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Characteristic	All natures		Sprains, strains, tears		Carpal tunnel syndrome		Tendonitis	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,537,567	100.0	669,889	100.0	26,794	100.0	14,124	100.0
Sex:								
Men	1,009,499	65.7	425,920	63.6	8,632	32.2	6,384	45.2
Women	516,842	33.6	238,725	35.6	18,078	67.5	7,728	54.7
Age:								
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	908	0.1	159	--	--	--	--	--
16 to 19	44,535	2.9	15,952	2.4	44	0.2	193	1.4
20 to 24	171,659	11.2	67,072	10.0	830	3.1	1,230	8.7
25 to 34	389,065	25.3	176,295	26.3	5,095	19.0	3,514	24.9
35 to 44	438,445	28.5	199,464	29.8	9,041	33.7	4,686	33.2
45 to 54	315,794	20.5	140,533	21.0	8,077	30.1	3,284	23.3
55 to 64	135,690	8.8	56,274	8.4	3,227	12.0	998	7.1
65 and over	24,541	1.6	8,030	1.2	267	1.0	85	0.6
Occupation:								
Managerial and professional	97,797	6.4	47,633	7.1	1,547	5.8	623	4.4
Technical, sales, and administrative support	237,717	15.5	110,748	16.5	9,144	34.1	2,925	20.7
Service	266,346	17.3	125,418	18.7	1,827	6.8	1,178	8.3
Farming, forestry, and fishing	44,336	2.9	15,013	2.2	251	0.9	186	1.3
Precision production, craft, and repair	281,027	18.3	109,946	16.4	4,172	15.6	2,537	18.0
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	605,769	39.4	259,447	38.7	9,808	36.6	6,627	46.9
Length of service with employer:								
Less than 3 months	181,874	11.8	72,878	10.9	569	2.1	1,518	10.7
3 months to 11 months	283,835	18.5	121,870	18.2	1,667	6.2	2,464	17.4
1 year to 5 years	511,471	33.3	228,900	34.2	9,330	34.8	4,423	31.3
More than 5 years	378,194	24.6	168,893	25.2	12,679	47.3	4,598	32.6
Not reported	182,192	11.8	77,349	11.5	2,549	9.5	1,121	7.9
Race or ethnic origin:								
White, non-Hispanic	765,228	49.8	335,999	50.2	15,335	57.2	7,325	51.9
Black, non-Hispanic	133,785	8.7	59,700	8.9	2,704	10.1	1,302	9.2
Hispanic	191,959	12.5	73,263	10.9	1,794	6.7	1,400	9.9
Asian or Pacific Islander	25,317	1.6	9,453	1.4	445	1.7	190	1.3
American Indian or Alaskan Native	5,661	0.4	2,597	0.4	49	0.2	51	0.4
Not reported	415,616	27.0	188,877	28.2	6,466	24.1	3,857	27.3

