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Total:	2,040,929	100.0	343,929	100.0	224,244	100.0	192,790	100.0	27,416	100.0
Sex:										
Men	1,355,099	66.4	206,968	60.2	112,932	50.4	91,848	47.6	18,687	68.2
Women	667,166	32.7	134,769	39.2	109,668	48.9	99,866	51.8	8,657	31.6
Age:										
Under 14 years	17	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	0.0	190	0.1	140	0.1	45	0.0	95	0.3
16 to 19 years	83,512	4.1	13,889	4.0	11,242	5.0	9,795	5.1	1,247	4.5
20 to 24 years	265,469	13.0	37,925	11.0	25,067	11.2	21,721	11.3	2,949	10.8
25 to 34 years	628,282	30.8	92,040	26.8	56,140	25.0	47,607	24.7	7,503	27.4
35 to 44 years	538,757	26.4	86,854	25.3	53,781	24.0	46,114	23.9	6,725	24.5
45 to 54 years	319,009	15.6	63,229	18.4	42,733	19.1	36,751	19.1	4,953	18.1
55 to 64 years	131,327	6.4	34,277	10.0	24,036	10.7	20,872	10.8	2,831	10.3
65 years and over	18,891	0.9	7,530	2.2	6,019	2.7	5,617	2.9	334	1.2
Occupation:										
Managerial and professional	110,499	5.4	23,476	6.8	17,254	7.7	15,604	8.1	1,460	5.3
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	14.7	61,022	17.7	44,731	19.9	41,095	21.3	3,118	11.4
Service	362,591	17.8	75,932	22.1	62,352	27.8	56,348	29.2	5,364	19.6
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	2.5	8,358	2.4	4,631	2.1	3,747	1.9	815	3.0
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	16.7	56,712	16.5	26,526	11.8	21,198	11.0	4,757	17.4
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	42.1	116,443	33.9	67,311	30.0	53,628	27.8	11,676	42.6
Length of service with employer:										
Less than 3 months	277,739	13.6	51,864	15.1	31,673	14.1	27,052	14.0	4,075	14.9
3 months to 11 months	402,069	19.7	65,339	19.0	42,760	19.1	37,370	19.4	4,875	17.8
1 year to 5 years	613,670	30.1	100,340	29.2	66,205	29.5	56,881	29.5	8,030	29.3
More than 5 years	539,609	26.4	92,914	27.0	61,471	27.4	52,983	27.5	7,581	27.7
Not reported	207,842	10.2	33,471	9.7	22,136	9.9	18,504	9.6	2,855	10.4
Race or ethnic origin:										
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	52.4	183,468	53.3	115,157	51.4	97,752	50.7	15,396	56.2
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	9.6	30,898	9.0	22,927	10.2	21,020	10.9	1,631	5.9
Hispanic	191,665	9.4	34,085	9.9	21,778	9.7	18,853	9.8	2,574	9.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	1.4	4,876	1.4	3,040	1.4	2,673	1.4	343	1.3
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	0.4	1,647	0.5	902	0.4	638	0.3	233	0.8
Not reported	545,157	26.7	88,955	25.9	60,440	27.0	51,855	26.9	7,241	26.4

