

# **SAVANNAH RIVER SITE**

## **1997 Epidemiologic Surveillance Report**

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### At a Glance

Overall, we noted few changes from our 1996 assessment of the health status of Savannah River Site workers.

As in 1996, 8 percent of the workers reported at least one absence. The number of absences reported in 1997 was comparable to the number reported in 1996.

In our comparisons of illness and injury rates among the various job categories, Technical Support workers were 50 percent more likely than other workers to report a variety of diseases, including benign and uncertain neoplasms, digestive diseases, genitourinary disorders, and unspecified symptoms. Crafts and Manual Labor workers were at almost twice the risk of reporting a disorder involving the muscles and skeleton.

We identified 18 diagnoses as **possible** sentinel health events. Fourteen of these diagnoses were carpal tunnel syndrome, reported by 13 workers and resulting in 600 lost calendar days. Workers in the Technical Support group reported 7 of the carpal tunnel diagnoses.

The rate of OSHA-recordable events was similar for women and men in 1997. The occurrence of OSHA-recordable injuries did not appear related to age. Sprains and strains were the most common types of OSHA-recordable injuries among both men and women.

Overall, the average number of workdays lost or with restricted activity due to an OSHA event was the same for men and women (9 days). Among the job categories, Nuclear Specialties workers reported the highest average number of lost and restricted workdays due to an OSHA event (54 days).

Crafts and Manual Laborers were at a 4 times higher risk of occupational sprains and strains than were other workers, while Service workers showed a 20 times higher risk for sprains and strains that did not involve the back. In addition, Crafts and Manual Laborers were 18 times more likely to suffer a disorder of the muscles and skeleton as were other workers.

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## Introduction

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) commitment to assuring the health and safety of its workers includes the conduct of epidemiologic surveillance activities that provide an early warning system for health problems among workers. The Epidemiologic Surveillance



Program monitors illnesses and health conditions that result in an absence of 5 or more consecutive workdays, occupational injuries and illnesses, and disabilities and deaths among current workers.

Epidemiologic Surveillance has been conducted at Savannah River Site (SRS) since 1994, and as a pilot project from 1992. This report provides a summary of epidemiologic surveillance data collected from Savannah River Site from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. The data were collected by a coordinator at Savannah River Site and submitted to the Epidemiologic Surveillance Data Center located at Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, where quality control procedures and preliminary data analyses were carried out. The analyses were interpreted and the final report prepared by the DOE Office of Epidemiologic Studies.

The information in this report provides highlights of the data analyses conducted on the 1997 data collected from Savannah River Site.

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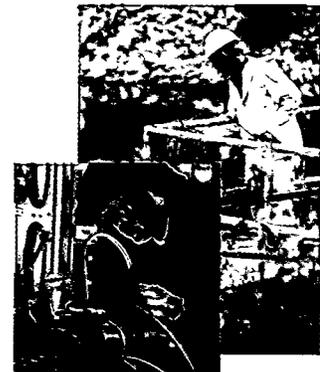
are available by request. The main sections of the report include: work force characteristics; absences due to injury or illness lasting 5 or more consecutive



workdays; workplace illnesses, injuries, and deaths that were reportable to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA-recordable" events); and disabilities and deaths among current workers. The 1997 report includes a section on time trends that provides comparative information on the health of the work force from 1994 through 1997.

**Note: In the figures and calculations that follow, percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number.**

DOE sites vary by mission, function, job classification, and worker exposures. Comparisons of Savannah River Site with other DOE sites should be made with caution. In addition, many factors can affect the completeness and accuracy of health information reported at the sites, thereby affecting the observed patterns of illness and injury.



## Site Overview

Savannah River Site is a 320-square-mile facility located on the Savannah River near Aiken, South Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia. It is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy and operated by the Westinghouse Savannah River Company. The site was constructed during the 1950s and produced nuclear weapons materials (tritium and plutonium-239) for the United States' defense program from that time through the 1980s. The years of weapons materials production resulted in unusable byproducts such as intensely radioactive waste, low-level liquid and solid radioactive



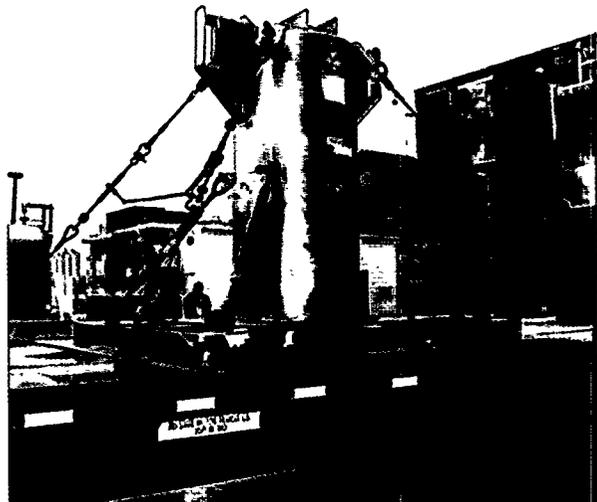
wastes, transuranic waste, hazardous waste, and mixed wastes.

After the end of the Cold War, the mission for SRS changed from nuclear materials production to environmental restoration and waste management. All five of the original production reactors are permanently shut down. There are over 400 inactive waste and groundwater units in the site's environmental restoration program. This work is expected to take decades to complete. Decontamination and decommissioning of surplus



facilities is also being conducted, with more than 600 facilities presently being assessed.

Part of the site's mission is to recycle and reload tritium to keep the nation's supply of nuclear weapons ready. SRS is the nation's only source for recycling tritium from reservoirs of nuclear weapons no longer in service. This process allows the United States to stretch its tritium supplies. The site is also focusing on national security work, economic development and technology transfer initiatives, and environmental and waste management activities.

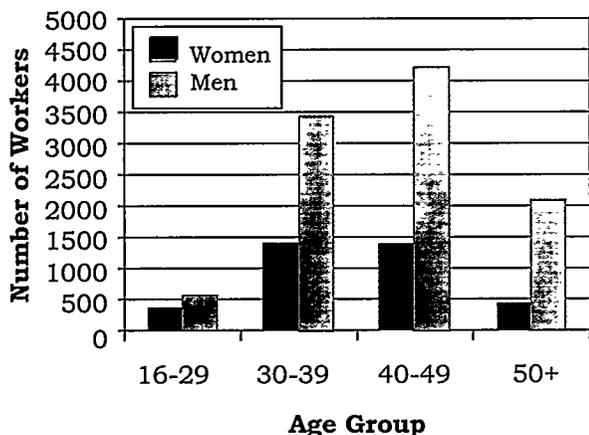


## The Savannah River Site Work Force - 1997

A total of 13,822 Savannah River Site employees were included in epidemiologic surveillance in 1997, 889 fewer workers than were present in 1996. The gender and age distribution of the 1997 work force is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. The Work Force by Gender and Age



There were 3,545 (26 percent) women and 10,277 (74 percent) men in the work force. The average age of male Savannah River workers was 42 years and 40 years for females. The majority of the workers was White (77 percent). African Americans comprised about 20 percent of the work force; Hispanics, Asians, Native Americans, and others made up the remaining 3 percent.

The distribution of workers by job category and gender is shown in Figure 2. Individual job titles reported by Savannah River Site were grouped together into seven job categories. The grouping was done because there were either too few workers or not enough health events among workers with a particular job title, which



limited the types of analyses that could be conducted. Men and women were not distributed equally among the various job categories. We noted the largest gender differences in the Office Management and Administration and the Engineering, Scientific, and Health Care groups, with women primarily in the former and men in the latter group.

Figure 2. The Work Force by Job Category and Gender

Job Category	Women	Men
Office Management & Administration	1,721 49%	1,655 16%
Engineering, Scientific, & Health Care	297 8%	2,641 25%
Technical Support	1,259 35%	4,500 42%
Service	15 <1%	59 1%
Crafts & Manual Labor	135 4%	946 9%
Nuclear Specialties	112 3%	411 4%
Power Operator	6 <1%	65 1%

## Number and Length of Absences

Epidemiologic surveillance examines absences of 5 or more consecutive workdays (also referred to as "5-day absences"). This absence definition is based on DOE Order 440.1 that requires contractor management to notify Occupational Medicine when a worker has been absent for 5 or more consecutive



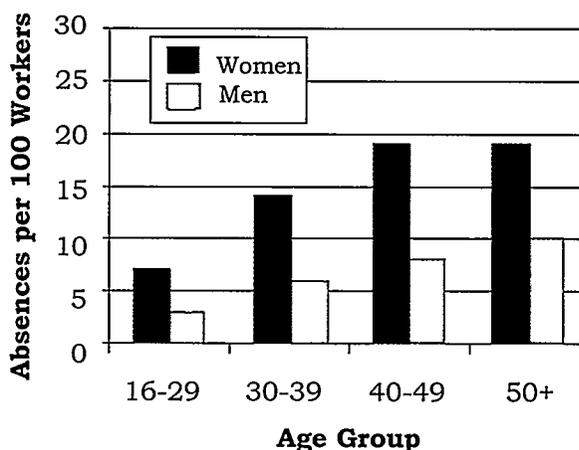
workdays. If an absence on a Friday continues through Tuesday, the length of that absence includes the weekend. All injuries and illnesses due to a work-related incident must be reported regardless of the length of absence. Non-occupational illnesses and injuries that involve absences of fewer than 5 days do not routinely require a medical clearance for return to work and are excluded from these analyses. One change from earlier surveillance reports is the exclusion of some types of health events resulting in an absence of 5 or more consecutive workdays. These include 100 women with 106 reported absences due to maternity leave, and 11 women and 2 men with reported absences due to elective surgical procedures that were not related to the treatment of an illness or injury.

