

Table 5. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ involving assaults and violent acts by person(s) by selected worker and case characteristics, 1997

Characteristic	All Events	Assaults and violent acts	Assaults and violent acts by person(s)	Biting	Hitting, kicking, beating	Shooting	Squeezing, pinching, scratching, twisting
Total:	1,833,380	27,060	21,329	604	7,824	448	1,902
Sex:							
Men	1,209,097	11,601	7,964	197	2,761	309	192
Women	605,589	15,286	13,193	397	5,029	133	1,657
Age:							
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	284	--	--	--	--	--	--
16 to 19	59,737	735	436	--	152	--	--
20 to 24	208,054	4,176	2,839	80	716	118	184
25 to 34	532,816	8,671	6,938	217	2,548	140	577
35 to 44	517,842	6,672	5,359	197	2,650	--	385
45 to 54	314,158	4,366	3,774	74	1,120	--	520
55 to 64	134,737	1,492	1,323	18	528	--	172
65 and over	22,380	315	233	--	52	--	--
Occupation:							
Managerial and professional	98,489	4,470	3,927	69	1,913	--	338
Technical, sales, and administrative support	271,685	6,070	5,333	--	1,003	315	124
Service	315,050	9,819	9,427	484	3,694	--	1,364
Farming, forestry, and fishing	48,040	2,268	--	--	19	--	--
Precision production, craft, and repair	310,434	1,086	553	--	231	--	--
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	775,259	3,305	2,033	--	945	84	54
Length of service with employer:							
Less than 3 months	236,518	2,705	1,936	--	842	101	289
3 months to 11 months	328,245	6,136	4,939	125	1,820	164	428
1 year to 5 years	581,534	9,325	7,196	261	2,653	99	455
More than 5 years	479,738	7,008	5,869	136	1,991	53	524
Not reported	207,346	1,887	1,389	44	518	--	205
Race or ethnic origin:							
White, non-Hispanic	966,289	14,617	11,486	281	3,901	200	1,062
Black, non-Hispanic	163,823	3,864	3,618	99	1,565	72	237
Hispanic	187,221	2,189	1,539	67	613	--	147
Asian or Pacific Islander	30,969	873	455	--	100	--	--
American Indian or Alaskan Native	7,551	77	72	--	51	--	--
Not reported	477,528	5,439	4,159	126	1,594	161	427

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Major industry division							
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	40,514	2,380	--	--	--	--	--
Mining ³	18,069	27	8	--	--	--	--
Construction	189,839	529	222	--	57	--	--
Manufacturing	446,109	1,034	630	--	174	36	14
Transportation and public utilities ³	220,607	1,334	776	--	301	--	82
Wholesale trade	138,180	835	454	--	130	--	--
Retail trade	313,915	3,378	2,925	--	930	323	--
Finance, insurance, and real estate	42,699	376	324	--	47	--	--
Services	423,449	17,167	15,960	518	6,157	--	1,777
Number of days away from work:							
Cases involving 1 day	304,898	4,811	3,254	170	1,261	1	508
Cases involving 2 days	238,661	4,371	3,286	153	1,476	4	370
Cases involving 3-5 days	373,463	6,617	5,360	120	2,189	7	442
Cases involving 6-10 days	240,339	3,577	2,658	71	1,119	15	137
Cases involving 11-20 days	214,516	2,470	2,151	27	794	28	141
Cases involving 21-30 days	121,932	1,083	821	38	281	57	65
Cases involving 31 or more days	339,572	4,130	3,799	26	705	336	240
Median days away from work	5	4	5	2	4	52	3
Nature of injury, illness:							
Sprains, strains	799,012	7,138	6,863	--	942	--	1,049
Fractures	119,470	1,233	974	--	401	--	77
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	156,722	1,211	860	61	357	--	--
Bruises, contusions	165,810	4,489	4,069	45	2,809	--	147
Heat burns	29,994	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	12,211	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	10,852	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	29,244	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	17,961	--	--	--	--	--	--
Multiple injuries	59,803	2,169	2,060	--	1,287	--	105
With fractures	11,037	79	79	--	41	--	--
With sprains	22,273	1,008	975	--	810	--	83
Soreness, Pain	115,411	1,558	1,528	--	815	--	143
Back pain	48,742	507	496	--	166	--	--
All other	316,892	9,216	4,928	477	1,212	448	338

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Part of body affected:							
Head	123,392	4,077	3,649	--	2,598	--	98
Eye	64,909	606	554	--	251	--	19
Neck	32,008	1,431	1,349	--	431	--	--
Trunk	687,395	6,886	6,412	46	2,589	73	272
Back	472,091	3,814	3,678	--	1,133	--	56
Shoulder	92,763	1,052	1,002	--	173	--	157
Upper extremities	419,519	6,881	4,120	461	486	--	1,363
Finger	154,112	1,738	1,018	86	128	--	449
Hand, except finger	72,862	1,227	497	82	85	--	160
Wrist	92,157	1,405	1,250	--	154	--	466
Lower extremities	375,031	2,890	1,695	--	403	142	--
Knee	129,948	1,282	1,050	--	290	--	--
Foot, toe	90,534	320	238	--	--	--	--
Body systems	25,193	951	912	--	51	--	--
Multiple	150,635	3,375	2,898	--	1,190	102	89
All other	20,206	570	294	48	76	116	--
Source of injury, illness:							
Chemicals, chemical products	32,229	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	267,438	171	171	--	114	--	--
Furniture, fixtures	64,433	266	217	--	--	--	--
Machinery	122,777	140	140	--	97	--	--
Parts and materials	207,271	185	102	--	71	--	--
Worker motion or position	277,533	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	287,786	486	480	--	69	--	--
Handtools	78,107	151	151	--	--	--	--
Vehicles	147,808	112	112	--	--	--	--
Health care patient	85,896	11,624	11,615	360	4,166	--	1,490
All other	262,102	13,920	8,335	243	3,272	448	393

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 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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