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Major industry division										
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	42,111	2.1	6,684	1.9	3,546	1.6	2,837	1.5	658	2.4
Mining ³	19,778	1.0	3,598	1.0	1,913	0.9	1,420	0.7	481	1.8
Construction	190,591	9.3	39,362	11.4	14,185	6.3	10,258	5.3	3,492	12.7
Manufacturing	527,458	25.8	58,519	17.0	39,176	17.5	31,535	16.4	6,807	24.8
Transportation and public utilities ³	222,897	10.9	40,095	11.7	21,332	9.5	17,856	9.3	2,656	9.7
Wholesale trade	159,875	7.8	23,589	6.9	13,928	6.2	10,901	5.7	2,424	8.8
Retail trade	355,672	17.4	73,594	21.4	57,089	25.5	52,268	27.1	4,506	16.4
Finance, insurance, and real estate	47,238	2.3	11,290	3.3	7,600	3.4	6,804	3.5	681	2.5
Services	475,308	23.3	87,200	25.4	65,476	29.2	58,912	30.6	5,712	20.8
Number of days away from work:										
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	16.9	45,204	13.1	32,205	14.4	26,829	13.9	4,812	17.6
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	13.4	41,017	11.9	28,108	12.5	24,105	12.5	3,498	12.8
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	20.9	67,604	19.7	46,281	20.6	39,183	20.3	6,313	23.0
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	13.4	44,492	12.9	28,782	12.8	24,671	12.8	3,691	13.5
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	11.3	41,764	12.1	26,446	11.8	22,513	11.7	3,169	11.6
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	6.2	23,805	6.9	14,583	6.5	12,927	6.7	1,417	5.2
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	17.9	80,043	23.3	47,839	21.3	42,564	22.1	4,518	16.5
Median days away from work	5		7		6		7		5	
Nature of injury, illness:										
Sprains, strains	876,792	43.0	129,662	37.7	85,756	38.2	77,822	40.4	6,552	23.9
Fractures	124,601	6.1	53,646	15.6	29,354	13.1	25,826	13.4	2,884	10.5
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	8.7	11,014	3.2	6,872	3.1	3,680	1.9	2,984	10.9
Bruises, contusions	192,147	9.4	59,290	17.2	43,078	19.2	35,563	18.4	6,685	24.4
Heat burns	36,119	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	13,861	0.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	11,308	0.6	116	0.0	44	0.0	--	--	31	0.1
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	1.5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	22,072	1.1	349	0.1	184	0.1	133	0.1	48	0.2
Multiple injuries	61,709	3.0	27,006	7.9	16,494	7.4	13,705	7.1	2,614	9.5
With fractures	11,438	0.6	3,970	1.2	1,667	0.7	1,435	0.7	220	0.8
With sprains	22,888	1.1	13,617	4.0	9,413	4.2	8,223	4.3	1,137	4.1
Soreness, Pain	134,498	6.6	22,346	6.5	16,041	7.2	13,603	7.1	2,253	8.2
Back pain	58,985	2.9	7,374	2.1	5,165	2.3	4,584	2.4	472	1.7
All other	358,628	17.6	40,473	11.8	26,393	11.8	22,419	11.6	3,367	12.3

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Part of body affected:										
Head	140,898	6.9	12,227	3.6	8,640	3.9	6,353	3.3	2,016	7.4
Eye	77,056	3.8	410	0.1	201	0.1	83	0.0	114	0.4
Neck	38,186	1.9	2,924	0.9	2,199	1.0	1,645	0.9	519	1.9
Trunk	776,617	38.1	106,449	31.0	73,885	32.9	62,339	32.3	10,422	38.0
Back	540,047	26.5	64,036	18.6	45,323	20.2	40,253	20.9	4,429	16.2
Shoulder	100,792	4.9	16,111	4.7	11,432	5.1	9,751	5.1	1,494	5.4
Upper extremities	466,522	22.9	45,436	13.2	30,972	13.8	26,418	13.7	4,006	14.6
Finger	176,909	8.7	4,645	1.4	3,547	1.6	2,746	1.4	691	2.5
Hand, except finger	82,590	4.0	5,674	1.6	3,763	1.7	2,872	1.5	832	3.0
Wrist	97,367	4.8	14,874	4.3	9,870	4.4	8,928	4.6	740	2.7
Lower extremities	404,743	19.8	114,040	33.2	67,971	30.3	59,881	31.1	6,583	24.0
Knee	138,058	6.8	48,435	14.1	34,241	15.3	30,201	15.7	3,471	12.7
Foot, toe	99,955	4.9	11,449	3.3	4,139	1.8	3,567	1.9	474	1.7
Body systems	31,540	1.5	274	0.1	216	0.1	196	0.1	--	--
Multiple	159,874	7.8	60,352	17.5	39,122	17.4	34,922	18.1	3,716	13.6
All other	22,550	1.1	2,228	0.6	1,240	0.6	1,037	0.5	133	0.5
Source of injury, illness:										
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	1.9	17	0.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	287,175	14.1	5,451	1.6	4,226	1.9	--	--	4,109	15.0
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	3.7	5,751	1.7	5,169	2.3	--	--	5,015	18.3
Machinery	143,226	7.0	4,259	1.2	3,443	1.5	--	--	3,367	12.3
Parts and materials	227,042	11.1	6,089	1.8	4,721	2.1	41	0.0	4,631	16.9
Worker motion or position	300,987	14.7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	15.5	298,377	86.8	195,015	87.0	192,332	99.8	110	0.4
Handtools	91,853	4.5	308	0.1	255	0.1	--	--	251	0.9
Vehicles	158,197	7.8	10,865	3.2	5,126	2.3	80	0.0	4,542	16.6
Health care patient	97,564	4.8	34	0.0	19	0.0	--	--	15	0.1
All other	303,404	14.9	12,779	3.7	6,261		290	0.2	5,369	19.6

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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