Throughout this report, analyses take gender, age, and job category into account because the risk of illness and injury varies by these factors.

Eight percent of the workers reported at least one absence in 1997, unchanged

from the 1995 and 1996 percentages. The number of 5-day absences due to injury or illness varied by gender and age as shown in Figure 3. There were 562 5-day absences among 472 women resulting in an absence rate of 16 (562/3,545) per 100 workers. Among the 10,277 men, there were 777 absences resulting in an absence rate of 8 (777/10,277) per 100 workers. Among both women and men, the rate of 5-day absences tended to increase with age. Only 2 percent of women and 1 percent of men reported more than one 5-day absence in 1997. The number of absences reported in 1997 was comparable to the number reported in 1996 (1,361).

Figure 3. Absence Rate by Gender and Age



The average length of absence by gender and age is shown in Figure 4. The average length of absence was 27 days for women and 26 days for men. The average length of absence for men increased with increasing age. Among women, the 16-29 age group had an average length of absence at least 7 days shorter than other age groups. The length of absence for the remainder of the female workers was similar, regardless of age. We saw no consistent age-related difference in length of absence between women and men.

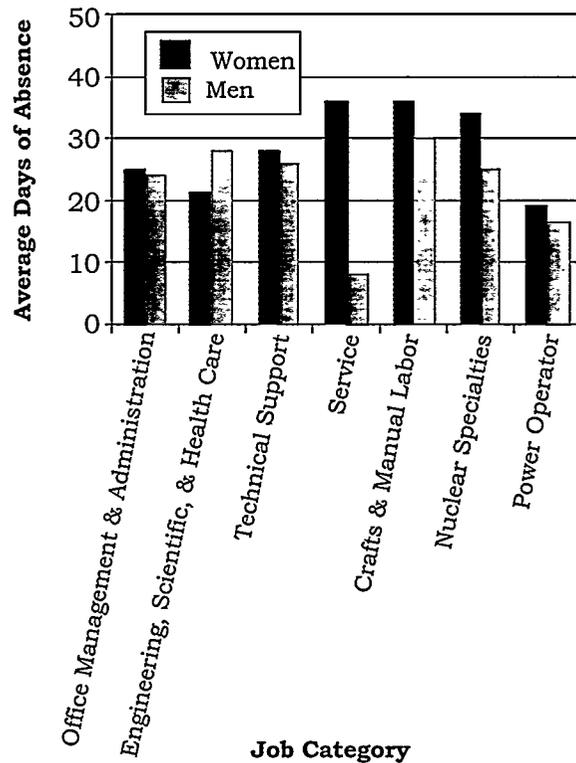
**Figure 4. Number of Days Absent by Gender and Age**

Gender	Age	Number of Absences	Number of Days Absent	Average Number of Days Absent
Women	16 - 29	26	491	19
	30 - 39	186	4,756	26
	40 - 49	261	7,377	28
	50 +	89	2,347	26
	Total	562	14,971	27
Men	16 - 29	17	407	24
	30 - 39	214	5,306	25
	40 - 49	345	8,916	26
	50 +	201	5,894	29
	Total	777	20,523	26

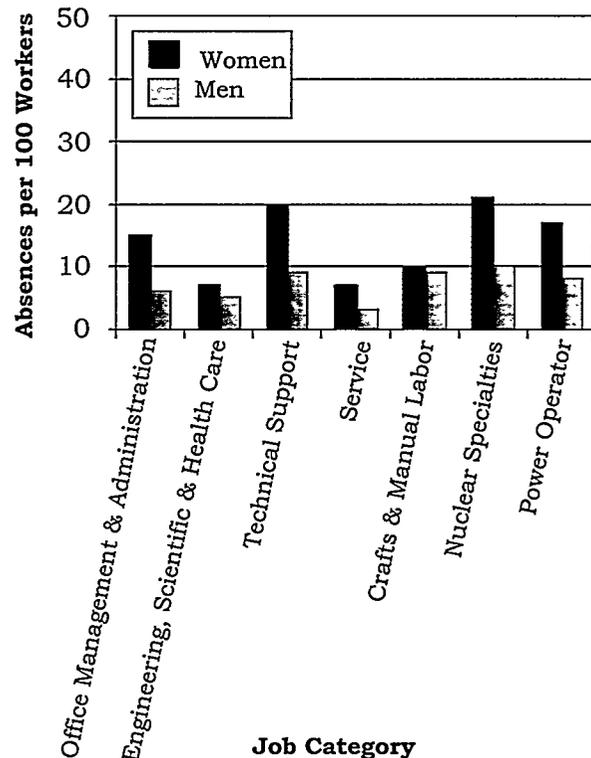
As shown in Figure 5, the average absence duration was somewhat higher for women than for men in most occupations. Workers in the Engineering, Scientific, and Health Care job category were the exception. For the work force as a whole, however, the average duration of absence was essentially the same for women (27 days) and men (26 days). Women in the Service and Crafts and Manual Labor categories had the longest average number of days absent (36 days). Among men, Crafts and Manual Laborers had the longest average length of absence (30 days).

The rate of 5-day absences due to illness or injury varied by job category for women and men as shown in Figure 6. With two exceptions, women had at least twice the rate of absence across similar job categories compared with men. For the Engineering, Scientific, and Health Care and the Crafts and Manual Labor groups, the rates of absence for men and women were similar. Nuclear Specialties workers had the highest rate among male workers, 10 absences per 100 workers, while those in the Service category had the lowest rate, 3 absences per 100 workers. Among women, Nuclear Specialties workers had the highest rate of 5-day absence, 21 per 100, while those in the Engineering, Scientific, and Health Care and Service categories had the lowest rate, 7 absences per 100 workers.

**Figure 5. Average Duration of Absence by Job Category and Gender**



**Figure 6. Absence Rate by Job Category and Gender**



## Diagnostic Categories

Epidemiologic surveillance monitors *all* illnesses and injuries among active workers because it is not always possible to determine what health effects are due to occupational exposures and what are due to other causes. Most illness and injury diagnoses were reported to the occupational medicine clinic by workers who required return-to-work clearances. An absence due to illness or injury may involve more than one diagnosis, and epidemiologic surveillance includes all reported diagnoses. In addition, the OSHA 200 Log provides information on recorded occupational injuries and illnesses whether or not they involve absences.

This report organizes illness and injury categories based on a standard reference, the *International Classification of Diseases, 9<sup>th</sup> Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM). This reference is used to classify health events for statistical purposes. You can find specific health conditions in the Explanation of Diagnostic Categories.

The number of reported diagnoses categorized according to the ICD-9-CM and number of lost calendar days are presented in Figure 7. There were 819 diagnoses reported by women and 1,039 diagnoses reported by men in 1997. The more frequently reported diagnoses were similar for women and men.

Women in the work force lost 14,971 calendar days due to injury and illness. Genitourinary disorders (17 percent), respiratory conditions (15 percent), and muscle and skeleton conditions (14 percent) accounted for 46 percent of all reported diagnoses. The majority of the genitourinary conditions (80 percent) were due to disorders of the female reproductive tract. Back pain and disc injuries made up 50 percent of muscles

**Figure 7. Number of Diagnoses and Lost Calendar Days by Diagnostic Category (Categorized by ICD-9-CM) and Gender**

Diagnostic Category	Women		Men	
	Number of Diagnoses	Number of Lost Calendar Days	Number of Diagnoses	Number of Lost Calendar Days
Benign Growths	60	2,019	17	326
Blood	6	252	1	6
Cancer	10	615	14	965
Digestive	86	2,695	136	3,063
Endocrine / Metabolic	21	1,187	25	521
Existing Birth Condition	0	0	2	133
Genitourinary	139	4,598	23	449
Heart / Circulatory	31	940	100	4,471
Infections / Parasites	21	719	31	539
Injury	65	1,899	124	3,904
Respiratory	124	1,630	152	2,241
Psychological	17	448	22	613
Miscarriage	8	212	NA	NA
Muscles and Skeleton	117	4,261	255	3,563
Nervous System	39	956	44	1,439
Skin	10	155	13	503
Unspecified Symptoms	65	995	70	1,640

Note: Lost calendar days for each diagnosis are counted more than once if there are multiple diagnoses per absence.

and skeleton conditions, followed by rheumatism (24 percent) and arthritis (19 percent). Half of the respiratory conditions were reported as acute respiratory infections, 25 percent as chronic conditions (primarily bronchitis), and 17 percent as pneumonia and flu.

