

Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by selected worker characteristics and event or exposure, 1996

Worker characteristics	Total fatalities (number)	Event or exposure ¹ (percent)					
		Transportation incidents ²	Assaults and violent acts ³	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total	6,112	41.8	18.7	16.4	11.2	8.6	3.0
Employee status							
Wage and salary workers ⁴	4,905	43.9	16.4	15.7	11.6	9.0	3.2
Self-employed ⁵	1,207	33.4	28.2	19.4	9.6	7.0	2.4
Sex							
Men	5,605	41.5	17.1	17.5	11.7	8.9	3.1
Women	507	45.6	36.7	4.7	5.5	4.3	2.6
Age							
Under 20 years	194	39.2	20.1	25.8	5.2	8.8	—
20 to 24 years	440	37.3	20.9	18.2	7.3	12.3	3.9
25 to 34 years	1,336	39.4	18.7	16.2	10.6	12.1	2.8
35 to 44 years	1,563	42.7	17.6	15.9	9.7	9.6	4.1
45 to 54 years	1,226	42.9	20.1	14.3	12.2	7.7	2.6
55 to 64 years	847	44.0	18.5	16.3	15.2	3.5	1.9
65 years and over	492	43.9	17.1	19.3	14.2	2.8	2.6
Unknown	14	50.0	—	—	—	—	—
Race							
White	5,047	42.9	16.0	17.3	11.9	8.7	3.1
Black	617	38.1	30.6	13.8	6.0	8.4	2.9
Asian or Pacific Islander	163	23.3	59.5	6.1	5.5	3.7	—
American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo	35	51.4	17.1	—	11.4	11.4	—
Other	250	39.6	18.4	14.4	14.0	9.6	3.2
Hispanic origin							
Hispanic ⁶	626	32.6	24.1	15.5	14.5	9.3	3.8

¹ Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Structures. Includes other events and exposures, such as bodily reaction, in addition to those shown separately.

² Includes highway, nonhighway, air, water, and rail fatalities.

³ Includes violence by persons, self-inflicted injury, and assaults by animals.

⁴ May include volunteers and other workers receiving compensation.

⁵ Includes paid and unpaid family workers, and may include owners of incorporated businesses, or members of partnerships.

⁶ Persons identified as Hispanic may be of any race.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding.

Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication criteria.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, 1996.