

Table 8. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation and selected nature of injury, 1994

Occupation ¹	Total fatalities (number)	Nature ² (percent)					
		Gunshot wounds	Asphyxiations, strangulations, suffocations ³	Drownings	Electrocutions	Burns ⁴	Poisonings and toxic effects ⁵
Total	6,588	16.1	4.4	3.1	5.3	2.7	2.9
Managerial and professional specialty	768	19.9	3.8	1.7	2.1	1.3	3.5
Executive, administrative, and managerial	486	24.9	4.5	—	2.5	1.4	3.7
Financial managers	14	28.6	—	—	—	—	—
Managers, food serving and lodging establishments	74	60.8	—	—	—	—	—
Managers, properties and real estate	20	50.0	—	—	—	—	—
Managers and administrators, n.e.c.	251	18.3	5.2	—	2.8	1.6	5.6
Management related occupations	57	15.8	—	—	—	—	—
Professional specialty	282	11.3	2.5	3.5	1.4	—	3.2
Engineers, architects, and surveyors	70	8.6	—	—	—	—	—
Engineers	64	9.4	—	—	—	—	—
Health diagnosing occupations	15	33.3	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers, except postsecondary	17	23.5	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers and judges	18	27.8	—	—	—	—	—
Lawyers	16	25.0	—	—	—	—	—
Technical, sales, and administrative support	943	41.1	2.1	.8	1.0	2.0	1.7
Technicians and related support occupations	209	4.8	2.9	2.9	—	5.3	2.4
Engineering and related technologists and technicians	26	23.1	—	—	—	—	—
Electrical and electronic technicians	14	42.9	—	—	—	—	—
Technicians, except health, engineering, and science ..	150	—	3.3	2.7	—	6.0	2.7
Airplane pilots and navigators	131	—	—	3.1	—	6.1	—
Sales occupations	588	57.8	2.0	—	.9	1.2	1.7
Supervisors and proprietors, sales occupations	249	65.5	2.4	—	—	2.0	—
Sales representatives, finance and business services ..	40	20.0	—	—	—	—	—
Sales workers, retail and personal services	252	65.5	1.6	—	—	—	2.4
Sales workers, motor vehicles and boats	17	47.1	—	—	—	—	—
Sales counter clerks	27	77.8	—	—	—	—	—
Cashiers	110	85.5	—	—	—	—	—
Street and door-to-door sales workers	13	61.5	—	—	—	—	—
Administrative support occupations, including clerical	146	26.0	—	—	—	—	—
Secretaries, stenographers, and typists	13	30.8	—	—	—	—	—
Secretaries	12	33.3	—	—	—	—	—
Information clerks	19	57.9	—	—	—	—	—
Financial records processing occupations	15	40.0	—	—	—	—	—
Bookkeepers, accounting, and auditing clerks	11	36.4	—	—	—	—	—
Mail and message distributing occupations	37	10.8	—	—	—	—	—
Material recording, scheduling, and distributing clerks ..	28	28.6	—	—	—	—	—
Dispatchers	6	66.7	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous administrative support	20	25.0	—	—	—	—	—
Service occupations	601	39.9	3.8	2.2	1.8	2.7	5.5
Protective service occupations	332	46.7	5.7	1.5	—	3.6	3.9
Firefighting and fire prevention occupations, including supervisors	56	—	30.4	—	—	17.9	17.9
Firefighting occupations	50	—	32.0	—	—	20.0	20.0
Police and detectives, including supervisors	149	51.7	—	—	—	—	—
Police and detectives, public services	102	52.0	—	—	—	—	—
Sheriffs, bailiffs, and other law enforcement officers ..	28	50.0	—	—	—	—	—
Guards	127	59.8	—	—	—	—	—
Guards and police, except public service	113	64.6	—	—	—	—	—
Service occupations, except protective and household	259	32.4	1.5	2.7	3.5	1.5	6.9
Food preparation and service occupations	81	56.8	—	—	—	—	—
Supervisors, food preparation and service occupations	8	87.5	—	—	—	—	—
Bartenders	19	63.2	—	—	—	—	—
Waiters and waitresses	16	62.5	—	—	—	—	—
Cooks	18	33.3	—	—	—	—	—
Food counter, fountain and related occupations	7	71.4	—	—	—	—	—
Health service occupations	27	14.8	—	—	—	—	14.8
Cleaning and building service occupations, except household	94	14.9	—	5.3	5.3	—	9.6
Janitors and cleaners	79	16.5	—	6.3	6.3	—	8.9
Personal service occupations	57	35.1	—	—	—	—	—
Attendants, amusement and recreation facilities	17	23.5	—	—	—	—	—
Farming, forestry, and fishing	944	3.1	7.7	7.4	5.1	.8	2.3
Farming operators and managers	382	3.4	9.7	1.6	3.1	1.0	1.6
Farmers, except horticultural	264	1.5	9.5	1.9	2.7	1.5	—
Managers, farms, except horticultural	102	7.8	11.8	—	3.9	—	—
Other agricultural and related occupations	360	3.6	7.8	4.4	8.6	—	2.8
Farm occupations, except managerial	263	3.8	8.7	3.8	6.1	—	3.4
Farm workers	252	2.8	9.1	4.0	5.2	—	3.2
Related agricultural occupations	97	—	5.2	6.2	15.5	—	—
Supervisors, related agricultural occupations	10	—	—	—	40.0	—	—
Groundskeepers and gardeners, except farm	78	—	6.4	7.7	12.8	—	—
Forestry and logging occupations	137	—	5.1	—	—	—	—

See footnotes at end of table.

