

Table 9. Fatal occupational injuries by worker activity at the time of the incident and event, 1995

Worker activity	Fatalities		Event or exposure ¹ (percent)						
	Number	Percent	Total	Transportation incidents	Assaults and violent acts	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Total	6,210	100.0	100	41.2	20.3	14.7	10.4	9.6	3.3
Vehicular and transportation operations	2,421	39.0	100	91.2	4.4	2.2	.8	1.2	—
Driving, operating	1,606	25.9	100	92.5	5.2	1.3	—	.8	—
Automobile	449	7.2	100	82.9	15.8	—	—	—	—
Airplane	156	2.5	100	99.4	—	—	—	—	—
Truck	716	11.5	100	97.1	1.1	1.3	—	—	—
Industrial or construction vehicle	97	1.6	100	86.6	—	9.3	—	—	—
Boat	17	.3	100	88.2	—	—	—	—	—
Train	8	.1	100	100.0	—	—	—	—	—
Bus	10	.2	100	80.0	—	—	—	—	—
Bicycle, motorcycle	21	.3	100	95.2	—	—	—	—	—
Riding in, on	387	6.2	100	92.0	1.8	1.8	2.3	1.8	—
Automobile	40	.6	100	92.5	—	—	—	—	—
Airplane	115	1.9	100	99.1	—	—	—	—	—
Truck	115	1.9	100	95.7	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial/construction vehicle	15	.2	100	80.0	—	—	—	—	—
Boat	52	.8	100	82.7	—	—	—	7.7	—
Train	12	.2	100	100.0	—	—	—	—	—
Horse	9	.1	100	—	—	—	55.6	—	—
Boarding, alighting	47	.8	100	53.2	19.1	—	10.6	12.8	—
Directing, flagging traffic	34	.5	100	94.1	—	—	—	—	—
Walking in or near roadway, etc., n.e.c.	87	1.4	100	89.7	—	—	—	—	—
Vehicular and transportation operations, n.e.c.	240	3.9	100	88.8	—	7.5	—	—	—
Driving, operating farm vehicle	185	3.0	100	91.9	—	5.9	—	—	—
Riding in, on farm vehicle	24	.4	100	83.3	—	16.7	—	—	—
Boarding, alighting farm vehicle	4	.1	100	100.0	—	—	—	—	—
Using or operating tools, machinery	571	9.2	100	17.2	1.4	53.2	8.8	10.7	8.8
Operating heavy equipment	213	3.4	100	39.9	—	48.4	2.3	7.5	1.9
Hydraulic equipment	10	.2	100	—	—	60.0	—	—	—
Crane	20	.3	100	—	—	50.0	—	25.0	—
Farm machinery	68	1.1	100	47.1	—	48.5	—	—	—
Mine machinery	18	.3	100	—	—	88.9	—	—	—
Earth moving machinery	38	.6	100	68.4	—	28.9	—	—	—
Materials handling machinery	22	.4	100	40.9	—	50.0	—	—	—
Operating machinery	74	1.2	100	—	—	71.6	5.4	5.4	10.8
Using power tools	43	.7	100	—	—	39.5	16.3	18.6	18.6
Using nonpowered hand tools	20	.3	100	—	—	30.0	30.0	20.0	—
Operating or reading gauges, valves, switches	21	.3	100	—	—	—	—	33.3	33.3
Welding	37	.6	100	—	—	16.2	16.2	18.9	45.9
Logging, trimming, pruning	133	2.1	100	—	—	77.4	13.5	7.5	—
Using or operating tools, machinery, gauges, n.e.c.	14	.2	100	—	—	42.9	—	28.6	—
Constructing, repairing, cleaning	1,174	18.9	100	6.6	2.9	26.4	32.2	26.1	5.6
Construction, assembling, dismantling	466	7.5	100	5.4	—	21.7	44.2	25.5	2.6
Constructing, assembling	141	2.3	100	2.8	—	21.3	56.0	16.3	3.5
Installing	131	2.1	100	—	—	20.6	33.6	41.2	3.1
Dismantling, removing	72	1.2	100	—	—	27.8	41.7	25.0	—
Repair, maintenance	425	6.8	100	8.2	2.6	36.0	17.9	27.3	7.8
Repairing	208	3.3	100	9.6	2.9	34.6	19.7	27.4	5.8
Maintenance	54	.9	100	7.4	—	37.0	20.4	29.6	—
Adjusting	16	.3	100	—	—	56.2	—	—	—
Unjamming	24	.4	100	—	—	62.5	—	16.7	—
Inspecting or checking	56	.9	100	12.5	7.1	26.8	12.5	30.4	8.9
Cleaning, washing	86	1.4	100	—	12.8	30.2	26.7	22.1	4.7
Clearing, spraying	17	.3	100	—	—	29.4	—	—	23.5
Painting, etc.	46	.7	100	—	—	—	45.7	32.6	15.2
Constructing, repairing, cleaning, n.e.c.	13	.2	100	—	—	—	30.8	—	—
Protective service activities	204	3.3	100	7.8	66.2	2.5	—	9.3	11.8
Fighting a fire	22	.4	100	—	—	—	—	—	86.4
Apprehending, breaking up fight, chasing	42	.7	100	—	90.5	—	—	—	—
Rescuing or evacuating	18	.3	100	—	—	—	—	61.1	—
Materials handling operations	263	4.2	100	11.8	6.1	39.2	14.4	19.4	8.4
Lifting materials	8	.1	100	—	—	—	—	75.0	—
Carrying materials	11	.2	100	—	—	—	63.6	—	—
Holding materials	6	.1	100	—	—	—	—	66.7	—
Loading, unloading (packing, unpacking) materials	129	2.1	100	17.8	7.8	51.2	10.1	10.9	—
Working with chemicals (except cleaning)	18	.3	100	—	—	—	—	38.9	50.0
Retrieving objects	9	.1	100	—	—	—	—	44.4	—
Materials handling, n.e.c.	57	.9	100	7.0	—	43.9	21.1	14.0	8.8
Physical activity², n.e.c.	294	4.7	100	24.1	17.3	14.3	28.2	12.2	2.7
All other activities	1,282	20.6	100	4.5	71.1	7.6	5.5	7.5	2.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 9. Fatal occupational injuries by worker activity at the time of the incident and event, 1995 — Continued

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	Number	Percent	Total	Transportation incidents	Assaults and violent acts	Contact with objects and equipment	Falls	Exposure to harmful substances or environments	Fires and explosions
Tending a retail establishment	410	6.6	100	—	96.6	1.2	1.0	—	—
Office work	75	1.2	100	—	88.0	—	—	—	—
Health care and social services activities	19	.3	100	—	36.8	—	—	21.1	—
Animal care and tending	27	.4	100	—	59.3	22.2	—	—	—
Legal service activities	7	.1	100	—	71.4	—	—	—	—
Activity, n.e.c.	735	11.8	100	7.6	56.7	11.0	7.9	10.9	4.5

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 walking, sitting, running, and climbing ladders or stairs.

n.e.c. = not elsewhere classified.

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, 1995.