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<b>Total local government</b> .....	206,580	100.0	9	87,910	100.0	10	1,040	100.0	25	480	100.0	41
<b>Occupation:</b>												
Management, Business, and Financial Occupations .....	3,610	1.7	5	1,390	1.6	7	50	4.8	26	—	—	—
Professional and Related Occupations .....	42,150	20.4	5	15,460	17.6	5	70	6.7	20	90	18.8	12
Service Occupations .....	102,240	49.5	10	47,220	53.7	13	420	40.4	10	300	62.5	68
Sales and Related Occupations .....	200	.1	7	110	.1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Office and Administrative Support Occupations .....	10,200	4.9	6	3,710	4.2	5	380	36.5	51	50	10.4	23
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations .....	70	( <sup>3</sup> )	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Construction and Extraction Occupations .....	11,350	5.5	13	5,010	5.7	11	30	2.9	57	—	—	—
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations .....	10,630	5.1	9	4,710	5.4	11	20	1.9	55	—	—	—
Production Occupations .....	3,920	1.9	10	1,580	1.8	16	20	1.9	6	—	—	—
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations .....	21,760	10.5	12	8,540	9.7	12	50	4.8	25	—	—	—
<b>Age:</b>												
14 - 15 .....	40	( <sup>3</sup> )	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16 - 19 .....	1,260	.6	4	370	.4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 - 24 .....	8,420	4.1	4	2,990	3.4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 - 34 .....	37,600	18.2	8	17,520	19.9	9	80	7.7	2	90	18.8	45
35 - 44 .....	55,090	26.7	9	24,840	28.3	11	160	15.4	25	160	33.3	116
45 - 54 .....	59,460	28.8	9	25,290	28.8	12	290	27.9	36	130	27.1	15
55 - 64 .....	35,430	17.2	11	14,150	16.1	14	460	44.2	26	60	12.5	23
65 and over .....	6,260	3.0	14	1,610	1.8	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not reported .....	3,030	1.5	8	1,130	1.3	8	20	1.9	52	20	4.2	1
<b>Race or ethnic origin:</b>												
White only .....	84,660	41.0	7	32,300	36.7	8	640	61.5	13	110	22.9	15
Hispanic or Latino only .....	12,510	6.1	10	5,400	6.1	10	50	4.8	21	20	4.2	14
Black only .....	13,090	6.3	7	5,950	6.8	8	20	1.9	1	40	8.3	75
Asian only .....	800	.4	13	320	.4	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
American Indian or Alaskan Native only .....	820	.4	5	340	.4	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander only .....	280	.1	19	180	.2	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
Multi-race .....	100	( <sup>3</sup> )	4	60	.1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hispanic or Latino and other race .....	40	( <sup>3</sup> )	6	20	( <sup>3</sup> )	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not reported .....	94,270	45.6	10	43,330	49.3	13	330	31.7	41	300	62.5	45
<b>Gender:</b>												
Male .....	122,670	59.4	10	55,690	63.3	12	480	46.2	12	210	43.8	116
Female .....	83,700	40.5	6	32,190	36.6	8	560	53.8	28	270	56.2	15
Not reported .....	200	.1	3	30	( <sup>3</sup> )	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Length of service with employer:</b>												
Less than 3 months .....	5,990	2.9	7	2,200	2.5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
3 - 11 months .....	16,800	8.1	5	6,810	7.7	7	40	3.8	17	130	27.1	116
1 - 5 years .....	57,280	27.7	7	24,070	27.4	8	60	5.8	7	110	22.9	15
More than 5 years .....	123,970	60.0	10	54,080	61.5	13	940	90.4	26	220	45.8	29
Not reported .....	2,530	1.2	18	740	.8	17	—	—	—	30	6.2	40
<b>Day of week:</b>												
Sunday .....	9,490	4.6	9	4,120	4.7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Monday .....	38,670	18.7	9	16,320	18.6	11	370	35.6	9	50	10.4	50
Tuesday .....	40,200	19.5	8	18,220	20.7	10	220	21.2	23	40	8.3	14
Wednesday .....	38,210	18.5	8	16,250	18.5	13	90	8.7	20	60	12.5	45
Thursday .....	34,710	16.8	7	13,500	15.4	8	200	19.2	26	160	33.3	116