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Major industry division								
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	40,153	2.6	13,758	2.1	168	0.6	187	1.3
Mining ³	10,582	0.7	4,026	0.6	61	0.2	21	0.1
Construction	185,662	12.1	71,225	10.6	1,224	4.6	1,230	8.7
Manufacturing	317,326	20.6	123,041	18.4	11,240	41.9	5,567	39.4
Transportation and public utilities ³	199,939	13.0	96,770	14.4	1,666	6.2	1,128	8.0
Wholesale trade	111,925	7.3	52,261	7.8	1,675	6.3	954	6.8
Retail trade	265,700	17.3	113,662	17.0	3,445	12.9	2,013	14.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	37,982	2.5	14,937	2.2	2,204	8.2	581	4.1
Services	368,299	24.0	180,209	26.9	5,110	19.1	2,443	17.3
Public sector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:								
Cases involving 1 day	237,547	15.4	90,271	13.5	1,163	4.3	1,593	11.3
Cases involving 2 days	195,958	12.7	85,750	12.8	1,097	4.1	1,228	8.7
Cases involving 3-5 days	305,140	19.8	142,106	21.2	2,394	8.9	2,570	18.2
Cases involving 6-10 days	193,066	12.6	88,868	13.3	2,964	11.1	1,871	13.2
Cases involving 11-20 days	170,772	11.1	75,252	11.2	4,185	15.6	1,772	12.5
Cases involving 21-30 days	97,526	6.3	38,615	5.8	3,074	11.5	902	6.4
Cases involving 31 or more days	337,558	22.0	149,028	22.2	11,917	44.5	4,189	29.7
Median days away from work	6		6		25		10	
Part of body affected:								
Head	99,523	6.5	321	--	--	--	--	--
Eye	44,811	2.9	66	--	--	--	--	--
Neck	27,111	1.8	20,687	3.1	--	--	--	--
Trunk	561,603	36.5	394,923	59.0	--	--	2,472	17.5
Back	372,683	24.2	301,883	45.1	--	--	--	--
Shoulder	88,484	5.8	61,570	9.2	--	--	2,458	17.4
Upper extremities	355,344	23.1	55,262	8.2	26,794	100.0	10,432	73.9
Finger	123,523	8.0	6,090	0.9	--	--	562	4.0
Hand, except finger	63,727	4.1	5,433	0.8	--	--	968	6.9
Wrist	78,857	5.1	21,908	3.3	26,794	100.0	3,366	23.8
Lower extremities	322,959	21.0	152,889	22.8	--	--	750	5.3
Knee	119,670	7.8	71,006	10.6	--	--	365	2.6
Foot, toe	68,117	4.4	9,089	1.4	--	--	154	1.1
Body systems	21,657	1.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
Multiple	139,675	9.1	44,843	6.7	--	--	407	2.9
All other	9,695	0.6	964	0.1	--	--	55	0.4

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Source of injury, illness:								
Chemicals, chemical products	25,125	1.6	235	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	209,078	13.6	133,536	19.9	18	0.1	1,146	8.1
Furniture, fixtures	53,974	3.5	24,221	3.6	--	--	166	1.2
Machinery	97,634	6.3	24,783	3.7	--	--	99	0.7
Parts and materials	162,475	10.6	60,353	9.0	--	--	630	4.5
Worker motion or position	245,867	16.0	156,404	23.3	26,681	99.6	10,005	70.8
Floor, ground surfaces	264,677	17.2	100,923	15.1	--	--	334	2.4
Handtools	68,113	4.4	13,980	2.1	--	--	343	2.4
Vehicles	128,534	8.4	47,328	7.1	--	--	521	3.7
Health care patient	67,635	4.4	52,234	7.8	--	--	207	1.5
All other	214,455	13.9	55,891	8.3	53	0.2	657	4.7
Event or exposure:								
Contact with object, equipment	400,033	26.0	41,583	6.2	--	--	572	4.0
Struck by object	199,855	13.0	17,340	2.6	--	--	131	0.9
Struck against object	101,177	6.6	15,681	2.3	--	--	402	2.8
Caught in object, equipment, material	68,048	4.4	5,944	0.9	--	--	--	--
Fall to lower level	96,359	6.3	34,742	5.2	--	--	119	0.8
Fall on same level	182,641	11.9	63,719	9.5	--	--	180	1.3
Slips, trips	50,269	3.3	43,335	6.5	--	--	80	0.6
Overexertion	409,011	26.6	327,291	48.9	41	0.2	2,914	20.6
Overexertion in lifting	227,291	14.8	181,134	27.0	--	--	1,214	8.6
Repetitive motion	65,162	4.2	11,796	1.8	26,481	98.8	8,729	61.8
Exposed to harmful substance	68,269	4.4	--	--	--	--	17	--
Transportation accidents	66,803	4.3	23,195	3.5	--	--	--	--
Fires, explosions	3,711	0.2	62	--	--	--	--	--
Assault, violent act	23,694	1.5	4,587	0.7	--	--	--	--
by person	17,215	1.1	4,186	0.6	--	--	--	--
by other	6,480	0.4	401	0.1	--	--	--	--
All other	171,615	11.2	119,577	17.9	249	0.9	1,488	10.5

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 2001 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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