

Table 14. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ involving falls to lower level by selected worker and case characteristic, 1995

Characteristic	All events	Falls	Fall to lower level	Fall down stairs or steps	Fall from floor, dock, or ground level	Fall from ladder	Fall from piled or stacked material
Total:	2,040,929	343,929	104,801	26,391	6,091	24,034	1,272
Sex:							
Men	1,355,099	206,968	81,095	13,034	5,503	20,328	923
Women	667,166	134,769	23,212	13,230	575	3,661	346
Age:							
Under 14 years	17	--	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	190	46	--	--	--	--
16 to 19 years	83,512	13,889	2,357	871	183	429	33
20 to 24 years	265,469	37,925	10,594	3,200	587	2,675	179
25 to 34 years	628,282	92,040	30,628	7,298	2,139	7,473	237
35 to 44 years	538,757	86,854	30,079	6,836	1,621	6,715	368
45 to 54 years	319,009	63,229	18,062	4,652	925	3,414	296
55 to 64 years	131,327	34,277	9,360	2,622	427	2,328	119
65 years and over	18,891	7,530	1,459	375	33	399	--
Occupation:							
Managerial and professional	110,499	23,476	5,454	2,897	371	769	37
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	61,022	15,086	6,249	590	4,066	350
Service	362,591	75,932	12,483	8,430	358	1,488	109
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	8,358	3,108	397	139	1,123	35
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	56,712	27,404	2,662	1,498	9,602	155
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	116,443	40,767	5,531	3,132	6,885	572
Length of service with employer:							
Less than 3 months	277,739	51,864	17,944	3,895	1,510	3,920	251
3 months to 11 months	402,069	65,339	19,384	4,383	907	4,551	219
1 year to 5 years	613,670	100,340	29,370	7,496	1,665	7,151	342
More than 5 years	539,609	92,914	27,971	8,062	1,534	6,485	319
Not reported	207,842	33,471	10,132	2,554	475	1,927	141
Race or ethnic origin:							
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	183,468	59,495	13,006	3,733	13,979	522
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	30,898	6,791	2,079	465	1,555	64
Hispanic	191,665	34,085	10,566	2,772	302	3,064	181
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	4,876	1,589	874	43	293	--
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	1,647	667	103	109	146	64
Not reported	545,157	88,955	25,692	7,558	1,439	4,997	434

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Table 14. Number of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ involving falls to lower level by selected worker and case characteristic, 1995

Characteristic	All events	Falls	Fall to lower level	Fall down stairs or steps	Fall from floor, dock, or ground level	Fall from ladder	Fall from piled or stacked material
Major industry division							
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	42,111	6,684	2,681	159	154	1,067	40
Mining ³	19,778	3,598	1,651	187	8	228	10
Construction	190,591	39,362	22,634	1,401	1,658	8,007	113
Manufacturing	527,458	58,519	16,594	3,893	1,201	3,584	322
Transportation and public utilities ³	222,897	40,095	15,415	2,660	1,058	1,700	74
Wholesale trade	159,875	23,589	8,343	1,544	494	1,338	191
Retail trade	355,672	73,594	14,451	4,891	424	4,832	334
Finance, insurance, and real estate	47,238	11,290	3,238	1,790	74	604	--
Services	475,308	87,200	19,795	9,866	1,020	2,675	186
Number of days away from work:							
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	45,204	10,943	3,533	590	2,532	159
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	41,017	11,426	3,083	847	1,998	162
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	67,604	18,314	5,584	1,183	3,896	318
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	44,492	13,511	3,357	484	2,937	108
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	41,764	13,852	4,446	987	2,739	222
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	23,805	8,245	1,998	374	1,705	88
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	80,043	28,510	4,392	1,625	8,226	215
Median days away from work	5	7	10	7	10	13	5
Nature of injury, illness:							
Sprains, strains	876,792	129,662	36,212	11,256	1,966	7,324	532
Fractures	124,601	53,646	22,033	3,233	1,330	6,668	192
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	11,014	3,916	536	306	708	--
Bruises, contusions	192,147	59,290	14,586	4,163	1,027	3,141	162
Heat burns	36,119	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	13,861	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	11,308	116	59	--	--	55	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	22,072	349	145	19	--	--	--
Multiple injuries	61,709	27,006	9,949	2,256	623	2,311	94
With fractures	11,438	3,970	2,081	264	121	663	--
With sprains	22,888	13,617	4,026	1,404	318	752	72
Soreness, Pain	134,498	22,346	5,677	2,041	312	1,141	75
Back pain	58,985	7,374	2,001	826	65	235	--
All other	358,628	40,473	12,224	2,888	520	2,685	215

