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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,880,525	100.0	330,913	100.0	219,416	100.0	188,158	100.0	27,532	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,240,018	65.9	197,496	59.7	109,038	49.7	89,338	47.5	17,478	63.5
Women	620,508	33.0	131,751	39.8	109,365	49.8	98,330	52.3	10,002	36.3
Age:										
Under 14 years	34	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	1,476	0.1	939	0.3	762	0.3	762	0.4	--	--
16 to 19 years	73,817	3.9	10,929	3.3	8,150	3.7	7,076	3.8	956	3.5
20 to 24 years	231,273	12.3	30,995	9.4	18,641	8.5	15,313	8.1	3,104	11.3
25 to 34 years	559,893	29.8	83,653	25.3	53,155	24.2	45,563	24.2	6,659	24.2
35 to 44 years	511,689	27.2	87,146	26.3	56,660	25.8	48,125	25.6	7,665	27.8
45 to 54 years	304,382	16.2	66,666	20.1	46,629	21.3	40,935	21.8	5,011	18.2
55 to 64 years	126,494	6.7	35,695	10.8	25,606	11.7	21,555	11.5	3,245	11.8
65 years and over	17,664	0.9	6,991	2.1	5,319	2.4	4,949	2.6	322	1.2
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	106,760	5.7	26,827	8.1	20,110	9.2	18,891	10.0	965	3.5
Technical, sales, and administrative support	274,001	14.6	57,371	17.3	42,709	19.5	38,744	20.6	3,502	12.7
Service	332,461	17.7	71,287	21.5	60,434	27.5	53,070	28.2	6,641	24.1
Farming, forestry, and fishing	45,118	2.4	8,628	2.6	4,616	2.1	3,580	1.9	847	3.1
Precision production, craft, and repair	309,027	16.4	52,113	15.7	24,118	11.0	19,098	10.1	4,232	15.4
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	797,581	42.4	113,134	34.2	66,426	30.3	54,006	28.7	11,139	40.5
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	235,382	12.5	43,729	13.2	27,479	12.5	23,663	12.6	3,387	12.3
3 months to 11 months	342,944	18.2	58,148	17.6	38,833	17.7	33,008	17.5	5,052	18.4
1 year to 5 years	587,787	31.3	102,489	31.0	67,553	30.8	57,182	30.4	9,790	35.6
More than 5 years	506,341	26.9	91,269	27.6	62,102	28.3	54,263	28.8	6,636	24.1
Not reported	208,072	11.1	35,278	10.7	23,450	10.7	20,042	10.7	2,667	9.7
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	1,001,424	53.3	175,993	53.2	116,093	52.9	98,740	52.5	15,589	56.6
Black, non-Hispanic	165,700	8.8	29,507	8.9	21,070	9.6	18,800	10.0	2,113	7.7
Hispanic	169,300	9.0	29,912	9.0	18,039	8.2	15,127	8.0	2,363	8.6
Asian or Pacific Islander	27,010	1.4	3,966	1.2	2,660	1.2	2,253	1.2	293	1.1
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,316	0.4	1,435	0.4	1,114	0.5	973	0.5	134	0.5
Not reported	509,775	27.1	90,101	27.2	60,442	27.5	52,266	27.8	7,041	25.6

