

**Table 196. Injury and Poisoning Episodes and Conditions by Age and Sex: 2008**

[33,255 represents 33,255,000. Covers all medically attended injuries and poisonings occurring during the 5-week period prior to the survey interview. Age adjustment is used to adjust for differences in the age distribution of populations being compared. There may be more than one condition per episode. Based on the National Health Interview Survey, a sample survey of the civilian noninstitutionalized population; see Appendix III]

External cause and nature of injury	Both sexes							Male	Female
	Total	Total, age-adjusted <sup>1</sup>	Under 12 years	12 to 21 years	22 to 44 years	45 to 64 years	65 years and over		
<b>EPISODES</b>									
Number (1,000) . . . . .	33,255	(X)	4,573	6,497	10,653	7,370	4,161	16,692	16,563
Annual rate per 1,000 population, total <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	111.2	111.9	93.2	156.9	113.4	95.1	112.1	113.9	108.6
Fall . . . . .	42.8	42.7	52.9	41.0	31.4	41.8	62.7	34.9	50.4
Struck by or against a person or an object . . . . .	12.3	12.4	14.1	22.0	10.4	9.8	4 9.2	13.4	11.3
Transportation <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	14.1	14.4	4 2.7	21.3	21.4	8.2	4 15.2	15.3	13.0
Overexertion . . . . .	13.5	13.5	4 5	21.8	15.4	13.9	4 10.0	14.3	12.8
Cutting, piercing instruments . . . . .	7.2	7.3	4 3.2	4 11.7	11.0	4 5.1	4 2.0	8.8	5.6
Poisoning <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	4 2.1	2.0	4 1.4	4 1.8	4 1.7	4 3.9	—	4 3.0	4 1.2
<b>CONDITIONS</b>									
Annual rate per 1,000 population, total <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	155.6	155.9	107.9	207.9	151.7	143.1	196.1	148.3	162.6
Sprains/strains . . . . .	50.5	50.6	16.6	98.5	52.8	49.3	38.7	46.9	54.0
Open wounds . . . . .	18.3	18.7	30.2	12.5	18.8	9.5	4 26.1	21.2	15.6
Fractures . . . . .	20.9	20.9	22.6	23.1	15.2	19.2	34.5	20.8	21.0
Contusions . . . . .	29.4	29.3	4 13.0	29.6	28.8	30.2	50.8	19.7	38.8

— Represents or rounds to zero. X Not applicable. <sup>1</sup> Data were age-adjusted using the 2000 standard population using age groups: under 12 years, 12–21 years, 22–44 years, 45–64 years, and 65 years and over. <sup>2</sup> Includes other items not shown separately. <sup>3</sup> Includes the categories "Motor vehicle traffic"; "Pedal cycle, other"; "Pedestrian, other"; and "Transport, other." <sup>4</sup> Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision. <sup>5</sup> Poisoning episodes are assumed to have a single condition resulting from the episode.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, Vital and Health Statistics, unpublished data.

**Table 197. Injuries Associated With Selected Consumer Products: 2008**

[Estimates calculated from a representative sample of hospitals with emergency treatment departments in the United States. Data are estimates of the number of emergency room treated cases nationwide associated with various products. Product involvement does not necessarily mean the product caused the accident. Products were selected from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS)]

Product	Number	Product	Number
Home workshop equipment:		Floors or flooring materials . . . . .	1,209,603
Saws (hand or power) . . . . .	91,701	Other doors <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	313,122
Hammers . . . . .	33,053	Home entertainment equipment:	
Household packaging and containers:		Televisions . . . . .	57,612
Household containers and packaging . . . . .	217,943	Computers (equip. & electronic games) . . . . .	24,721
Bottles and jars . . . . .	79,406	Personal use items:	
Housewares:		Footwear . . . . .	154,981
Knives . . . . .	415,539	Wheelchairs . . . . .	126,958
Tableware and flatware . . . . .	98,456	Crutches, canes, walkers . . . . .	100,414
Drinking glasses . . . . .	77,287	Jewelry . . . . .	83,571
Home furnishing:		Yard and garden equipment:	
Beds . . . . .	563,922	Lawn mowers . . . . .	80,188
Chairs . . . . .	338,948	Sports and recreation equipment:	
Tables <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	317,856	Bicycles . . . . .	516,261
Household cabinets, racks, and shelves . . . . .	276,285	Skateboards . . . . .	149,577
Bathbats and showers . . . . .	260,635	Trampolines . . . . .	104,752
Home structures, construction:		Minibikes or trail bikes . . . . .	75,589
Stairs or steps . . . . .	1,213,555	Swings or swing sets . . . . .	60,884

<sup>1</sup> Excludes baby-changing and television tables or stands. <sup>2</sup> Excludes glass doors and garage doors.

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**Table 198. Costs of Unintentional Injuries: 2008**

[701.9 represents \$701,900,000,000. Covers costs of deaths or disabling injuries together with vehicle accidents and fires]

Cost	Amount (bil. dol.)					Percent distribution				
	Total <sup>1</sup>	Motor vehicle	Work	Home	Other	Total <sup>1</sup>	Motor vehicle	Work	Home	Other
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>701.9</b>	<b>255.7</b>	<b>183.0</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Wage and productivity losses <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	354.9	88.7	88.4	116.9	65.3	50.6	34.7	48.3	64.1	63.4
Medical expense . . . . .	145.1	41.8	38.3	41.2	26.1	20.7	16.3	20.9	22.6	25.3
Administrative expenses <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	122.4	81.2	37.7	9.8	6.6	17.4	31.8	20.6	5.4	6.4
Motor vehicle damage . . . . .	41.7	41.7	2.1	(NA)	(NA)	5.9	16.3	1.1	(NA)	(NA)
Employer uninsured cost <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	22.3	2.3	12.7	4.9	2.8	3.2	0.9	6.9	2.7	2.7
Fire loss . . . . .	15.5	(NA)	3.8	9.5	2.2	2.2	(NA)	2.1	5.2	2.1

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Excludes duplication between work and motor vehicle: \$22.1 billion in 2008. <sup>2</sup> Actual loss of wages and household production, and the present value of future earnings lost. <sup>3</sup> Home and other costs may include costs of administering medical treatment claims for some motor vehicle injuries filed through health insurance plans. <sup>4</sup> Estimate of the uninsured costs incurred by employers, representing the money value of time lost by noninjured workers.

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