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Characteristic	All events	Falls	Fall to lower level	Fall down stairs or steps	Fall from floor, dock, or ground level	Fall from ladder	Fall from piled or stacked material
Part of body affected:							
Head	140,898	12,227	3,411	733	258	922	14
Eye	77,056	410	156	--	--	133	--
Neck	38,186	2,924	582	201	--	181	--
Trunk	776,617	106,449	29,115	7,213	1,173	5,864	633
Back	540,047	64,036	16,544	5,358	537	3,402	449
Shoulder	100,792	16,111	4,266	765	297	885	74
Upper extremities	466,522	45,436	13,418	2,221	626	4,067	192
Finger	176,909	4,645	868	278	--	218	14
Hand, except finger	82,590	5,674	1,851	282	--	348	43
Wrist	97,367	14,874	4,696	555	386	1,416	70
Lower extremities	404,743	114,040	37,476	11,007	2,871	8,213	222
Knee	138,058	48,435	11,562	3,002	960	2,076	76
Foot, toe	99,955	11,449	5,465	1,401	421	1,097	16
Body systems	31,540	274	52	--	--	--	--
Multiple	159,874	60,352	19,849	4,837	1,140	4,664	198
All other	22,550	2,228	899	171	19	113	--
Source of injury, illness:							
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	17	--	--	--	--	--
Containers	287,175	5,451	814	--	85	131	85
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	5,751	447	--	--	141	119
Machinery	143,226	4,259	655	20	--	118	--
Parts and materials	227,042	6,089	968	--	174	260	50
Worker motion or position	300,987	--	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	298,377	92,337	25,800	5,308	20,919	961
Handtools	91,853	308	39	--	--	--	--
Vehicles	158,197	10,865	4,452	245	116	95	--
Health care patient	97,564	34	--	--	--	--	--
All other	303,404	12,779	5,076	284	391	2,362	47

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Characteristic	All events	Falls	Fall from roof	Fall from scaffold, staging	Fall from building girders or other structural steel	Fall from nonmoving vehicle
Total:	2,040,929	343,929	3,843	4,601	405	20,811
Sex:						
Men	1,355,099	206,968	3,839	4,243	380	19,520
Women	667,166	134,769	--	358	--	1,210
Age:						
Under 14 years	17	--	--	--	--	--
14 to 15 years	865	190	--	--	--	19
16 to 19 years	83,512	13,889	83	72	--	221
20 to 24 years	265,469	37,925	450	355	56	1,435
25 to 34 years	628,282	92,040	1,310	1,550	189	5,532
35 to 44 years	538,757	86,854	1,447	1,430	67	6,524
45 to 54 years	319,009	63,229	344	713	77	4,713
55 to 64 years	131,327	34,277	110	233	--	1,946
65 years and over	18,891	7,530	--	147	--	206
Occupation:						
Managerial and professional	110,499	23,476	74	98	--	214
Technical, sales, and administrative support	299,839	61,022	--	205	63	944
Service	362,591	75,932	78	39	--	529
Farming, forestry, and fishing	50,592	8,358	--	46	--	502
Precision production, craft, and repair	341,806	56,712	2,000	2,648	163	3,997
Operators, fabricators, and laborers	859,305	116,443	1,645	1,552	159	14,587
Length of service with employer:						
Less than 3 months	277,739	51,864	1,840	1,214	80	2,879
3 months to 11 months	402,069	65,339	519	1,054	103	4,415
1 year to 5 years	613,670	100,340	783	1,161	80	5,381
More than 5 years	539,609	92,914	363	970	120	5,395
Not reported	207,842	33,471	339	203	--	2,742
Race or ethnic origin:						
White, non-Hispanic	1,070,115	183,468	2,512	2,792	257	12,899
Black, non-Hispanic	196,751	30,898	136	357	19	873
Hispanic	191,665	34,085	493	566	19	1,565
Asian or Pacific Islander	28,594	4,876	--	31	--	116
American Indian or Alaskan Native	8,647	1,647	71	30	--	92
Not reported	545,157	88,955	621	825	107	5,267

