

**Table 9. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work<sup>1</sup> for three selected nature of injury or illness categories by selected worker and case characteristics, 1999**

Characteristic	All natures	Sprains, strains, tears	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Tendonitis
Total:	1,702,470	739,742	27,922	16,582
Sex:				
Men	1,129,243	470,536	9,185	6,406
Women	558,127	262,315	18,651	10,127
Age:				
Under 14	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	866	563	38	--
16 to 19	58,206	20,607	--	266
20 to 24	197,841	80,555	1,291	1,481
25 to 34	457,555	205,641	5,111	4,764
35 to 44	483,545	220,955	9,994	5,079
45 to 54	310,502	136,548	7,860	3,531
55 to 64	138,391	55,645	3,189	1,204
65 and over	22,538	6,937	113	75
Occupation:				
Managerial and professional	94,671	44,962	1,879	760
Technical, sales, and administrative support	249,426	115,759	8,076	3,475
Service	289,479	137,295	2,358	2,053
Farming, forestry, and fishing	42,899	15,104	180	237
Precision production, craft, and repair	297,965	113,155	4,492	2,042
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	719,728	310,563	10,755	7,941
Length of service with employer:				
Less than 3 months	229,969	91,796	961	1,573
3 months to 11 months	308,348	132,688	2,378	2,430
1 year to 5 years	549,718	242,649	9,119	5,469
More than 5 years	413,776	184,405	12,448	5,118
Not reported	200,660	88,204	3,017	1,993
Race or ethnic origin:				
White, non-Hispanic	859,591	378,302	16,355	8,506
Black, non-Hispanic	155,149	68,197	2,259	1,475
Hispanic	182,896	63,985	1,646	1,299
Asian or Pacific Islander	25,328	9,206	286	272
American Indian or Alaskan Native	6,812	2,910	127	53
Not reported	472,693	217,142	7,248	4,978

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Major industry division				
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing <sup>2</sup>	34,941	11,563	214	232
Mining <sup>3</sup>	11,318	4,406	73	--
Construction	193,765	72,371	1,173	751
Manufacturing	403,568	157,359	12,147	7,093
Transportation and public utilities <sup>3</sup>	196,725	95,657	2,012	1,019
Wholesale trade	136,110	65,272	1,287	802
Retail trade	291,648	122,337	3,360	2,169
Finance, insurance, and real estate	39,472	15,224	2,182	595
Services	394,922	195,554	5,474	3,918
Public sector	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:				
Cases involving 1 day	272,605	100,742	1,125	1,589
Cases involving 2 days	219,191	95,920	1,119	1,680
Cases involving 3-5 days	348,806	165,528	2,352	3,281
Cases involving 6-10 days	226,406	104,663	2,991	2,598
Cases involving 11-20 days	193,564	86,915	4,327	2,047
Cases involving 21-30 days	107,415	44,596	3,278	1,268
Cases involving 31 or more days	334,483	141,377	12,731	4,120
Median days away from work	6	6	27	9
Part of body affected:				
Head	107,696	405	--	38
Eye	53,096	117	--	38
Neck	30,889	23,609	--	--
Trunk	631,173	448,986	--	2,960
Back	424,251	347,827	--	--
Shoulder	93,787	63,655	--	2,904
Upper extremities	397,118	61,029	27,922	11,647
Finger	149,475	6,863	--	655
Hand, except finger	70,809	5,699	--	1,422
Wrist	84,410	23,787	27,922	4,263
Lower extremities	350,202	157,224	--	1,154
Knee	127,953	73,255	--	577
Foot, toe	77,649	9,694	--	306
Body systems	21,910	--	--	--
Multiple	148,188	46,985	--	675
All other	15,294	1,505	--	99

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<b>Source of injury, illness:</b>				
Chemicals, chemical products	28,773	262	--	--
Containers	244,574	156,482	72	1,088
Furniture, fixtures	58,537	25,404	--	90
Machinery	114,183	26,353	--	284
Parts and materials	192,005	71,564	--	497
Worker motion or position	267,060	171,940	27,797	12,044
Floor, ground surfaces	272,026	104,460	--	382
Handtools	77,942	15,037	--	448
Vehicles	137,660	51,686	--	263
Health care patient	72,363	56,320	--	706
All other	237,346	60,235	17	780
<b>Event or exposure:</b>				
Contact with object, equipment	459,606	45,604	--	601
Struck by object	229,158	20,696	--	338
Struck against object	116,517	17,126	--	232
Caught in object, equipment, material	76,968	5,389	--	--
Fall to lower level	93,881	31,281	--	--
Fall on same level	190,701	69,636	--	349
Slips, trips	54,761	45,933	--	--
Overexertion	459,441	369,877	103	3,215
Overexertion in lifting	264,837	213,596	88	1,578
Repetitive motion	73,195	14,820	27,729	10,729
Exposed to harmful substance	76,223	--	--	--
Transportation accidents	73,246	25,520	--	--
Fires, explosions	3,486	179	--	--
Assault, violent act	23,225	3,824	--	51
by person	16,644	3,695	--	51
by other	6,581	128	--	--
All other	194,705	133,070	79	1,517

<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 1999 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.

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