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Timber cutting and logging occupations	112	—	5.4	—	—	—	—
Fishers, hunters, and trappers	65	—	—	73.8	—	—	7.7
Fishers	55	—	—	70.9	—	—	7.3
Precision production, craft, and repair	1,090	4.5	3.7	1.9	16.9	3.0	2.8
Mechanics and repairers	294	7.1	4.8	1.4	11.9	5.1	3.7
Vehicle and mobile equipment mechanics, repairers, and supervisors	160	8.8	5.6	—	7.5	5.6	4.4
Automobile mechanics and apprentices	49	14.3	12.2	—	—	—	10.2
Automobile body and related repairers	11	63.6	—	—	—	—	—
Industrial machinery repairers	16	—	—	—	25.0	—	—
Electrical and electronic equipment repairers	37	—	—	—	24.3	—	—
Electronic repairers, communications and industrial equipment	18	—	—	—	38.9	—	—
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics ..	13	—	—	—	30.8	—	—
Miscellaneous mechanics and repairers	84	8.3	—	—	11.9	—	—
Construction trades	614	2.3	2.9	1.5	22.6	1.8	2.1
Supervisors, construction occupations	111	5.4	7.2	—	9.9	—	4.5
Supervisors, n.e.c.	87	5.7	5.7	—	10.3	—	5.7
Construction trades, except supervisors	503	1.6	2.0	1.4	25.4	1.8	1.6
Carpenters and apprentices	87	—	—	—	16.1	—	—
Electricians and apprentices	99	—	—	—	51.5	—	—
Electrical power installers and repairers	35	—	—	—	68.6	—	—
Painters, construction and maintenance	46	—	—	8.7	21.7	—	—
Plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, and apprentices ..	39	—	10.3	—	—	—	—
Drillers, earth	7	—	—	—	85.7	—	—
Extractive occupations	76	—	—	—	6.6	—	—
Precision production occupations	106	10.4	4.7	5.7	4.7	5.7	3.8
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	2,055	8.4	4.7	3.3	3.8	3.9	2.8
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors	256	4.3	5.1	2.0	8.6	7.4	4.7
Machine operators, assorted materials	114	—	8.8	—	7.0	9.6	8.8
Furnace, kiln, and oven operators except food	8	—	—	—	—	50.0	—
Fabricators, assemblers, and hand working occupations	85	5.9	—	—	10.6	5.9	—
Welders and cutters	67	—	—	—	10.4	7.5	—
Transportation and material moving occupations	1,169	10.1	3.6	3.9	1.4	4.3	2.2
Motor vehicle operators	925	12.3	3.0	1.2	1.5	4.1	1.7
Truck drivers	762	3.0	3.5	1.4	1.7	5.0	2.0
Driver-sales workers	29	24.1	—	—	—	—	—
Taxicab drivers and chauffeurs	113	73.5	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation occupations, except motor vehicles	72	—	5.6	31.9	—	—	6.9
Water transportation occupations	42	—	—	52.4	—	—	9.5
Ship captains and mates, except fishing boats	13	—	—	30.8	—	—	—
Sailors and deckhands	25	—	—	68.0	—	—	—
Material moving equipment operators	172	—	5.8	7.0	—	6.4	2.9
Operating engineers	41	—	—	—	—	9.8	—
Excavating and loading machine operators	22	—	27.3	—	—	—	—
Grader, dozer, and scraper operators	23	—	—	—	—	17.4	—
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers	630	7.0	6.7	2.7	6.5	1.9	3.0
Construction laborers	247	—	6.9	2.4	8.9	2.0	1.6
Freight, stock, and material handlers	75	14.7	6.7	—	—	—	—
Stock handlers and baggers	17	41.2	—	—	—	—	—
Garage and service station related occupations	23	69.6	—	—	—	—	—
Laborers, except construction	229	5.7	7.9	4.4	5.7	2.2	3.9

¹ Based on the 1990 Occupational Classification System developed by the Bureau of the Census.

² Based on the 1992 BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification Structures. The nature of injury identifies the principal physical characteristics of the injury.

³ May include some asphyxiations due to chest compressions.

⁴ Includes chemical and heat burns.

⁵ Includes poisoning and carbon monoxide poisoning; asphyxia and other toxic effects from gas, fumes, and chemical vapors; and reactions to venomous animal or insect bites.

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, 1994.