Injuries were among the more commonly noted diagnoses among men aged 30-49 and women aged 30-39.

Men lost 20,523 calendar days due to injury. Among men, 53 percent of all reported diagnoses were due to muscles and skeleton conditions (25 percent), respiratory conditions (15 percent), and digestive disorders (13 percent). About 60 percent of the diagnoses affecting the muscles and skeleton were back problems, 22 percent were arthritis, and 14 percent were rheumatism. Acute respiratory infections accounted for 49



percent of the respiratory conditions, followed by asthma and bronchitis (24 percent), and pneumonia and flu (20 percent). Frequently reported digestive conditions included hernias (32 percent), intestinal conditions (24 percent), and gallbladder disorders (24 percent).

Among women, the most frequently reported diagnoses were fairly consistent among the various age groups. For those aged 30 years or older, frequently reported diagnoses involved the digestive system; 30 percent for gallbladder disor-

ders, 29 percent were for intestinal conditions, and 18 percent for stomach problems. Injuries were among the top three diagnoses reported by women aged 30-39. Thirty-five percent of these diagnoses were sprains and strains. Among 16-29 year olds, the four diagnoses for psychological conditions were related to depression and anxiety.

We saw little variation in diagnoses by age among men. Digestive disorders, conditions affecting the respiratory system, and diagnoses of the muscles and skeleton ranked among the top three categories for men of all ages, except the 30-39 group. Among workers aged 30-39 years old, reported diagnoses of injuries outnumbered digestive conditions. Thirty men reported 44 diagnoses of injury; 10 were for sprains and strains, 9 for fractures, 6 for complications of medical care, and 5 for late effects. Heart/circulatory conditions were common among men aged 40 or older. Seventy-four men reported 92 diagnoses; 51 were for high blood pressure and ischemic heart disease (restricted blood flow to an artery).

Figure 8 shows the frequency of reported diagnoses by job category for women and men. The types of diagnoses did not vary significantly by job category. Among women, genitourinary disorders, conditions affecting the muscles and skeleton, respiratory diagnoses, and digestive disorders were common in most job categories. Exceptions occurred for women in the Service, Crafts and Manual Labor, and Power Operator groups, where few diagnoses were reported. Among men, muscles and skeleton conditions, digestive disorders, respiratory conditions, and injuries appeared frequently among the occupational groups.

**Figure 8. Most Frequently Reported Diagnoses by Job Category and Gender**

Job Category	Men	Women
Office Management & Administration	Muscles and Skeleton (26) Injury (21) Digestive (19) Respiratory (16)	Genitourinary (64) Muscles and Skeleton (58) Respiratory (44)
Engineering, Scientific, & Health Care	Muscles and Skeleton (36) Heart/Circulatory (27) Injury (21)	Respiratory (8) Digestive (5) Genitourinary (4) Muscles and Skeleton (4)
Technical Support	Muscles and Skeleton (139) Respiratory (93) Digestive (80) Injury (73)	Genitourinary (62) Respiratory (62) Muscles and Skeleton (44) Digestive (41)
Service	Endocrine/Metabolic (1) Muscles and Skeleton (1)	Genitourinary (3) No Other
Crafts & Manual Labor	Muscles and Skeleton (33) Respiratory (17) Digestive (14)	Muscles and Skeleton (7) Injury (4) Endocrine/Metabolic (3) Unspecified Symptoms (3)
Nuclear Specialties	Muscles and Skeleton (15) Respiratory (9) Digestive (7) Unspecified Symptoms (6) Heart/Circulatory (5)	Respiratory (10) Digestive (6) Unspecified Symptoms (6) Genitourinary (5) Muscles and Skeleton (4)
Power Operator	Muscles and Skeleton (5) Infections/Parasites (3) Respiratory (1) Psychological (1) Nervous System (1)	Benign Growths (1) Digestive (1)

Note: Numbers in parentheses are number of diagnoses reported.

### Rates of Disease Occurrence

**A Word about Rates:** The previous section considered the number of absences and health conditions among various worker groups. For example, Figure 7 shows that men reported 124 and women reported 65 diagnoses involving injuries in 1997. Men, therefore, reported almost twice as many injuries as women. As there are almost three times as many men as there are women at Savannah River Site, it seems reasonable to expect more injuries among men than women. Does this mean that men were at greater risk of injuries compared with women in 1997? To correctly answer the question, the total number of men and women in the work force must be considered. To compare risk among men and women, it is necessary to calculate the injury rate for each gender. Rates are calculated by dividing the number of injury diagnoses in a given gender by the total number of employees of that gender. Multiply this number by 1,000 to get the diagnosis rate per 1,000 workers.

For example:

$$124 \text{ injury diagnoses} \div 10,277 \text{ men} = .012 \times 1,000 = 12 \text{ injury diagnoses per 1,000 men}$$

$$65 \text{ injury diagnoses} \div 3,545 \text{ women} = .018 \times 1,000 = 18 \text{ injury diagnoses per 1,000 women}$$

Comparing these rates now correctly suggests that reported diagnoses due to injuries among women are 50 percent greater than for men. They are called **crude rates** because they do not account for possible differences between men and women such as age and other factors that might affect the individual's risk of having an injury. Because age is so strongly related to the risk of disease and injury, epidemiologists almost always take age into account when comparing groups. This is done by using age-specific categories, or by statistical methods of adjustment.

The diagnosis rate is the number of reported occurrences of a given disease or health condition observed over the course of a year per 1,000 workers at risk of getting that condition (see shaded box). One health condition, arthritis for example, may result in several 5-day absences over a year. Conversely, one 5-day absence may be associated with multiple diagnoses (e.g., the flu and a sprained wrist) recorded for epidemiologic surveillance.

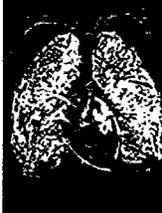
In the following set of analyses the four age groups used previously were collapsed into two, workers less than 50 years of age and those 50 or older (Figure 9). These groups were collapsed to ensure that the number of diagnoses in each group would be large enough to analyze. In addition, the seven job categories were combined into five larger groups. Five groups of diagnoses of particular interest to workers are presented in Figure 9: all illnesses and injuries combined, cancer, heart/circulatory system, respiratory system, and injury. Additional information about 17 other disease groups were also analyzed and can be found in the Supporting Tables.

**Figure 9. Illness and Injury Rates by Job Category, Gender, and Age**

Diagnostic Category	Rate per 1,000			
	Job Category	Age	Men	Women
	Office Management & Administration	<50	78	195
		50+	66	264
	Engineering, Scientific, & Health Care	<50	47	94
		50+	92	258
	Technical Support	<50	121	293
		50+	190	270
	Service/Crafts & Manual Labor	<50	1,275	1,357
		50+	5,375	5,000
	Nuclear Specialties/Power Operator	<50	147	368
		50+	209	167

Diagnostic Category	Rate per 1,000			
	Job Category	Age	Men	Women
	Office Management & Administration	<50	1	4
		50+	0	3
	Engineering, Scientific, & Health Care	<50	1	0
		50+	10	32
	Technical Support	<50	0	2
		50+	5	9
	Service/Crafts & Manual Labor	<50	0	0
		50+	125	0
	Nuclear Specialties/Power Operator	<50	0	0
		50+	0	0

Diagnostic Category	Rate per 1,000			
	Job Category	Age	Men	Women
	Office Management & Administration	<50	2	10
		50+	11	20
	Engineering, Scientific, & Health Care	<50	6	4
		50+	21	0
	Technical Support	<50	12	9
		50+	19	0
	Service/Crafts & Manual Labor	<50	39	0
		50+	250	0
	Nuclear Specialties/Power Operator	<50	9	0
		50+	22	0

Diagnostic Category	Rate per 1,000			
	Job Category	Age	Men	Women
	Office Management & Administration	<50	9	27
		50+	11	17
	Engineering, Scientific, & Health Care	<50	6	19
		50+	7	97
	Technical Support	<50	19	52
		50+	30	26
	Service/Crafts & Manual Labor	<50	196	0
		50+	875	0
	Nuclear Specialties/Power Operator	<50	25	85
		50+	22	167

Diagnostic Category	Rate per 1,000			
	Job Category	Age	Men	Women
	Office Management & Administration	<50	17	13
		50+	2	20
	Engineering, Scientific, & Health Care	<50	8	11
		50+	7	0
	Technical Support	<50	15	27
		50+	24	9
	Service/Crafts & Manual Labor	<50	59	143
		50+	375	2,000
	Nuclear Specialties/Power Operator	<50	9	9
		50+	0	0

Among women, there was no consistent pattern between the rate of all illnesses and injuries combined and age. Rates for female employees tended to be higher than for men in the same job category, regardless of age. In general, the rates for all illnesses and injuries combined were greater for men aged 50 and older. There was one exception; men aged less than 50 years and classified as Office Management and Administration had an overall illness and injury rate greater than that of older men.

