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Total:	2,040,929	559,938	334,843	86,598	67,698	2,174
Sex:						
Men	1,355,099	365,521	220,140	58,430	43,327	1,842
Women	667,166	190,606	112,873	27,523	24,170	333
Age:						
Under 14 years	17	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	87	--	35	--	--
16 to 19 years	83,512	17,906	12,391	1,799	1,821	66
20 to 24 years	265,469	68,426	42,589	9,683	8,703	229
25 to 34 years	628,282	183,304	111,207	26,845	23,089	628
35 to 44 years	538,757	159,085	93,624	25,522	18,193	800
45 to 54 years	319,009	84,563	47,649	14,874	10,513	207
55 to 64 years	131,327	31,249	17,905	5,287	3,869	92
65 years and over	18,891	2,883	1,861	458	227	--
Occupation:						
Managerial and professional	110,499	29,898	16,643	3,540	4,617	221
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	82,372	55,116	10,711	7,527	167
Service	362,591	113,699	67,681	15,039	15,037	231
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	10,298	5,965	1,917	1,343	151
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	81,583	45,286	12,838	13,010	311
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	239,115	142,389	41,986	25,942	1,085
Length of service with employer:						
Less than 3 months	277,739	64,381	39,354	9,139	8,437	208
3 months to 11 months	402,069	108,961	65,719	15,987	14,817	504
1 year to 5 years	613,670	174,839	105,096	26,651	21,314	603
More than 5 years	539,609	154,532	89,639	25,676	17,775	602
Not reported	207,842	57,225	35,035	9,146	5,354	258
Race or ethnic origin:						
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	298,954	178,168	45,576	38,897	1,049
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	56,626	35,051	8,419	6,307	135
Hispanic	191,665	44,244	26,683	6,193	5,894	287
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	6,376	3,595	733	602	--
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	2,147	1,233	315	337	--
Not reported	545,157	151,593	90,114	25,363	15,662	671

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Major industry division						
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	42,111	8,406	4,734	1,644	1,176	52
Mining ³	19,778	5,217	1,991	924	283	9
Construction	190,591	42,976	24,785	5,668	7,561	353
Manufacturing	527,458	136,399	75,910	26,636	16,972	656
Transportation and public utilities ³	222,897	63,557	38,187	11,392	5,602	225
Wholesale trade	159,875	49,650	32,063	7,765	4,082	162
Retail trade	355,672	85,721	59,505	9,716	9,482	138
Finance, insurance, and real estate	47,238	10,228	6,035	1,260	1,507	64
Services	475,308	157,786	91,635	21,594	21,033	515
Number of days away from work:						
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	71,979	41,928	12,457	8,927	386
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	72,471	43,837	10,904	8,705	341
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	124,289	78,083	17,906	13,752	396
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	82,270	48,470	12,392	10,083	273
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	68,711	41,223	10,429	8,414	246
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	36,415	21,963	5,508	3,968	152
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	103,805	59,340	17,003	13,849	381
Median days away from work	5	6	6	6	7	5
Nature of injury, illness:						
Sprains, strains	876,792	446,772	269,583	70,899	52,630	1,663
Fractures	124,601	850	295	195	129	--
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	71	--	--	--	--
Bruises, contusions	192,147	286	74	61	95	--
Heat burns	36,119	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	13,861	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	11,308	--	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	153	124	--	--	--
Tendonitis	22,072	5,338	2,135	918	1,469	--
Multiple injuries	61,709	157	59	--	69	--
With fractures	11,438	30	19	--	--	--
With sprains	22,888	39	--	--	--	--
Soreness, Pain	134,498	51,754	30,232	6,978	6,293	317
Back pain	58,985	33,959	21,458	3,985	3,662	210
All other	358,628	54,554	32,318	7,498	6,983	163

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Part of body affected:						
Head	140,898	160	83	52	--	--
Eye	77,056	87	--	51	--	--
Neck	38,186	12,259	5,949	2,879	1,799	41
Trunk	776,617	454,943	286,602	64,798	50,252	1,743
Back	540,047	337,512	217,806	43,075	37,407	1,051
Shoulder	100,792	52,679	27,501	10,781	7,128	440
Upper extremities	466,522	47,462	20,461	9,772	9,035	278
Finger	176,909	3,448	941	1,051	696	17
Hand, except finger	82,590	3,885	1,523	801	842	--
Wrist	97,367	17,405	7,566	3,420	3,403	49
Lower extremities	404,743	19,388	7,694	5,406	2,872	32
Knee	138,058	11,066	4,310	2,799	1,705	--
Foot, toe	99,955	1,185	351	467	187	--
Body systems	31,540	255	80	52	35	--
Multiple	159,874	23,435	12,619	3,439	3,526	71
All other	22,550	2,036	1,356	199	171	--
Source of injury, illness:						
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	231	100	--	--	--
Containers	287,175	211,438	158,158	20,104	17,613	884
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	33,155	17,001	6,208	4,440	80
Machinery	143,226	31,293	14,220	7,583	4,346	--
Parts and materials	227,042	97,211	57,340	16,117	12,648	593
Worker motion or position	300,987	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	1,890	909	219	144	--
Handtools	91,853	19,459	3,653	4,202	7,332	124
Vehicles	158,197	25,299	3,756	16,471	1,527	--
Health care patient	97,564	82,027	48,981	5,919	12,861	--
All other	303,404	57,936	30,725	9,755	6,767	455

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

² Excludes farms with fewer than 11 employees.

³ 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.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics
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