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Total local government	206,580	100.0	9	51,530	100.0	10	11,580	100.0	10	1,400	100.0	24	37,960	100.0	10
Occupation:															
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations	3,610	1.7	5	1,560	3.0	4	430	3.7	7	-	-	-	1,110	2.9	3
Professional and Related Occupations	42,150	20.4	5	15,630	30.3	5	2,980	25.7	6	60	4.3	1	12,440	32.8	5
Service Occupations	102,240	49.5	10	21,190	41.1	15	3,930	33.9	22	1,030	73.6	20	16,030	42.2	14
Sales and Related Occupations	200	.1	7	60	.1	4	20	.2	4	-	-	-	40	.1	2
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	10,200	4.9	6	3,580	6.9	5	1,020	8.8	5	-	-	-	2,520	6.6	9
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	70	(³)	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction and Extraction Occupations Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	11,350	5.5	13	2,200	4.3	11	840	7.3	9	40	2.9	24	1,290	3.4	15
Production Occupations	10,630	5.1	9	1,710	3.3	11	610	5.3	10	190	13.6	84	890	2.3	11
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	3,920	1.9	10	710	1.4	6	360	3.1	6	-	-	-	340	.9	5
Occupations	21,760	10.5	12	4,850	9.4	16	1,390	12.0	14	60	4.3	4	3,260	8.6	14
Age:															
14 - 15	40	(³)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 19	1,260	.6	4	260	.5	11	50	.4	3	20	1.4	20	180	.5	11
20 - 24	8,420	4.1	4	1,440	2.8	4	220	1.9	6	60	4.3	2	1,100	2.9	4
25 - 34	37,600	18.2	8	6,120	11.9	8	1,460	12.6	7	360	25.7	15	4,260	11.2	8
35 - 44	55,090	26.7	9	10,860	21.1	10	2,970	25.6	10	370	26.4	180	7,440	19.6	9
45 - 54	59,460	28.8	9	15,220	29.5	9	3,300	28.5	8	500	35.7	38	11,180	29.5	8
55 - 64	35,430	17.2	11	13,590	26.4	12	2,770	23.9	14	80	5.7	2	10,590	27.9	12
65 and over	6,260	3.0	14	3,550	6.9	20	660	5.7	21	-	-	-	2,870	7.6	20
Not reported	3,030	1.5	8	480	.9	12	150	1.3	20	-	-	-	330	.9	8
Race or ethnic origin:															
White only	84,660	41.0	7	23,880	46.3	8	5,290	45.7	8	900	64.3	38	17,350	45.7	7
Hispanic or Latino only	12,510	6.1	10	2,270	4.4	13	500	4.3	20	50	3.6	1	1,710	4.5	13
Black only	13,090	6.3	7	2,860	5.6	7	710	6.1	5	20	1.4	9	2,110	5.6	8
Asian only	800	.4	13	290	.6	42	90	.8	1	-	-	-	200	.5	73
American Indian or Alaskan Native only	820	.4	5	340	.7	7	150	1.3	7	-	-	-	190	.5	9
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander only	280	.1	19	20	(³)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multi-race	100	(³)	4	20	(³)	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	.1	12
Hispanic or Latino and other race	40	(³)	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not reported	94,270	45.6	10	21,840	42.4	13	4,830	41.7	17	420	30.0	28	16,380	43.2	12
Gender:															
Male	122,670	59.4	10	21,650	42.0	14	6,140	53.0	14	1,140	81.4	38	14,020	36.9	11
Female	83,700	40.5	6	29,860	57.9	8	5,440	47.0	7	250	17.9	13	23,920	63.0	8
Not reported	200	.1	3	20	(³)	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	.1	3
Length of service with employer:															
Less than 3 months	5,990	2.9	7	1,590	3.1	12	320	2.8	9	20	1.4	20	1,260	3.3	16
3 - 11 months	16,800	8.1	5	3,970	7.7	8	860	7.4	6	80	5.7	10	3,020	8.0	11
1 - 5 years	57,280	27.7	7	13,350	25.9	11	3,270	28.2	17	410	29.3	15	9,440	24.9	9
More than 5 years	123,970	60.0	10	32,000	62.1	10	6,970	60.2	11	890	63.6	38	23,770	62.6	10
Not reported	2,530	1.2	18	630	1.2	32	150	1.3	41	-	-	-	470	1.2	32