Cancer rates presented in this report are based on reported 5-day absences due to cancer. A worker may experience several periods of absence from one cancer diagnosis due to medical complications or treatment. Each absence results in the reporting of a cancer diagnosis; however, it does not imply that this is a new cancer. The cancer rates in this report are *not* comparable to the *incidence* rates frequently published in many articles on cancer with which you may be familiar. Incident cancer rates are based on the number of new cancer cases diagnosed within a given time, usually one year.

The likelihood that an individual in the United States develops cancer increases with age. Our data generally reflect this observation. Cancer rates were higher among older workers, except in the Office Management and Administration job category. Twenty-two 5-day absences related to cancer were reported, 14 diagnoses among 12 men and 10 diagnoses among 10 women. One of the women who reported cancer in 1997 reported the same cancer in 1996. Eleven of the 22 workers reported



cancers of the genitourinary organs: 4 female reproductive organs, 2 male reproductive organs, 5 prostate, and 1 kidney. Four workers reported skin cancer. Three women reported breast cancer. There was no apparent relationship between any specific type of cancer and a particular job category.

In general, heart and circulatory disease rates were lower among women than among men. Office Management and Administration workers had the highest rate among women. The rate of heart and circulatory diagnoses did not appear strongly related to age among women, but increased with age among men. Among men, no specific job category had an exceptional diagnosis rate. The high rate among men in the Service/Crafts and Manual Labor category is based on only four diagnoses. Half of the diagnoses reported by women and 55 percent of those reported by men involved high blood pressure or ischemic heart disease (restricted blood flow through an artery). Technical Support workers were nearly twice as likely to report a heart/circulatory condition as were workers in other job categories.



In most job categories, women had higher rates of respiratory disease than did men. There was no relationship between age and respiratory disease rates among women, but men aged 50 or older generally had higher rates than did younger men. Nuclear Specialties/Power Operator workers had the highest rate among women. Older men in the Service/Crafts and Manual Labor group had the highest rate of respiratory diagnoses among men. Compared with other job categories, Technical Support workers were almost twice as likely to report a respiratory condition.

We observed no consistent pattern of injury diagnoses with age. For both women and men, Service/Crafts and Manual Labor workers had the highest rate of injury. Compared with other job



categories, Technical Support workers were almost twice as likely to report an injury. They were also 5 times more likely to

report a late effect of an injury. The type of injury was specified for only 1 of the 12 injuries: late effect of sprains or strains. Only one of the Technical Support workers reporting a late effect of an injury was at least 50 years old and only one was a woman.

The risk of illness and injury among workers classified in one job category was compared with that of workers in the remaining six job categories. For a variety of diagnoses, Technical Support workers were at higher risk than were other groups. Technical Support workers were 50 percent more likely to report a variety of diseases, including benign and uncertain neoplasms, digestive diseases, genitourinary disorders, and unspecified symptoms.



Crafts and Manual Labor workers were almost 4 times more likely than other workers to report an endocrine, metabolic, or immune disorder and were at almost twice the risk of reporting a disorder involving the muscles and skeleton.

## Time Trends

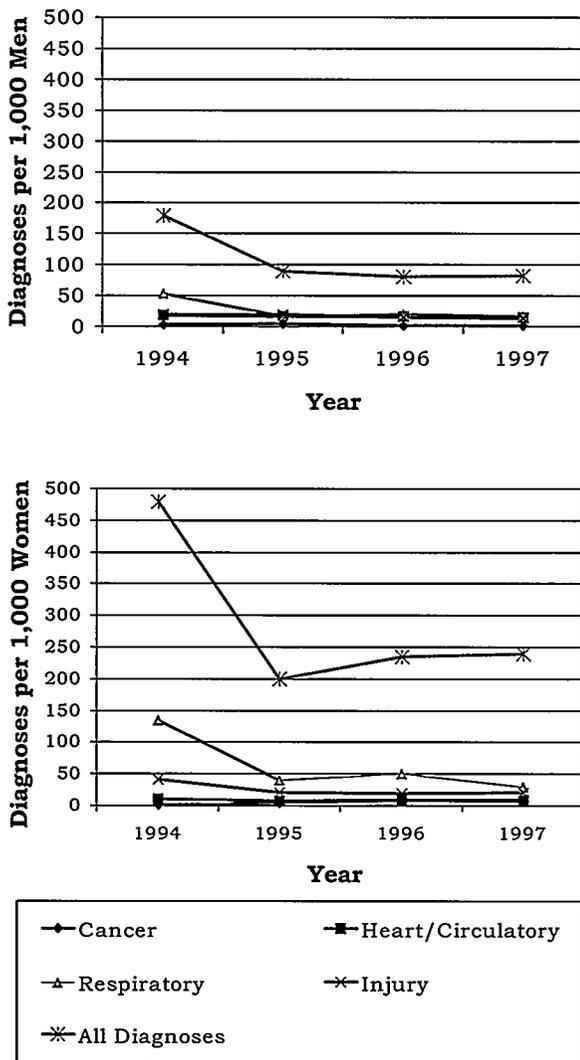
### Why Are Rates Age-Adjusted?

The injury and illness rates in this section of the report are **age-adjusted**. Differences in the age composition between groups of workers are taken into consideration in the analyses and one rate is calculated for an entire group. This allows us to make comparisons between groups of different ages. Age-adjusted rates are calculated using the age distribution of the 1970 United States population as a reference.

Age-adjusted rates for selected illness and injury categories are presented in Figure 10. It is important to note that the age-adjusted rates for the year 1994 presented in this report differ from those reported in the *1994 Annual Epidemiologic Surveillance Report* due to the exclusion of absences resulting from maternity leave.

The age-adjusted rates for all illness and injury categories combined declined substantially from 1994 to 1995 among both women and men, but the overall rates have changed little more recently. Among women, respiratory disease rates declined sharply from 1994 to 1995 but displayed almost no change thereafter. Rates for injuries, heart/circulatory disease, and cancer all remained low throughout the four-year period.

**Figure 10. Age-Adjusted Rates for Selected Diagnostic Categories for Men and Women from 1994 to 1997**



Among men, the rate of all diagnoses combined reflected the same trend as that of women, but the rate among men was substantially lower than that of women over the four years. Rates for injury, heart/circulatory disease, and cancer remained low among men throughout the period. Respiratory disease rates also remained stable following a decline from 1994 to 1995.

For both women and men, the rate for all illnesses and injuries combined

declined in most job categories over the four-year period (Figure 11). For most job categories, the greatest decrease was observed between 1994 and 1995.