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Major industry division						
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing ²	42,111	6,684	--	43	--	597
Mining ³	19,778	3,598	--	67	--	704
Construction	190,591	39,362	2,160	3,140	170	2,963
Manufacturing	527,458	58,519	183	810	165	2,780
Transportation and public utilities ³	222,897	40,095	45	78	17	7,326
Wholesale trade	159,875	23,589	180	92	--	3,060
Retail trade	355,672	73,594	91	160	--	1,568
Finance, insurance, and real estate	47,238	11,290	66	18	--	93
Services	475,308	87,200	1,088	193	15	1,721
Number of days away from work:						
Cases involving 1 day	345,437	45,204	171	340	32	1,900
Cases involving 2 days	272,852	41,017	298	499	41	2,572
Cases involving 3-5 days	427,013	67,604	403	577	49	3,124
Cases involving 6-10 days	273,638	44,492	905	503	29	2,978
Cases involving 11-20 days	230,008	41,764	223	597	46	2,366
Cases involving 21-30 days	127,019	23,805	480	379	42	1,759
Cases involving 31 or more days	364,961	80,043	1,363	1,705	166	6,112
Median days away from work	5	7	16	18	22	10
Nature of injury, illness:						
Sprains, strains	876,792	129,662	1,204	835	92	7,320
Fractures	124,601	53,646	1,264	1,392	135	3,866
Cuts, lacerations, punctures	177,735	11,014	106	150	--	1,727
Bruises, contusions	192,147	59,290	238	921	39	2,413
Heat burns	36,119	--	--	--	--	--
Chemical burns	13,861	--	--	--	--	--
Amputations	11,308	116	--	--	--	--
Carpal tunnel syndrome	31,457	--	--	--	--	--
Tendonitis	22,072	349	--	--	--	64
Multiple injuries	61,709	27,006	471	593	70	1,818
With fractures	11,438	3,970	181	140	--	187
With sprains	22,888	13,617	42	149	--	718
Soreness, Pain	134,498	22,346	176	187	--	806
Back pain	58,985	7,374	--	50	--	362
All other	358,628	40,473	381	525	31	2,794

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Part of body affected:						
Head	140,898	12,227	160	111	--	742
Eye	77,056	410	--	--	--	--
Neck	38,186	2,924	--	--	--	55
Trunk	776,617	106,449	1,711	1,272	155	5,923
Back	540,047	64,036	241	435	56	3,207
Shoulder	100,792	16,111	235	156	14	1,202
Upper extremities	466,522	45,436	292	687	32	3,220
Finger	176,909	4,645	--	56	--	83
Hand, except finger	82,590	5,674	36	--	--	868
Wrist	97,367	14,874	135	235	--	1,139
Lower extremities	404,743	114,040	785	1,125	94	7,430
Knee	138,058	48,435	104	257	--	3,452
Foot, toe	99,955	11,449	164	261	--	746
Body systems	31,540	274	--	--	--	--
Multiple	159,874	60,352	859	1,339	122	3,116
All other	22,550	2,228	16	43	--	322
Source of injury, illness:						
Chemicals, chemical products	38,345	17	--	--	--	--
Containers	287,175	5,451	--	--	--	66
Furniture, fixtures	75,910	5,751	16	--	--	--
Machinery	143,226	4,259	37	--	--	152
Parts and materials	227,042	6,089	--	102	--	99
Worker motion or position	300,987	--	--	--	--	--
Floor, ground surfaces	317,226	298,377	3,406	4,008	359	16,715
Handtools	91,853	308	--	--	--	14
Vehicles	158,197	10,865	--	18	--	3,549
Health care patient	97,564	34	--	--	--	--
All other	303,404	12,779	359	433	13	213

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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