

**Table 3. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work<sup>1</sup> within the health services industry by selected worker and case characteristic, 1995**

Characteristic	Private industry <sup>2,3</sup>	Health services	Offices and clinics of medical doctors	Offices and clinics of dentists	Offices of other health practitioners
Total:	2,040,929	208,982	7,864	649	1,693
Sex:					
Men	1,355,099	36,739	1,345	119	260
Women	667,166	170,621	6,494	529	1,433
Age:					
Under 14 years	17	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	--	--	--	--
16 to 19 years	83,512	6,163	41	--	--
20 to 24 years	265,469	22,956	554	--	250
25 to 34 years	628,282	57,112	1,873	98	332
35 to 44 years	538,757	61,140	2,427	295	565
45 to 54 years	319,009	36,965	1,592	183	428
55 to 64 years	131,327	16,437	768	--	42
65 years and over	18,891	2,009	142	--	16
Occupation:					
Managerial and professional	110,499	35,231	1,117	--	513
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	39,721	4,974	191	699
Service	362,591	123,531	1,377	391	415
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	942	46	--	--
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	3,794	97	--	41
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	4,369	96	--	--
Length of service with employer:					
Less than 3 months	277,739	22,267	340	111	113
3 months to 11 months	402,069	38,527	1,230	--	466
1 year to 5 years	613,670	67,754	2,977	229	603
More than 5 years	539,609	58,043	2,579	202	381
Not reported	207,842	22,393	739	--	130
Race or ethnic origin:					
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	102,903	3,945	478	863
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	31,636	744	--	118
Hispanic	191,665	10,526	692	--	136
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	2,941	175	--	47
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	724	23	--	--
Not reported	545,157	60,253	2,286	117	519

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Number of days away from work:					
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	38,163	1,520	234	175
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	34,025	991	25	374
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	48,910	1,709	169	178
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	29,244	936	94	246
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	21,741	800	24	126
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	9,360	353	3	73
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	27,539	1,557	101	521
Median days away from work	5	4	5	3	8
Nature of injury, illness:					
Sprains, strains	876,792	120,973	3,467	307	1,067
Fractures	124,601	6,757	384	--	158
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	5,356	173	115	17
Bruises, contusions	192,147	18,426	515	--	99
Heat burns	36,119	2,398	10	--	--
Chemical burns	13,861	1,163	63	--	--
Amputations	11,308	202	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	1,695	370	--	--
Tendonitis	22,072	1,388	104	--	--
Multiple injuries	61,709	4,381	368	--	19
With fractures	11,438	314	44	--	--
With sprains	22,888	2,580	152	--	--
Soreness, Pain	134,498	21,185	499	--	115
Back pain	58,985	10,739	282	--	--
All other	358,628	25,059	1,911	84	183
Part of body affected:					
Head	140,898	8,990	396	--	146
Eye	77,056	4,130	158	--	--
Neck	38,186	5,413	283	--	--
Trunk	776,617	108,718	3,002	208	868
Back	540,047	83,614	2,271	176	740
Shoulder	100,792	13,536	309	--	68
Upper extremities	466,522	30,491	1,226	225	199
Finger	176,909	7,252	147	111	18
Hand, except finger	82,590	4,666	182	--	--
Wrist	97,367	9,428	569	--	104
Lower extremities	404,743	30,253	1,297	102	174
Knee	138,058	12,576	466	--	106
Foot, toe	99,955	6,492	233	--	--
Body systems	31,540	3,853	524	--	--
Multiple	159,874	19,413	950	--	241
All other	22,550	1,851	188	--	--

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Characteristic	Private industry <sup>2,3</sup>	Health services	Offices and clinics of medical doctors	Offices and clinics of dentists	Offices of other health practitioners
Source of injury, illness:					
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	3,756	448	--	--
Containers	287,175	12,072	635	153	--
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	10,705	703	--	18
Machinery	143,226	5,039	94	--	210
Parts and materials	227,042	1,681	89	--	--
Worker motion or position	300,987	23,822	1,877	118	378
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	28,880	1,656	--	149
Handtools	91,853	2,337	50	--	--
Vehicles	158,197	10,274	316	--	75
Health care patient	97,564	82,728	628	--	459
All other	303,404	27,690	1,367	195	355
Event or exposure:					
Contact with object, equipment	562,187	26,486	923	171	224
Struck by object	270,369	13,031	354	--	148
Struck against object	143,459	9,210	443	110	59
Caught in object, equipment, material	95,043	2,702	31	--	--
Fall to lower level	104,801	4,206	450	--	--
Fall on same level	224,244	25,530	1,243	--	129
Slips, trips	59,647	5,538	171	--	--
Overexertion	559,938	97,177	1,828	212	726
Overexertion in lifting	334,843	55,902	983	151	327
Repetitive motion	82,625	3,775	614	--	--
Exposed to harmful substance	103,541	10,530	672	--	41
Transportation accidents	73,841	5,102	212	--	69
Fires, explosions	4,250	136	6	--	--
Assault, violent act	29,024	9,425	83	--	--
by person	22,956	8,972	71	--	--
by other	6,069	453	11	--	--
All other	236,831	21,078	1,664	--	394