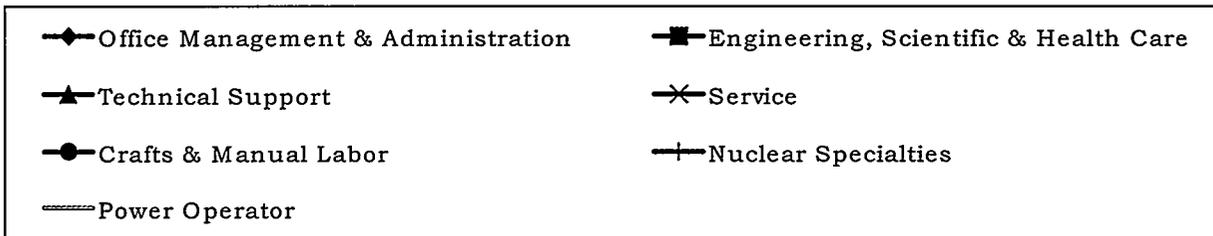
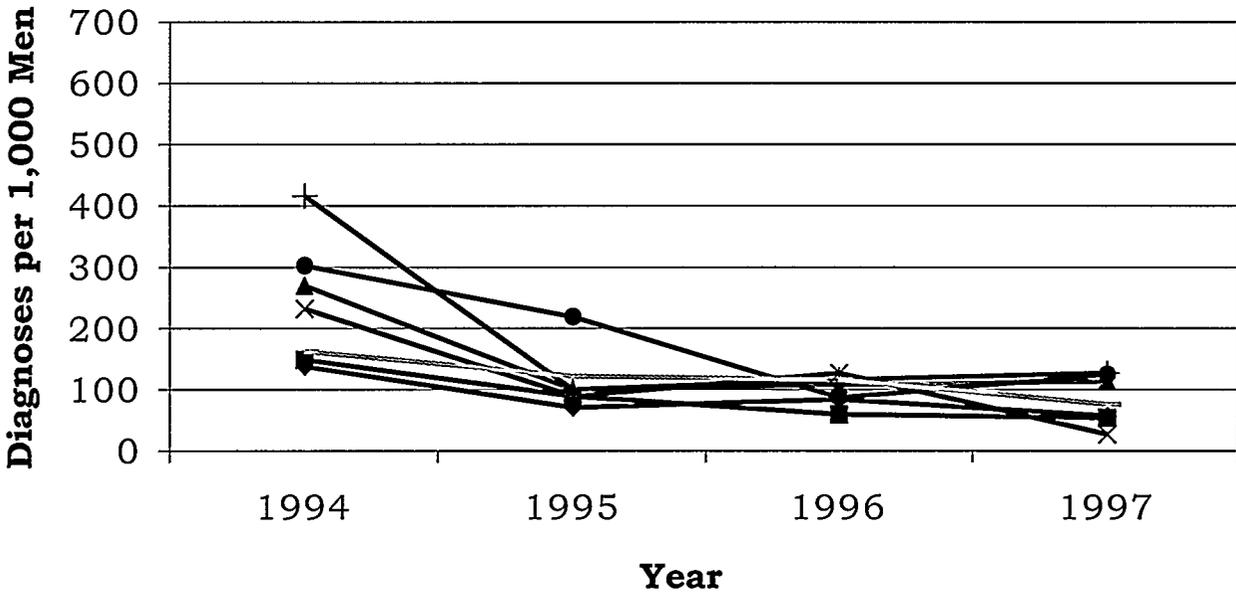
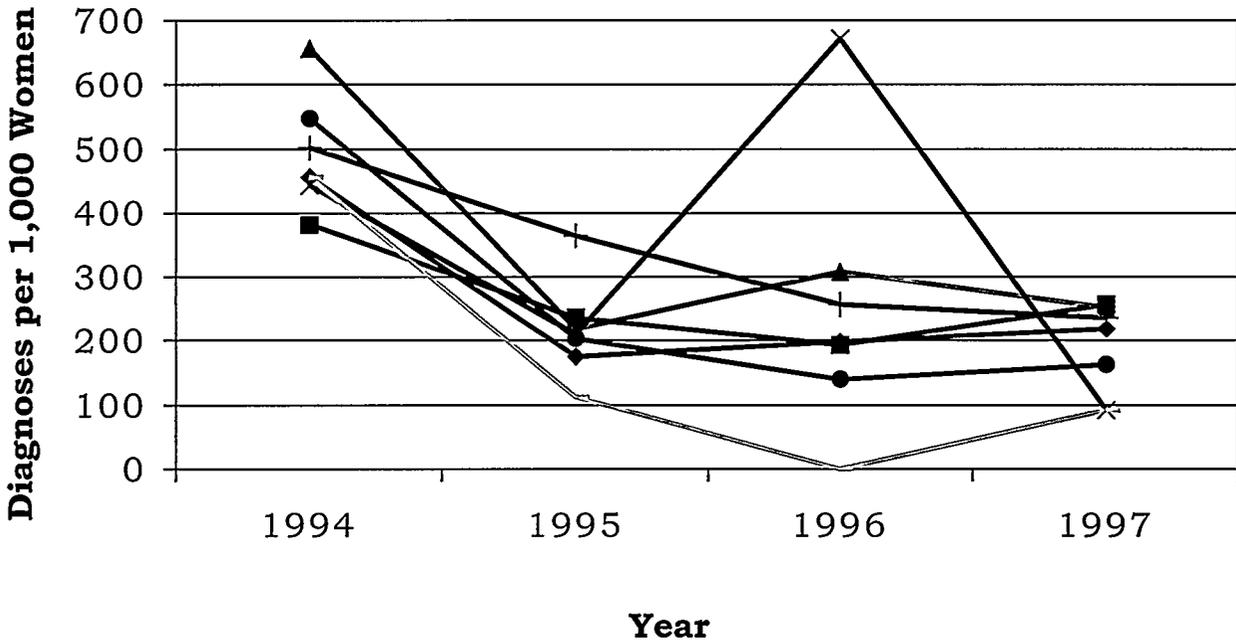
The decline was most dramatic among women classified as Power Operators, but was present among all job categories except Service workers and Office Management and Administration. The large changes in the overall diagnosis rate among Service workers most likely reflect the very small number of workers



in this job category. Only 15 women were classified as Service workers in 1997. When the number of workers in a job category is very small, even small changes in the number of diagnoses reported from year to year can affect rates dramatically.

Although the rate for all illnesses and injuries combined among women in Office Management and Administration decreased significantly from 1994 to 1995, it rebounded slightly from 1995 to 1997. The rebound resulted from an increase in reported diagnoses for muscles and skeleton conditions and an increase in the age of women who reported these conditions. The increased rate was not the result of any particular type of disorder.

**Figure 11. Age-Adjusted Rates for All Diagnoses Combined Among Women and Men by Job Category from 1994 to 1997**



## Sentinel Health Events for Occupations

A sentinel health event for occupation (SHEO) is a disease, disability, or death that is likely to be occupationally related. Its occurrence may serve as a warning signal that materials substitution, engineering control, personal protection, or medical care may be required to reduce the risk of injury or illness among the work force. Sixty-four medical conditions associated with workplace exposures from studies



of many different industries have been identified as sentinel health events. Although sentinel health events may indicate an occupational exposure, many may result from non-occupational exposures. Due to this uncertainty, sentinel health events are assessed in two categories:

**Definite Sentinel Health Events:** Diseases that are unlikely to occur in the absence of an occupational exposure.

Asbestosis, a lung disease resulting from exposure to asbestos, is an example.

**Possible Sentinel Health Events:** Conditions such as lung cancer or carpal tunnel syndrome may or may not be related to occupation. Detailed occupational and non-occupational information is required to determine the work-relatedness of the illness. For example, lung cancer may result from asbestos exposure or smoking. Carpal tunnel syndrome may result from a job requiring typing or from a hobby such as playing the piano.

Three *definite* sentinel health event diagnoses affecting one worker were identified in 1997 (Figure 12). The diagnoses involved injuries sustained when a falling object struck the worker. Eighteen of 1,858 (1 percent) diagnoses were identified as *possible* sentinel health events. Fourteen of the 18 diagnoses were carpal tunnel syndrome, reported by 13 workers and resulting in 600 lost calendar days. Workers in the Technical Support group reported 7 of the carpal tunnel diagnoses.

**Figure 12. Characteristics of SHEOs by Gender**

	Total Number of SHEO Diagnoses		Total Number of Days Absent	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Definite	0	3	0	48
Possible	10	8	502	264
Total	10	11	502	312

## Disabilities Among Active Workers

Less than 1 percent of the work force (25/13,822 workers) was on long-term disability in 1997. The percentage on disability was about the same for men and women. Among these 25 workers, 5 were on disability for cancer; 4 for heart/circulatory problems; 3 due to diabetes; 3 for back problems; 2 each for digestive disorders and congenital disorders of the muscles and skeleton; and 1 each for psychological disorder, kidney disease, respiratory problem, muscle disorder, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and post-polio syndrome. Forty-eight percent (12/25) of the disabilities occurred among Technical Support workers, who made up 42 percent of the work force.

## Deaths Among Active Workers

Six deaths occurred among Savannah River Site workers in 1997. The six causes of death were respiratory failure, malignant melanoma, ischemic heart disease, injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident, a self-inflicted gunshot wound, and self-inflicted poisoning.

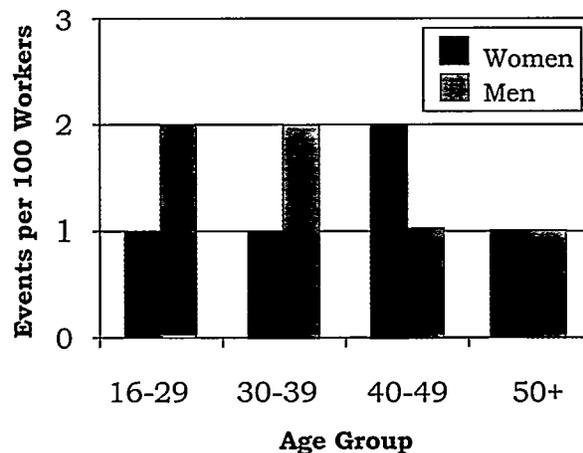
## OSHA-Recordable Events

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires employers to maintain a record of occupational injuries and illnesses that have occurred among employees and to make that information available to OSHA upon request. Employers maintain the information from these OSHA-recordable events in the OSHA 200 Log. OSHA-recordable events differ from health events captured through return-to-work

clearances in at least two important respects: 1) they do not necessarily result in days lost from work, and 2) they are usually accompanied by a specific determination that they are work-related.

