	2.1	2,948	1.9	826	3.8
Wrist	84,471	4.9	15,376	5.3	10,346	5.6	9,532	6.0	561	2.6
Lower extremities	355,196	20.5	96,970	33.2	59,396	32.2	52,659	33.2	5,410	25.0
Knee	122,293	7.1	41,695	14.3	30,232	16.4	26,953	17.0	2,603	12.0
Foot, toe	84,292	4.9	10,602	3.6	5,016	2.7	4,345	2.7	601	2.8
Body systems	22,296	1.3	143	0.0	125	0.1	67	0.0	58	0.3
Multiple	142,532	8.2	52,970	18.1	32,465	17.6	28,590	18.0	2,887	13.4
All other	17,238	1.0	1,665	0.6	982	0.5	920	0.6	62	0.3
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	28,797	1.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	253,040	14.6	4,961	1.7	4,097	2.2	163	0.1	3,781	17.5
Furniture, fixtures	61,527	3.6	4,618	1.6	3,885	2.1	--	--	3,709	17.2
Machinery	118,020	6.8	3,327	1.1	2,660	1.4	19	0.0	2,604	12.1
Parts and materials	199,400	11.5	4,578	1.6	3,015	1.6	19	0.0	2,908	13.5
Worker motion or position	262,690	15.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	268,749	15.5	256,111	87.7	161,526	87.5	158,477	99.8	121	0.6
Handtools	80,604	4.7	459	0.2	388	0.2	--	--	387	1.8
Vehicles	135,867	7.9	7,110	2.4	4,093	2.2	63	0.0	3,608	16.7
Health care patient	80,413	4.6	86	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
All other	241,427	14.0	10,833	3.7	4,991	2.7	100	0.1	4,465	20.7

¹ Days away from work 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 1998 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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