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Characteristic	All natures		Sprains, strains, tears		Carpal tunnel syndrome		Tendonitis	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	1,664,018	100.0	728,202	100.0	27,697	100.0	14,445	100.0
Sex:								
Men	1,097,104	65.9	460,596	63.3	8,874	32.0	5,422	37.5
Women	555,722	33.4	261,796	36.0	18,740	67.7	8,961	62.0
Age:								
Under 14	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15	573	--	135	--	--	--	--	--
16 to 19	54,134	3.3	17,654	2.4	92	0.3	125	0.9
20 to 24	186,336	11.2	75,922	10.4	873	3.2	1,122	7.8
25 to 34	430,922	25.9	193,193	26.5	5,016	18.1	3,537	24.5
35 to 44	481,267	28.9	221,436	30.4	9,990	36.1	5,125	35.5
45 to 54	325,808	19.6	147,474	20.3	7,821	28.2	3,322	23.0
55 to 64	142,540	8.6	57,345	7.9	3,559	12.8	904	6.3
65 and over	25,335	1.5	8,358	1.1	243	0.9	230	1.6
Occupation:								
Managerial and professional	99,086	6.0	47,123	6.5	1,819	6.6	845	5.8
Technical, sales, and administrative support	254,672	15.3	117,656	16.2	9,625	34.8	3,377	23.4
Service	278,121	16.7	132,482	18.2	1,831	6.6	1,112	7.7
Farming, forestry, and fishing	41,542	2.5	15,187	2.1	304	1.1	212	1.5
Precision production, craft, and repair	298,973	18.0	116,584	16.0	3,954	14.3	1,854	12.8
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	684,355	41.1	296,892	40.8	10,130	36.6	7,015	48.6
Length of service with employer:								
Less than 3 months	215,608	13.0	85,349	11.7	833	3.0	1,422	9.8
3 months to 11 months	308,633	18.5	137,496	18.9	2,761	10.0	2,276	15.8
1 year to 5 years	524,791	31.5	230,971	31.7	8,934	32.3	5,230	36.2
More than 5 years	404,812	24.3	182,379	25.0	12,267	44.3	4,317	29.9
Not reported	210,174	12.6	92,008	12.6	2,902	10.5	1,200	8.3
Race or ethnic origin:								
White, non-Hispanic	827,455	49.7	365,208	50.2	15,144	54.7	7,978	55.2
Black, non-Hispanic	139,280	8.4	62,776	8.6	2,313	8.4	1,037	7.2
Hispanic	186,029	11.2	68,574	9.4	2,074	7.5	1,287	8.9
Asian or Pacific Islander	25,857	1.6	9,751	1.3	359	1.3	393	2.7
American Indian or Alaskan Native	6,955	0.4	3,147	0.4	123	0.4	42	0.3
Not reported	478,442	28.8	218,747	30.0	7,684	27.7	3,708	25.7