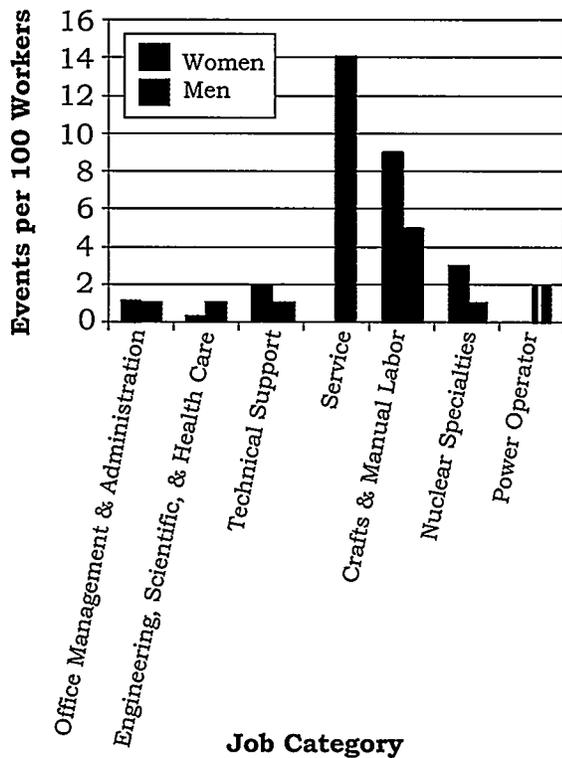
The distribution of OSHA events by gender and age is shown in Figure 13. There were 55 women with at least one OSHA-recordable event and 135 men with at least one recordable event noted. The overall rate of OSHA-recordables was similar for men (1 per 100) and women (2 per 100) and did not differ significantly by age group.

Figure 13. OSHA-Recordable Events by Gender and Age



The rates of OSHA-recordable events by job category and gender are shown in Figure 14. Overall, the Service group had the highest percentage (11 percent) of workers with at least one OSHA event; and the rate of OSHA-recordable events was substantially higher for men in the Service group and both women and men in the Crafts and Manual Labor group than in other job categories. Women had a higher percentage of OSHA events than did men in the Crafts and Manual

**Figure 14. OSHA-Recordable Events by Job Category and Gender**



Labor, Nuclear Specialties, and Technical Support groups. Among women, the Crafts and Manual Labor group had the highest percentage (9 percent) of OSHA events; among men, the highest percentage occurred among Service workers (14 percent).

There were a total of 485 lost/restricted calendar days for women and 1,229 lost/restricted calendar days for men. Overall, the average number of workdays lost or with restricted activity due to an OSHA event was the same for men and women (9 days). Workers aged 40-49 had the highest average number of lost and restricted workdays (14 days). Overall, Nuclear Specialties workers reported the highest average number of lost and restricted workdays due to an OSHA event (54 days). Women in the Nuclear Specialties category averaged 60 days of lost or restricted workdays for three OSHA events; men in the Nuclear Specialties workers averaged 47 lost or restricted workdays for three OSHA events.

### Diagnostic and Accident Categories for OSHA-Recordable Events

One hundred ninety-five OSHA events were recorded on the OSHA 200 Logs. From these there were 62 diagnoses among women and 155 diagnoses among men as shown in Figure 15. Among women, injuries accounted for 69 percent of the diagnoses reported; the most common (37 percent) type of OSHA-recordable injury was sprains and strains. Among men, injuries accounted for 81 percent of the diagnoses reported, again primarily due to sprains and strains (33 percent). Open wounds (25 percent) and bruises (11 percent) were also frequently reported among men. There was one case of carpal tunnel syndrome reported by a woman.

**Figure 15. OSHA-Recordable Diagnoses by Diagnostic Category and Gender**

Diagnostic Category	Gender	
	Women	Men
Digestive	1	1
Respiratory	4	0
Muscles and Skeleton	10	14
Nervous System	3	4
Skin	0	5
Unspecified Symptoms	1	5
Injury	43	126
Fractures - Upper Limb	2	6
Fractures - Lower Limb	3	1
Dislocations	1	2
Back Sprains and Strains	8	20
Other Sprains and Strains	8	21
Intracranial Injuries	0	2
Open Wounds - Head, Neck, Trunk	0	9
Open Wounds - Upper Limb	3	21
Open Wounds - Lower Limb	1	1
Superficial Injuries	4	9
Bruises	2	14
Foreign Bodies Entering Orifice	0	5
Burns	5	3
Unspecified Injuries	2	2
Adverse Reactions to Non-Medical Substances	1	1
Adverse Reactions to External Causes	3	9

Only 7 percent (13) of the 195 OSHA events were described as an accident in the OSHA logs. The majority of these events were described as "other accidents," 71 percent (5/7) among women and 67 percent (4/6) among men. These "other accidents" are shown in Figure 16. Natural/environmental factors made up the remaining accidents.

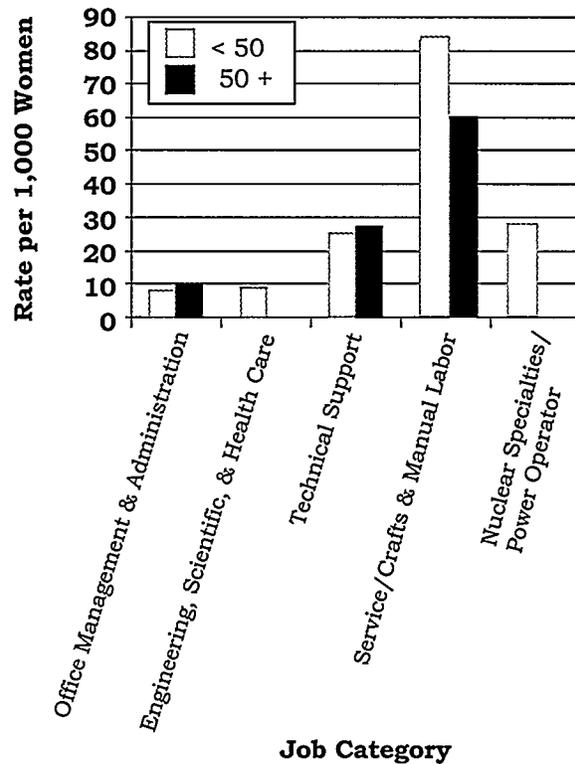
**Figure 16. OSHA-Recordable Accidents by Type and Gender**

Accident Category	Gender	
	Women Number of Accidents	Men Number of Accidents
Natural / Environmental Factors	2	2
Other Accidents	5	4
Hot, Corrosive, or Caustic Material/ Steam	3	0
Repetitive Trauma	1	2
Visible/UV Light	1	2

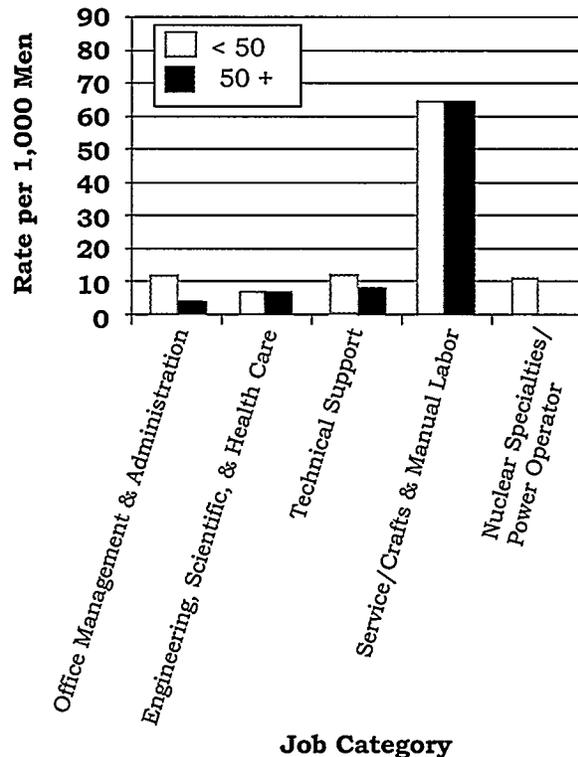
### Rates of OSHA-Recordable Events

The rates of all diagnoses combined for OSHA-recordable events by age category, gender, and job category are shown in Figures 17 and 18. Women, regardless of age group, tended to have higher rates compared with men in similar job categories. There was no apparent relationship between age and the rate of OSHA-recordable events among women or men. The OSHA-recordable rates among both men and women were highest among the Service/Crafts and Manual Labor workers. Most of the OSHA diagnoses involved injury. When the rates for OSHA-recordable injuries were considered separately, the same occupational groups had the highest rates for both women and men.

**Figure 17. OSHA-Recordable Rates by Age and Job Categories Among Women, All Diagnoses Combined**



**Figure 18. OSHA-Recordable Rates by Age and Job Categories Among Men, All Diagnoses Combined**



Service/Crafts and Manual Labor workers accounted for 8 percent of the work force but 36 percent of the OSHA-recordable events.