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<b>Day of week: - continued</b>												
Friday .....	34,230	16.6	11	14,910	17.0	11	160	15.4	38	100	20.8	23
Saturday .....	11,070	5.4	10	4,580	5.2	11	—	—	—	80	16.7	15
<b>Time of event:</b>												
12:01 A.M. to 4:00 A.M. ....	6,300	3.0	10	2,490	2.8	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
4:01 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. ....	19,750	9.6	9	7,460	8.5	9	200	19.2	9	130	27.1	116
8:01 A.M. to 12:00 noon .....	69,330	33.6	8	28,850	32.8	10	120	11.5	51	70	14.6	41
12:01 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. ....	48,330	23.4	7	20,560	23.4	9	120	11.5	41	70	14.6	15
4:01 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. ....	21,700	10.5	11	10,980	12.5	12	—	—	—	20	4.2	5
8:01 P.M. to 12:00 midnight .....	10,620	5.1	13	4,710	5.4	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not reported .....	30,540	14.8	11	12,880	14.7	15	590	56.7	28	170	35.4	40
<b>Hours on the job before event occurred:</b>												
Before shift began .....	2,150	1.0	6	830	.9	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Less than 1 hour .....	20,150	9.8	10	8,730	9.9	10	30	2.9	70	30	6.2	9
1 hour to less than 2 hours .....	20,200	9.8	9	8,510	9.7	10	170	16.3	9	—	—	—
2 hours to less than 4 hours .....	43,550	21.1	7	17,960	20.4	8	100	9.6	51	30	6.2	50
4 hours to less than 6 hours .....	32,760	15.9	7	15,080	17.2	10	110	10.6	81	80	16.7	15
6 hours to less than 8 hours .....	28,830	14.0	9	11,770	13.4	10	30	2.9	3	30	6.2	8
8 hours to less than 10 hours .....	13,930	6.7	11	5,710	6.5	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 hours to less than 12 hours .....	3,640	1.8	6	1,700	1.9	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
12 hours to less than 16 hours .....	3,160	1.5	15	1,890	2.1	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
More than 16 hours .....	1,240	.6	12	720	.8	38	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not reported .....	36,970	17.9	11	15,000	17.1	14	590	56.7	28	280	58.3	55
<b>Event or exposure:</b>												
Contact with objects and equipment .....	36,930	17.9	6	6,070	6.9	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Struck by object .....	17,910	8.7	5	2,150	2.4	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Struck against object .....	11,720	5.7	6	2,670	3.0	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects .....	3,620	1.8	8	600	.7	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fall to lower level .....	11,580	5.6	10	3,320	3.8	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fall on same level .....	37,960	18.4	10	12,150	13.8	10	—	—	—	20	4.2	41
Slip, trip, loss of balance without fall .....	7,650	3.7	10	5,660	6.4	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Overexertion .....	38,560	18.7	13	29,210	33.2	12	—	—	—	90	18.8	5
Overexertion in lifting .....	19,280	9.3	14	14,630	16.6	13	—	—	—	20	4.2	1
Repetitive motion .....	3,500	1.7	14	1,250	1.4	10	1,040	100.0	25	160	33.3	15
Exposure to harmful substances or environments .....	9,460	4.6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation incidents .....	14,430	7.0	10	5,910	6.7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Highway Accident .....	11,110	5.4	9	4,890	5.6	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fires and explosions .....	690	.3	14	30	( <sup>3</sup> )	24	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assaults and violent acts .....	13,400	6.5	6	2,930	3.3	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
By person(s) .....	11,640	5.6	6	2,750	3.1	11	—	—	—	—	—	—
By animal .....	1,320	.6	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other events .....	32,420	15.7	10	21,370	24.3	11	—	—	—	190	39.6	116
<b>Part of body affected:</b>												
Head .....	13,030	6.3	3	30	( <sup>3</sup> )	19	—	—	—	—	—	—
Eye(s) .....	4,060	2.0	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Neck, including throat .....	3,060	1.5	4	2,280	2.6	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Trunk .....	63,510	30.7	10	40,740	46.3	10	—	—	—	110	22.9	50
Shoulder, including clavicle, scapula .....	14,810	7.2	18	9,930	11.3	18	—	—	—	110	22.9	50
Back, including spine, spinal cord .....	36,030	17.4	8	27,020	30.7	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Upper extremities .....	33,170	16.1	8	7,410	8.4	10	1,040	100.0	25	200	41.7	15

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<b>Part of body affected: - continued</b>												
Arm(s) .....	8,870	4.3	12	3,130	3.6	16	—	—	—	110	22.9	15
Wrist(s) .....	6,410	3.1	10	2,260	2.6	7	1,040	100.0	25	50	10.4	14
Hand(s), except finger(s) .....	6,280	3.0	5	340	.4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Finger(s), fingernail(s) .....	9,340	4.5	7	1,170	1.3	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lower extremities .....	54,160	26.2	12	28,300	32.2	12	—	—	—	160	33.3	116
Knee(s) .....	23,960	11.6	16	13,860	15.8	21	—	—	—	40	8.3	45
Ankle(s) .....	13,030	6.3	9	9,080	10.3	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foot, toe .....	7,000	3.4	6	1,410	1.6	3	—	—	—	110	22.9	116
Body systems .....	5,500	2.7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Multiple body parts .....	32,130	15.6	8	8,960	10.2	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other parts of body .....	2,020	1.0	5	190	.2	43	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Source of injury, illness:</b>												
Chemicals and chemical products .....	2,630	1.3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Containers .....	12,610	6.1	10	7,230	8.2	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Furniture and fixtures .....	7,770	3.8	8	3,340	3.8	11	—	—	—	20	4.2	101
Machinery .....	4,620	2.2	8	1,520	1.7	11	—	—	—	20	4.2	40
Parts and materials .....	8,440	4.1	10	3,550	4.0	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Floors, walkways, ground surfaces .....	50,310	24.4	10	17,570	20.0	9	—	—	—	20	4.2	41
Handtools .....	5,140	2.5	6	1,530	1.7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vehicles .....	21,910	10.6	10	8,070	9.2	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Person, injured or ill worker .....	36,450	17.6	10	25,100	28.6	10	1,040	100.0	25	320	66.7	45
Bodily motion or position of injured, ill worker .....	34,080	16.5	10	24,570	27.9	10	1,040	100.0	25	320	66.7	45
Person, other than injured or ill worker .....	23,490	11.4	7	11,820	13.4	10	—	—	—	30	6.2	8
Health care patient .....	8,260	4.0	9	6,020	6.8	9	—	—	—	30	6.2	9
All other sources .....	33,190	16.1	6	8,180	9.3	16	—	—	—	30	6.2	1

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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