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Characteristic	Private industry <sup>2,3</sup>	Nursing and personal care facilities	Hospitals	Medical and dental laboratories	Home health care services
Total:	2,040,929	82,441	91,870	2,244	17,657
Sex:					
Men	1,355,099	10,679	21,422	733	863
Women	667,166	71,071	69,761	1,491	16,602
Age:					
Under 14 years	17	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	--	--	--	--
16 to 19 years	83,512	4,753	1,010	9	297
20 to 24 years	265,469	13,588	6,313	216	1,441
25 to 34 years	628,282	22,521	24,834	800	5,207
35 to 44 years	538,757	21,255	29,752	729	4,820
45 to 54 years	319,009	11,634	18,292	300	3,590
55 to 64 years	131,327	4,982	8,722	123	1,546
65 years and over	18,891	706	796	33	283
Occupation:					
Managerial and professional	110,499	3,535	25,504	153	2,801
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	6,791	22,587	1,520	1,582
Service	362,591	68,643	38,277	148	13,105
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	569	304	--	--
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	818	2,589	165	12
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	1,545	2,047	235	113
Length of service with employer:					
Less than 3 months	277,739	15,623	3,787	143	1,892
3 months to 11 months	402,069	21,476	9,563	439	4,229
1 year to 5 years	613,670	24,375	29,394	917	7,166
More than 5 years	539,609	12,727	38,193	591	2,471
Not reported	207,842	8,241	10,933	154	1,899
Race or ethnic origin:					
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	44,301	41,017	1,171	8,552
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	15,091	11,392	282	3,271
Hispanic	191,665	4,269	4,495	191	373
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	702	1,722	93	125
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	472	172	--	16
Not reported	545,157	17,607	33,072	505	5,321

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Number of days away from work:					
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	15,101	17,371	432	2,503
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	14,917	14,164	377	2,368
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	20,471	21,178	397	3,841
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	11,666	12,651	259	2,783
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	7,852	10,168	185	2,167
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	3,205	4,492	171	814
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	9,228	11,847	423	3,182
Median days away from work	5	4	4	5	6
Nature of injury, illness:					
Sprains, strains	876,792	49,387	53,363	948	10,312
Fractures	124,601	1,801	3,541	78	642
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	1,828	2,499	215	369
Bruises, contusions	192,147	6,879	8,928	183	1,374
Heat burns	36,119	1,089	1,228	6	42
Chemical burns	13,861	470	544	12	--
Amputations	11,308	154	27	21	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	334	760	90	40
Tendonitis	22,072	208	838	24	84
Multiple injuries	61,709	1,198	1,905	139	558
With fractures	11,438	--	177	17	51
With sprains	22,888	835	1,185	97	195
Soreness, Pain	134,498	10,770	7,028	108	2,185
Back pain	58,985	5,076	3,869	24	1,225
All other	358,628	8,324	11,209	422	2,045
Part of body affected:					
Head	140,898	3,527	3,833	99	647
Eye	77,056	1,522	2,182	41	91
Neck	38,186	1,634	2,376	105	826
Trunk	776,617	46,143	46,975	756	8,773
Back	540,047	34,638	36,554	414	7,197
Shoulder	100,792	6,203	5,976	85	731
Upper extremities	466,522	12,168	13,944	455	1,635
Finger	176,909	3,059	3,207	167	392
Hand, except finger	82,590	1,693	2,347	87	260
Wrist	97,367	3,458	4,320	123	553
Lower extremities	404,743	10,845	14,230	316	2,663
Knee	138,058	4,714	5,583	155	1,259
Foot, toe	99,955	2,329	3,503	25	258
Body systems	31,540	693	2,163	52	206
Multiple	159,874	6,730	7,667	445	2,677
All other	22,550	701	681	16	231

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Source of injury, illness:					
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Containers	287,175	2,514	7,481	311	529
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	3,833	5,146	69	516
Machinery	143,226	1,093	3,208	52	237
Parts and materials	227,042	321	993	17	178
Worker motion or position	300,987	6,674	11,900	353	1,898
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	9,710	13,000	438	3,011
Handtools	91,853	740	1,328	51	87
Vehicles	158,197	1,964	4,264	589	2,663
Health care patient	97,564	45,731	28,377	46	6,641
All other	303,404	8,831	14,206	279	1,811
Event or exposure:					
Contact with object, equipment	562,187	9,656	13,252	337	1,254
Struck by object	270,369	4,770	6,641	234	587
Struck against object	143,459	3,398	4,212	79	574
Caught in object, equipment, material	95,043	965	1,624	14	33
Fall to lower level	104,801	476	2,045	77	904
Fall on same level	224,244	9,512	11,302	361	2,306
Slips, trips	59,647	2,072	2,475	65	569
Overexertion	559,938	44,284	41,046	387	7,304
Overexertion in lifting	334,843	27,168	21,969	307	4,147
Repetitive motion	82,625	716	2,001	144	111
Exposed to harmful substance	103,541	3,198	5,816	88	405
Transportation accidents	73,841	362	1,041	564	2,529
Fires, explosions	4,250	--	--	--	--
Assault, violent act	29,024	5,702	2,797	35	456
by person	22,956	5,503	2,729	33	306
by other	6,069	199	68	--	150
All other	236,831	6,369	10,071	185	1,815

<sup>1</sup> Days away from work cases include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees. The industry numbers for health services shown in this table are 801, 802, 804, 805, 806, 807, and 808, based on the Standard Industrial Classification Manual, 1987 edition.

<sup>3</sup> 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 1995 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.

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