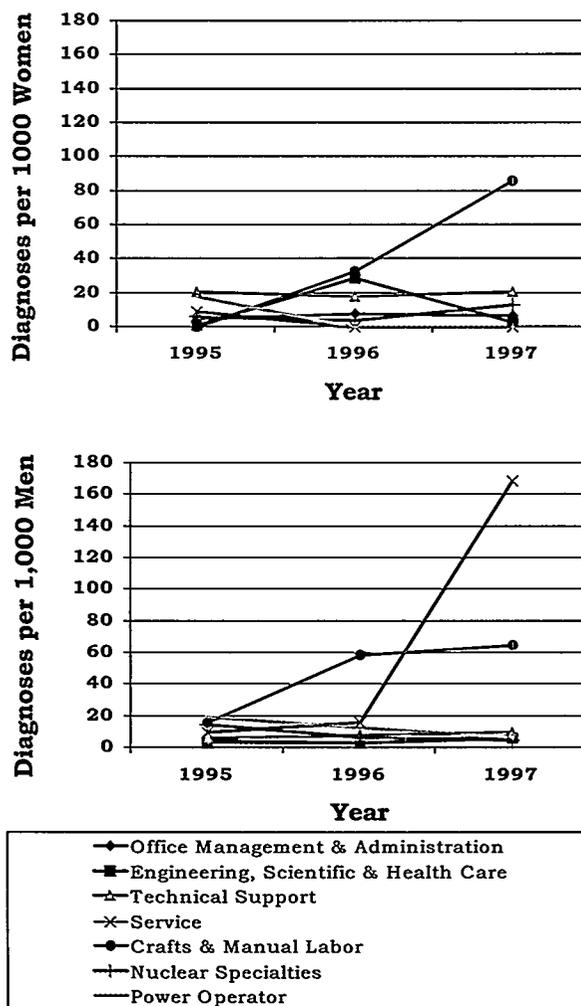
Crafts and Manual Laborers were at a 4 times higher risk of sprains and strains than were other workers, while Service workers showed a 20 times higher risk for sprains and strains that did not involve the back. Compared with other workers, these two occupational groups were also at higher risk for open wounds to the upper limb (Crafts and Manual Laborers, 9 times; Service workers, 16 times). In addition, Crafts and Manual Laborers were 18 times more likely to suffer a disorder of the muscles and skeleton and 5 times more likely to report a superficial injury as were other workers. A higher risk for bruises was noted among Power Operators (13 times) and Crafts and Manual Laborers (8 times).

### Time Trends for OSHA-Recordable Events

Savannah River Site's OSHA-recordable data were made available for Epidemiologic Surveillance analysis beginning in 1995. The age-adjusted rates for all diagnostic categories combined from 1995 to 1997 by job category and gender are shown in Figure 19. During the 3-year period, the overall rates for OSHA-recordable events among men and women did not change greatly for the majority of the job categories. An exception was the Crafts and Manual Labor group, in which the rate increased for both women and men. There was an increase in open wounds to the upper limb and bruises reported by men in this job category during the 3-year period. The rate declined slightly among both men and women Power Operators. A similar small decline in the rate was

noted among women in Service occupations, but men in Service occupations showed a dramatic increase between 1996 and 1997. This rate increase reflected eight diagnoses among male Service workers reported in 1997 compared with one OSHA-recordable diagnosis reported in 1996. As pointed out earlier in this report, even small increases in the number of diagnoses can have a dramatic impact on rates in a given job category when the number of workers in that category is small (59 men were classified as Service workers in 1997, see Figure 2).

**Figure 19. Age-Adjusted Rates for All OSHA-Recordable Diagnoses Combined Among Women and Men by Job Category from 1995 to 1997**



## Glossary

**Adjustment:** A mathematical procedure for rates in which the effects of differences of a characteristic (such as age or gender) between groups have been removed. The purpose of adjustment is to allow comparisons between two or more groups with the effect of the differences for the characteristic removed.

**Age-Adjusted Rate:** A rate that has been mathematically adjusted to account for the effects of differences in the age composition between groups.

**Age-Specific Rate:** A rate that is calculated for a specific age group (e.g., 16 to 29 years old). Only people in the specific age group are included in the calculation of the rate.

**Confidence Interval:** A range of values determined by the degree of random variability in the data. The width of the confidence interval is affected by the size of the group being studied and how often the event whose true value is sought occurs. Generally, as the size of the group or the frequency of the event increases, the width of the confidence interval decreases. The level of confidence, for example a 95 percent confidence level, indicates the percentage (e.g., 95 percent) of time that the true value is expected to fall within the confidence interval if the mathematical procedure is repeated 100 times.

**Demographics:** Characteristics of human populations related to their size, density, age distribution, and vital status.

**Diagnosis (diagnoses):** Identification of a disease or health condition from signs and symptoms.

**Diagnosis Rate:** The number of occurrences of a given disease or health condition observed during a given time period per the number of workers at risk of getting that disease during that time period. It is usually multiplied by 100 or 1,000 to produce a rate expressed as a convenient number.

**Diagnostic Category:** A particular type of disease, a group of related health conditions, or diseases that all affect the same organ system.

**Epidemiologic Surveillance:** The ongoing evaluation of the health of a human population which is based on the collection and interpretation of demographic and health information for that population.

**Epidemiology:** The study of the distribution and determinants of diseases and health conditions in human populations.

**ICD-9-CM Code:** An abbreviation for the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification*. An internationally accepted standardized system for the classification of disease and health data collected from medical records.

**OSHA:** An acronym for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

**OSHA Event:** An abbreviation used throughout this report for an OSHA-recordable event.

**OSHA-Recordable Event:** An accident that occurs on the job and involves fatalities (regardless of time between injury and death), time lost from work, transfer of employment, medical treatment other than first aid, loss of consciousness, or restriction of work or motion. Also included is any diagnosed occupational health event reported to the employer that is neither fatal nor results in workdays lost. By law, these events are recordable in the OSHA 200 Log.

**Person-Year:** A unit of measurement combining the number of people being studied with the time that each was observed equivalent to one person followed for one year. For example, 5 persons followed for one year contribute five person-years, as do 10 people each followed for half a year.

**Relative Risk:** The ratio of the occurrence of a disease or health condition in one group compared to the rate of occurrence of that same disease or health condition in another group.

**Explanation of Diagnostic Categories**

Throughout this report, health conditions have been grouped into a number of diagnostic categories which come from the *International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM). For the text of this report the categories are abbreviated to make the report easier to read. The following table lists the categories in alphabetic order.

Abbreviated Categories Used in the Annual Report	ICD-9-CM Codes
Benign Growths	210-229 235-239
Blood	280-289
Cancer	140-208 230-234
Digestive	520-579
Endocrine / Metabolic	240-279
Existing Birth Conditions	740-759
Genitourinary	580-629
Heart / Circulatory	390-459
Infectious / Parasites	001-139
Injury	800-999
Miscarriage	630-676
Muscles and Skeleton	710-739
Nervous System	320-389
Psychological	290-319
Respiratory	460-519
Skin	680-709
Unspecified Symptoms	780-799

## ICD-9-CM Codes

<b>All conditions</b>	001-V82	All reported health events
<b>Infectious and parasitic diseases</b>	001-139	Diseases caused by bacteria, viruses, and parasites
• Intestinal infections	001-009	Infections of the bowel or gut
• Tuberculosis	010-018	TB in the lungs and other organs
• Zoonotic bacterial diseases	020-027	Bacterial diseases that animals transmit to humans
• Other bacterial diseases	030-041	Whooping cough, diphtheria, strep throat, and gangrene
• Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection	042	AIDS
• Poliomyelitis and other nonarthropod diseases of the central nervous system	045-049	Viral meningitis (swelling of the layers covering the brain and spinal cord); viral encephalitis (swelling of the brain); and polio
• Viral diseases accompanied by exanthem	050-057	Diseases accompanied by rashes or blisters like chickenpox, measles, shingles, and herpes
• Arthropod-borne viral diseases	060-066	Encephalitis (swelling of the brain) caused by bites from virus-carrying ticks or mosquitoes
• Other diseases caused by viruses and chlamydiae	070-079	Viral hepatitis, mumps, rabies, and mononucleosis
• Rickettsioses and other arthropod-borne diseases	080-088	Rocky Mountain spotted fever, malaria, and lyme disease
• Other spirochetal diseases	100-104	Trench mouth and Weil's disease (jaundice caused by coil-shaped bacteria)
• Mycoses	110-118	Athlete's foot; fungal infections of fingernails and toenails; and thrush
• Helminthiases	120-129	Pinworms, tapeworms, roundworms, whipworms
• Other infectious and parasitic diseases	130-136	Lice, chiggers, scabies, and mites