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Day of week:															
Sunday	9,490	4.6	9	1,360	2.6	13	230	2.0	13	30	2.1	44	1,060	2.8	15
Monday	38,670	18.7	9	10,440	20.3	12	2,600	22.5	21	320	22.9	180	7,380	19.4	8
Tuesday	40,200	19.5	8	10,990	21.3	9	2,170	18.7	12	130	9.3	5	8,540	22.5	8
Wednesday	38,210	18.5	8	9,060	17.6	7	2,440	21.1	7	70	5.0	4	6,500	17.1	9
Thursday	34,710	16.8	7	9,250	18.0	8	2,350	20.3	13	340	24.3	15	6,440	17.0	6
Friday	34,230	16.6	11	8,480	16.5	16	1,480	12.8	5	450	32.1	38	6,510	17.1	16
Saturday	11,070	5.4	10	1,960	3.8	11	320	2.8	15	50	3.6	16	1,520	4.0	11
Time of event:															
12:01 A.M. to 4:00 A.M.	6,300	3.0	10	1,650	3.2	35	330	2.8	18	450	32.1	180	870	2.3	28
4:01 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.	19,750	9.6	9	6,000	11.6	9	1,230	10.6	21	40	2.9	8	4,680	12.3	7
8:01 A.M. to 12:00 noon	69,330	33.6	8	18,790	36.5	9	4,150	35.8	9	130	9.3	3	14,380	37.9	9
12:01 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.	48,330	23.4	7	12,260	23.8	9	2,810	24.3	7	340	24.3	38	8,890	23.4	9
4:01 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.	21,700	10.5	11	4,670	9.1	15	930	8.0	17	90	6.4	20	3,610	9.5	15
8:01 P.M. to 12:00 midnight ..	10,620	5.1	13	2,580	5.0	8	410	3.5	5	100	7.1	3	2,050	5.4	13
Not reported	30,540	14.8	11	5,580	10.8	12	1,710	14.8	25	240	17.1	15	3,480	9.2	10
Hours on the job before event occurred:															
Before shift began	2,150	1.0	6	1,430	2.8	5	130	1.1	3	—	—	—	1,300	3.4	5
Less than 1 hour	20,150	9.8	10	6,680	13.0	12	1,330	11.5	21	40	2.9	6	5,180	13.6	12
1 hour to less than 2 hours ..	20,200	9.8	9	5,350	10.4	9	820	7.1	11	90	6.4	10	4,410	11.6	8
2 hours to less than 4 hours ..	43,550	21.1	7	11,370	22.1	11	2,600	22.5	11	550	39.3	84	8,140	21.4	9
4 hours to less than 6 hours ..	32,760	15.9	7	7,900	15.3	9	2,140	18.5	8	250	17.9	38	5,390	14.2	9
6 hours to less than 8 hours ..	28,830	14.0	9	6,970	13.5	8	1,650	14.2	5	100	7.1	4	5,170	13.6	10
8 hours to less than 10 hours ..	13,930	6.7	11	3,540	6.9	15	580	5.0	11	90	6.4	20	2,870	7.6	15
10 hours to less than 12 hours ..	3,640	1.8	6	850	1.6	10	310	2.7	17	—	—	—	530	1.4	7
12 hours to less than 16 hours ..	3,160	1.5	15	490	1.0	5	60	.5	2	—	—	—	430	1.1	7
More than 16 hours	1,240	.6	12	60	.1	10	30	.3	69	—	—	—	30	.1	1
Not reported	36,970	17.9	11	6,900	13.4	11	1,940	16.8	20	280	20.0	15	4,520	11.9	10
Nature of injury, illness:															
Sprains, strains, tears	87,910	42.6	10	16,220	31.5	10	3,320	28.7	9	500	35.7	43	12,150	32.0	10
Fractures	13,060	6.3	20	7,720	15.0	29	1,700	14.7	28	290	20.7	15	5,680	15.0	30
Cuts, lacerations, punctures ..	9,290	4.5	5	920	1.8	12	220	1.9	12	—	—	—	700	1.8	6
Cuts, lacerations	7,750	3.8	5	910	1.8	12	220	1.9	12	—	—	—	690	1.8	6
Punctures	1,540	.7	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Amputations	600	.3	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bruises, contusions	18,490	9.0	4	7,950	15.4	4	1,470	12.7	5	40	2.9	12	6,430	16.9	4
Heat burns, scalds	1,910	.9	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chemical burns	450	.2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carpal tunnel syndrome	1,040	.5	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tendonitis	480	.2	41	20	(³)	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	.1	41
Multiple traumatic injuries and disorders ...	10,760	5.2	11	5,400	10.5	10	1,330	11.5	5	—	—	—	4,000	10.5	15
Fractures and burns	1,610	.8	27	1,020	2.0	22	150	1.3	32	—	—	—	860	2.3	15
Sprains and bruises	4,630	2.2	10	2,300	4.5	7	490	4.2	2	—	—	—	1,750	4.6	10
Soreness, pain, including back ..	24,550	11.9	7	6,270	12.2	8	1,320	11.4	8	340	24.3	38	4,510	11.9	8
Back pain only	6,630	3.2	7	1,140	2.2	8	300	2.6	6	—	—	—	580	1.5	8
All other natures	38,030	18.4	6	7,020	13.6	10	2,230	19.3	21	220	15.7	84	4,470	11.8	6