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Major industry division								
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	37,256	2.2	12,539	1.7	228	0.8	113	0.8
Mining ³	14,084	0.8	5,544	0.8	70	0.3	20	0.1
Construction	194,410	11.7	74,659	10.3	1,036	3.7	942	6.5
Manufacturing	376,574	22.6	145,106	19.9	10,910	39.4	5,780	40.0
Transportation and public utilities ³	207,037	12.4	104,734	14.4	2,023	7.3	1,060	7.3
Wholesale trade	125,554	7.5	56,802	7.8	1,530	5.5	718	5.0
Retail trade	281,253	16.9	116,859	16.0	3,780	13.6	1,928	13.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	39,549	2.4	15,585	2.1	2,640	9.5	570	3.9
Services	388,300	23.3	196,375	27.0	5,480	19.8	3,314	22.9
Public sector	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Number of days away from work:								
Cases involving 1 day	267,383	16.1	101,483	13.9	767	2.8	1,233	8.5
Cases involving 2 days	214,566	12.9	92,477	12.7	1,163	4.2	1,283	8.9
Cases involving 3-5 days	331,806	19.9	154,874	21.3	2,572	9.3	2,703	18.7
Cases involving 6-10 days	210,890	12.7	100,651	13.8	2,915	10.5	2,013	13.9
Cases involving 11-20 days	185,564	11.2	82,492	11.3	4,239	15.3	2,067	14.3
Cases involving 21-30 days	103,643	6.2	44,146	6.1	3,599	13.0	1,112	7.7
Cases involving 31 or more days	350,166	21.0	152,080	20.9	12,442	44.9	4,035	27.9
Median days away from work	6		6		27		10	
Part of body affected:								
Head	110,251	6.6	417	0.1	--	--	40	0.3
Eye	53,816	3.2	90	--	--	--	40	0.3
Neck	28,615	1.7	21,864	3.0	--	--	47	0.3
Trunk	618,307	37.2	438,235	60.2	--	--	2,782	19.3
Back	411,143	24.7	333,446	45.8	--	--	--	--
Shoulder	96,118	5.8	68,200	9.4	--	--	2,773	19.2
Upper extremities	382,735	23.0	61,916	8.5	27,697	100.0	10,460	72.4
Finger	138,325	8.3	8,189	1.1	--	--	602	4.2
Hand, except finger	69,464	4.2	5,929	0.8	--	--	1,206	8.3
Wrist	85,192	5.1	24,503	3.4	27,697	100.0	3,842	26.6
Lower extremities	347,742	20.9	159,023	21.8	--	--	601	4.2
Knee	130,063	7.8	75,533	10.4	--	--	265	1.8
Foot, toe	76,343	4.6	11,400	1.6	--	--	177	1.2
Body systems	20,986	1.3	--	--	--	--	--	--
Multiple	145,558	8.7	45,686	6.3	--	--	439	3.0
All other	9,824	0.6	1,062	0.1	--	--	77	0.5

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Source of injury, illness:								
Chemicals, chemical products	25,411	1.5	272	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	240,068	14.4	152,043	20.9	--	--	1,176	8.1
Furniture, fixtures	56,441	3.4	25,801	3.5	--	--	152	1.1
Machinery	111,573	6.7	26,294	3.6	--	--	354	2.5
Parts and materials	182,525	11.0	67,175	9.2	38	0.1	788	5.5
Worker motion or position	258,504	15.5	167,669	23.0	27,595	99.6	10,227	70.8
Floor, ground surfaces	278,495	16.7	104,144	14.3	--	--	355	2.5
Handtools	74,830	4.5	14,993	2.1	--	--	278	1.9
Vehicles	138,788	8.3	52,431	7.2	--	--	191	1.3
Health care patient	74,610	4.5	58,248	8.0	--	--	329	2.3
All other	222,773	13.4	59,133	8.1	19	0.1	595	4.1
Event or exposure:								
Contact with object, equipment	443,614	26.7	45,057	6.2	--	--	462	3.2
Struck by object	224,995	13.5	19,482	2.7	--	--	255	1.8
Struck against object	107,651	6.5	16,303	2.2	--	--	156	1.1
Caught in object, equipment, material	75,356	4.5	6,363	0.9	--	--	17	0.1
Fall to lower level	95,329	5.7	30,326	4.2	--	--	41	0.3
Fall on same level	198,861	12.0	71,909	9.9	--	--	338	2.3
Slips, trips	52,794	3.2	44,833	6.2	--	--	56	0.4
Overexertion	454,720	27.3	361,744	49.7	74	0.3	3,062	21.2
Overexertion in lifting	256,747	15.4	205,201	28.2	--	--	1,148	7.9
Repetitive motion	68,323	4.1	13,598	1.9	27,497	99.3	9,021	62.5
Exposed to harmful substance	69,059	4.2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Transportation accidents	73,014	4.4	27,454	3.8	--	--	--	--
Fires, explosions	3,656	0.2	55	--	--	--	--	--
Assault, violent act	23,506	1.4	4,919	0.7	--	--	98	0.7
by person	18,418	1.1	4,686	0.6	--	--	71	0.5
by other	5,087	0.3	233	--	--	--	--	--
All other	181,144	10.9	128,307	17.6	114	0.4	1,334	9.2

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 2000 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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