

**HOUSEHOLD DATA
ANNUAL AVERAGES**

45. Absences from work of employed full-time wage and salary workers by occupation and industry

(Numbers in thousands)

Occupation and industry	1998						
	Total employed	Absence rate ¹			Lost worktime rate ²		
		Total	Illness or injury	Other reasons	Total	Illness or injury	Other reasons
OCCUPATION							
Managerial and professional specialty	29,399	3.1	2.0	1.1	1.7	1.0	0.7
Executive, administrative, and managerial	14,540	2.8	1.8	.9	1.4	.9	.6
Professional specialty	14,859	3.5	2.2	1.2	1.9	1.1	.8
Technical, sales, and administrative support	27,105	4.1	2.9	1.2	2.1	1.4	.7
Technicians and related support	3,492	4.1	2.9	1.2	2.2	1.4	.8
Sales occupations	9,495	3.1	2.2	.9	1.6	1.1	.5
Administrative support, including clerical	14,118	4.7	3.3	1.4	2.4	1.6	.8
Service occupations	10,530	4.5	3.2	1.2	2.5	1.8	.6
Precision production, craft, and repair	11,724	3.3	2.6	.8	1.9	1.5	.3
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	15,208	4.3	3.4	.9	2.5	2.1	.4
Farming, forestry, and fishing	1,613	2.4	1.9	.6	1.3	1.0	.3
INDUSTRY							
Agricultural wage and salary workers	1,462	2.0	1.5	.5	1.1	.8	.3
Private nonagricultural wage and salary workers	78,474	3.6	2.6	1.0	2.0	1.4	.6
Mining	566	2.2	1.7	.5	1.3	1.0	.3
Construction	5,443	3.2	2.4	.9	1.8	1.4	.4
Manufacturing	18,929	3.8	2.8	.9	2.1	1.6	.5
Durable goods	11,610	3.6	2.8	.8	2.1	1.6	.4
Nondurable goods	7,319	3.9	2.9	1.0	2.2	1.7	.5
Transportation and public utilities	6,391	3.4	2.6	.8	2.1	1.6	.5
Transportation	3,713	3.5	2.8	.8	2.3	1.8	.5
Communications and other public utilities	2,677	3.2	2.3	.9	1.9	1.4	.5
Wholesale and retail trade	16,699	3.4	2.4	.9	1.8	1.3	.5
Wholesale trade	4,051	2.7	2.0	.6	1.4	1.0	.4
Retail trade	12,648	3.6	2.6	1.0	1.9	1.4	.5
Finance, insurance, and real estate	6,561	3.4	2.3	1.2	1.7	1.0	.7
Services	23,885	3.9	2.7	1.2	2.1	1.3	.7
Government workers	15,642	4.5	3.3	1.2	2.4	1.6	.7

¹ Absences are defined as instances when persons who usually work 35 or more hours a week worked less than 35 hours during the reference week for one of the following reasons: Own illness, injury, or medical problems; child-care problems; other family or personal obligations; civic or military duty; and maternity or paternity leave. Excluded are situations in which work was missed due to vacation or personal days, holiday, labor dispute, and other reasons. For multiple jobholders, absence data refer only to work missed at their main jobs. The absence rate is the ratio of workers with absences to total full-time wage and salary employment. The

estimates of full-time wage and salary employment shown in this table do not match those in other tables because the estimates in this table are based on the full CPS sample and those in the other tables are based on a quarter of the sample only.

² Hours absent as a percent of hours usually worked.

NOTE: Beginning in January 1998, data reflect new composite estimation procedures and revised population controls used in the household survey.