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Part of body affected:															
Head	13,030	6.3	3	2,360	4.6	3	250	2.2	2	—	—	—	2,100	5.5	4
Eye(s)	4,060	2.0	2	20	(³)	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	.1	3
Neck, including throat	3,060	1.5	4	160	.3	5	50	.4	7	—	—	—	100	.3	4
Trunk	63,510	30.7	10	11,030	21.4	10	2,080	18.0	13	240	17.1	38	8,480	22.3	9
Shoulder, including clavicle, scapula	14,810	7.2	18	3,190	6.2	22	450	3.9	37	—	—	—	2,680	7.1	20
Back, including spine, spinal cord	36,030	17.4	8	4,650	9.0	7	950	8.2	7	230	16.4	38	3,320	8.7	6
Upper extremities	33,170	16.1	8	6,590	12.8	14	1,130	9.8	10	30	2.1	4	5,320	14.0	14
Arm(s)	8,870	4.3	12	2,430	4.7	16	470	4.1	5	—	—	—	1,870	4.9	16
Wrist(s)	6,410	3.1	10	2,570	5.0	12	400	3.5	15	20	1.4	4	2,130	5.6	12
Hand(s), except finger(s)	6,280	3.0	5	660	1.3	24	170	1.5	47	—	—	—	490	1.3	7
Finger(s), fingernail(s)	9,340	4.5	7	400	.8	4	50	.4	8	—	—	—	350	.9	4
Lower extremities	54,160	26.2	12	17,520	34.0	15	4,330	37.4	14	1,060	75.7	20	11,970	31.5	15
Knee(s)	23,960	11.6	16	8,250	16.0	15	1,490	12.9	33	640	45.7	84	6,050	15.9	12
Ankle(s)	13,030	6.3	9	4,530	8.8	16	1,400	12.1	14	290	20.7	15	2,820	7.4	17
Foot, toe	7,000	3.4	6	1,000	1.9	7	250	2.2	7	60	4.3	9	680	1.8	9
Body systems	5,500	2.7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Multiple body parts	32,130	15.6	8	13,440	26.1	5	3,520	30.4	7	70	5.0	20	9,770	25.7	5
All other parts of body	2,020	1.0	5	430	.8	7	220	1.9	7	—	—	—	210	.6	9
Source of injury, illness:															
Chemicals and chemical products	2,630	1.3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Containers	12,610	6.1	10	350	.7	180	—	—	—	—	—	—	340	.9	180
Furniture and fixtures	7,770	3.8	8	1,230	2.4	14	330	2.8	5	—	—	—	890	2.3	27
Machinery	4,620	2.2	8	150	.3	13	70	.6	13	—	—	—	80	.2	7
Parts and materials	8,440	4.1	10	280	.5	73	—	—	—	—	—	—	260	.7	73
Floors, walkways, ground surfaces	50,310	24.4	10	46,040	89.3	10	9,980	86.2	10	1,280	91.4	38	34,370	90.5	10
Handtools	5,140	2.5	6	30	.1	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	.1	13
Vehicles	21,910	10.6	10	1,240	2.4	12	490	4.2	12	60	4.3	3	670	1.8	17
Person, injured or ill worker	36,450	17.6	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bodily motion or position of injured, ill worker	34,080	16.5	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Person, other than injured or ill worker	23,490	11.4	7	100	.2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	.1	22
Health care patient	8,260	4.0	9	20	(³)	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	.1	28
All other sources	33,190	16.1	6	2,120	4.1	5	690	6.0	5	40	2.9	21	1,280	3.4	5

¹ Days-away-from-work cases include those that resulted in days away from work, some of which also included job transfer or restriction.

² Median days away from work is the measure used to summarize the varying lengths of absences from work among the cases with days away from work. Half the cases involved more days and half involved less days than a specified median. Median days away from work are represented in actual values.

³ Data too small to be displayed.

NOTE: Dash indicates data do not meet publication guidelines. Because of rounding and data exclusion of nonclassifiable responses, data may not sum to the totals.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses in cooperation with participating State agencies