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Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing <sup>2</sup>	38,256	2.0	6,981	2.1	3,566	1.6	2,999	1.6	498	1.8
Mining <sup>3</sup>	15,091	0.8	2,676	0.8	1,143	0.5	789	0.4	350	1.3
Construction	182,334	9.7	38,200	11.5	14,551	6.6	10,938	5.8	3,021	11.0
Manufacturing	462,239	24.6	55,026	16.6	37,608	17.1	30,397	16.2	6,553	23.8
Transportation and public utilities <sup>3,4</sup>	224,030	11.9	42,970	13.0	24,073	11.0	19,749	10.5	3,434	12.5
Wholesale trade	144,698	7.7	20,849	6.3	11,602	5.3	9,728	5.2	1,698	6.2
Retail trade	322,046	17.1	66,134	20.0	52,153	23.8	45,725	24.3	6,000	21.8
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,785	2.3	11,888	3.6	8,066	3.7	7,431	3.9	547	2.0
Services	449,047	23.9	86,191	26.0	66,655	30.4	60,402	32.1	5,432	19.7
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	313,907	16.7	45,874	13.9	32,805	15.0	27,629	14.7	4,657	16.9
Cases involving 2 days	245,510	13.1	39,323	11.9	26,494	12.1	22,747	12.1	3,424	12.4
Cases involving 3-5 days	388,010	20.6	61,773	18.7	43,104	19.6	37,389	19.9	4,790	17.4
Cases involving 6-10 days	248,389	13.2	43,257	13.1	29,298	13.4	23,910	12.7	4,690	17.0
Cases involving 11-20 days	219,888	11.7	40,592	12.3	26,478	12.1	22,448	11.9	3,749	13.6
Cases involving 21-30 days	117,529	6.2	22,629	6.8	15,039	6.9	13,245	7.0	1,606	5.8
Cases involving 31 or more days	347,292	18.5	77,466	23.4	46,199	21.1	40,791	21.7	4,615	16.8
Median days away from work	5		7		7		7		6	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	819,658	43.6	120,030	36.3	79,296	36.1	73,308	39.0	4,855	17.6
Fractures	120,497	6.4	54,115	16.4	31,288	14.3	28,103	14.9	2,750	10.0
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	156,418	8.3	9,111	2.8	6,893	3.1	2,848	1.5	3,929	14.3
Bruises, contusions	174,862	9.3	58,210	17.6	42,542	19.4	33,173	17.6	8,625	31.3
Heat burns	29,049	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	11,578	0.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	10,167	0.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	29,937	1.6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	17,416	0.9	277	0.1	196	0.1	183	0.1	--	--
Multiple injuries	60,277	3.2	26,098	7.9	16,643	7.6	13,969	7.4	2,284	8.3
With fractures	11,542	0.6	5,036	1.5	2,754	1.3	2,199	1.2	233	0.8
With sprains	20,564	1.1	11,659	3.5	8,336	3.8	7,258	3.9	1,048	3.8
Soreness, Pain	125,588	6.7	25,192	7.6	17,324	7.9	15,398	8.2	1,738	6.3
Back pain	52,047	2.8	8,366	2.5	5,427	2.5	4,880	2.6	468	1.7
All other	325,080	17.3	37,861	11.4	25,219	11.5	21,169	11.3	3,331	12.1

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Part of body affected:										
Head	123,977	6.6	10,774	3.3	7,887	3.6	5,995	3.2	1,788	6.5
Eye	66,032	3.5	400	0.1	384	0.2	122	0.1	260	0.9
Neck	34,510	1.8	3,060	0.9	2,164	1.0	1,807	1.0	325	1.2
Trunk	715,562	38.1	103,043	31.1	72,147	32.9	60,886	32.4	10,160	36.9
Back	490,608	26.1	59,728	18.0	41,706	19.0	37,661	20.0	3,552	12.9
Shoulder	96,512	5.1	16,712	5.1	11,041	5.0	9,115	4.8	1,599	5.8
Upper extremities	425,649	22.6	44,810	13.5	31,941	14.6	25,739	13.7	5,642	20.5
Finger	152,585	8.1	3,484	1.1	2,510	1.1	1,910	1.0	553	2.0
Hand, except finger	75,610	4.0	4,956	1.5	3,834	1.7	2,925	1.6	870	3.2
Wrist	94,954	5.0	16,397	5.0	11,066	5.0	9,589	5.1	1,223	4.4
Lower extremities	375,538	20.0	109,470	33.1	66,392	30.3	59,961	31.9	5,473	19.9
Knee	127,623	6.8	47,162	14.3	33,776	15.4	31,063	16.5	2,193	8.0
Foot, toe	91,731	4.9	13,498	4.1	6,113	2.8	5,600	3.0	408	1.5
Body systems	26,800	1.4	265	0.1	229	0.1	191	0.1	37	0.1
Multiple	161,016	8.6	58,035	17.5	37,675	17.2	32,772	17.4	4,012	14.6
All other	17,474	0.9	1,457	0.4	981	0.4	808	0.4	96	0.3
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	34,904	1.9	16	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	272,851	14.5	5,294	1.6	4,417	2.0	75	0.0	4,182	15.2
Furniture, fixtures	68,602	3.6	6,287	1.9	5,701	2.6	--	--	5,613	20.4
Machinery	123,203	6.6	3,950	1.2	2,872	1.3	35	0.0	2,800	10.2
Parts and materials	208,917	11.1	5,356	1.6	4,340	2.0	128	0.1	4,130	15.0
Worker motion or position	272,992	14.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	304,484	16.2	287,062	86.7	189,726	86.5	187,318	99.6	199	0.7
Handtools	81,080	4.3	359	0.1	303	0.1	--	--	303	1.1
Vehicles	151,009	8.0	8,168	2.5	4,623	2.1	161	0.1	4,280	15.5
Health care patient	86,661	4.6	134	0.0	46	0.0	--	--	--	--
All other	275,822	14.7	14,288	4.3	7,378	3.4	409	0.2	5,989	21.8

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work cases 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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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