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• Late effects of infectious or parasitic diseases	137-139	Side effects of TB, chickenpox, or polio even though the disease is no longer active
<b>Malignant neoplasms</b>	140-208, 230-234	All cancers, regardless of the part of the body affected
• Lip, oral cavity, and pharynx	140-149	Lip, mouth, throat, and tongue
• Digestive organs and peritoneum	150-159	Stomach, esophagus (tube that transports food to the stomach), intestines, colon, rectum, anus, liver, pancreas, and gallbladder
• Respiratory system and intrathoracic organs	160-165	Sinuses, throat, voice box, lungs, and heart
• Bone, connective tissue, skin, and breast	170-176	Bone, muscle, ligament, tendon, blood vessels, fat, skin, and breast
• Genitourinary organs	179-189	Kidney, bladder, and cervix, ovary, uterus, and prostate
• Other and unspecified sites	190-199	Eye, brain, and thyroid
• Lymphatic and hematopoietic tissue	200-208	Leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, lymphosarcoma, and reticulum cell sarcoma
• Carcinoma in situ	230-234	A cancer that is confined to the site of origin (has not spread to neighboring tissue)
<b>Benign neoplasms and neoplasms of uncertain behavior and unspecified nature</b>	210-229 235-239	Tumors that are not cancerous or do not exhibit cancerous behavior, regardless of the part of the body affected
<b>Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases and disorders of the immune system</b>	240-279	Diseases affecting the hormone secreting glands and organs. Overactive thyroid; underactive thyroid; vitamin deficiency; diabetes; gout; and problems affecting the antibody producing system
<b>Disorders of the blood and blood forming organs</b>	280-289	Anemia and hemophilia (excludes leukemia)

<b>Mental disorders</b>	290-319	Psychiatric diagnoses - Non-psychotic disorders: depression; anxiety, fear and stress disorders; alcoholism; drug dependence; and eating disorders, such as anorexia; Psychotic disorders: dementia, schizophrenia, and manic depression
<b>Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs</b>	320-389	Huntington's chorea; Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease; epilepsy; multiple sclerosis; migraine; diseases of the eye, such as cataract and glaucoma
• Inflammatory diseases of the central nervous system	320-326	Bacterial meningitis (swelling of the layers covering the brain and spine); bacterial encephalitis (swelling of the brain); and brain and spinal abscesses
• Hereditary and degenerative diseases of the central nervous system	330-337	Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, tremors, and Huntington's chorea
• Other disorders of the central nervous system	340-349	Multiple sclerosis (MS), cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and migraine
• Disorders of the peripheral nervous system	350-359	Nerve disorders of the face, carpal tunnel syndrome, muscular dystrophy
• Disorders of the eye	360-379	Inflammation and ulcers of the eye and eyelid; detached retina; pink eye; problems with tear ducts; glaucoma; and cataracts
• Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	380-389	Infections of the outer, middle, or inner ear; ringing of the ears; hearing loss
<b>Diseases of the circulatory system</b>	390-459	Rheumatic fever, heart murmurs, heart attacks, angina, hardening of the arteries, varicose veins, hemorrhoids, and phlebitis
• Acute rheumatic fever	390-392	High fever and joint pain with possible heart damage
• Chronic rheumatic heart disease	393-398	Long lasting swelling and damage to the heart which results from rheumatic fever
• Hypertensive disease	401-405	High blood pressure

- Ischemic heart disease  
(Restricted blood flow to the heart)                      410-414      Heart attack and angina
  
- Diseases of pulmonary  
circulation    415-417      Blood clots in the lung and pulmonary aneurysm  
(bulge that develops in the wall of the pulmonary artery,  
which is the artery that carries blood to the lungs)
  
- Other forms of heart  
disease    420-429      Swelling of the inner lining, middle lining, or sac  
enclosing the heart; heart failure; and irregular heartbeat
  
- Cerebrovascular disease    430-438      Stroke, bleeding in the brain, and blockage or low blood  
flow in blood vessels of the brain
  
- Diseases of the arteries  
and capillaries    440-448      Hardening of the arteries; aneurysm (bulge that develops  
in the walls of arteries); and blood clots
  
- Diseases of the veins,  
lymphatics, and other  
circulatory system diseases                                      451-459      Phlebitis (swelling of a vein), thrombophlebitis (swelling of a  
vein which has a blood clot), varicose veins, and hemorrhoids
  
- Diseases of the respiratory system**                              460-519      Colds, sinusitis, laryngitis, pneumonia, influenza,  
chronic bronchitis, asthma, and emphysema
  
- Acute respiratory infections                                      460-466      Colds, sore throat, sinus infections, swollen tonsils, and  
bronchitis
  
- Other diseases of the upper  
respiratory tract    470-478      Allergies, hay fever, sinus infections, bronchitis, and sore throat that  
continue for a long time
  
- Pneumonia and influenza    480-487      “The flu” and pneumonia caused by a bacteria or virus
  
- Chronic obstructive  
pulmonary diseases and  
allied conditions    490-496      Emphysema and asthma
  
- Pneumoconiosis and other  
lung diseases caused by  
external agents    500-508      Black lung; miners’ asthma; asbestosis; silicosis;  
berylliosis; and conditions caused by chemical fumes  
and vapors
  
- Other diseases of respiratory  
system    510-519      Pleurisy (swelling of the lining of the lungs), collapsed  
lung, and respiratory failure

<b>Diseases of the digestive system</b>	520-579	Diseases affecting the teeth and mouth, salivary glands, digestive tract, and the abdominal cavity. Examples include dental abscess, ulcers, appendicitis, hepatitis (excluding viral hepatitis), cirrhosis of the liver, gallstones, pancreatitis, abdominal hernia, and intestinal polyps
• Diseases of the oral cavity, salivary glands, and jaw	520-529	Tooth problems (too many, too few, abnormal shape or size, cavities, bleeding gums, toothaches), and infections and swelling of the mouth, jaw, and tongue
• Diseases of the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum	530-537	Ulcers of the esophagus (tube that transports food to the stomach), stomach, and small intestine; indigestion; and uncontrollable vomiting
• Appendicitis	540-543	Swelling of the appendix (rupture, surgery, or both may result)
• Hernia of the abdominal cavity	550-553	Ruptures of the groin and diaphragm (muscle which separates the chest area from the lower part of the trunk)
• Non-infectious enteritis and colitis	555-558	Crohn's disease and swelling of the intestine and colon
• Other diseases of the intestines and peritoneum	560-569	Irritable bowel syndrome, blockage of the intestine, constipation, and diarrhea
• Other diseases of digestive system	570-579	Diseases of the liver, gallbladder, and pancreas; hepatitis; blood in stool; and bleeding in the stomach and intestine
<b>Diseases of the genitourinary system</b>	580-629	Diseases affecting the kidneys, the prostate, and testes; benign breast diseases; infertility (male and female); diseases of the ovary; pelvic inflammatory disease; and menstrual disorders
• Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis	580-589	Swelling of the kidney; swelling of the small blood vessels in the kidney; and kidney failure
• Other diseases of the urinary system	590-599	Swelling and infection of the kidney and bladder; kidney stones; and difficulty urinating

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• Diseases of the male genital organs	600-608	Enlarged prostate; swelling of the scrotum and prostate; and abscess of the prostate
• Disorders of the breast	610-611	Benign tumors, cysts, and infections of the breast
• Inflammatory disease of the female pelvic organs	614-616	Swelling of the uterus, ovary, fallopian tubes, or cervix
• Other diseases of the female genital tract	617-629	Conditions associated with menopause and postmenopause; PMS; infertility; and cramps
<b>Complications of pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium</b>	630-676	Miscarriage; complications of pregnancy, such as hemorrhage; pregnancy-related high blood pressure; preeclampsia; and premature labor or other complications of labor
• Ectopic and molar pregnancy	630-633	Development of fetus outside the uterus and growth of cysts
• Other pregnancy with abortive outcome	634-639	Miscarriage and complications associated with miscarriage
• Complications mainly related to pregnancy	640-648	Abnormal bleeding and possible miscarriage; infections; high blood pressure caused by pregnancy; and premature labor
• Normal delivery, and other indications for care in pregnancy, labor, and delivery	650-659	Delivery requiring little or no assistance; multiple births; breech birth; and problems of the fetus or placenta which affect care of mother
• Complications occurring mainly in the course of labor and delivery	660-669	Long labor; unusually fast delivery; and abnormal bleeding after delivery
• Complications of the puerperium	670-676	Infections of the breast; blood clot in lung; and varicose veins
<b>Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue</b>	680-709	Acne, cellulitis, sunburn, psoriasis, and seborrhea

• Infections of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	680-686	Abscesses, boils, hair-containing cysts, and pus-filled blisters
• Other inflammatory conditions of skin and subcutaneous tissue	690-698	Skin rashes caused by detergents, oils, greases, solvents, sun, food, drugs, or medicine
• Other diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	700-709	Corns, calluses, heat rash, swollen hair follicles, acne, and ingrown fingernails and toenails
<b>Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue</b>	710-739	Arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, ankylosing spondylitis, herniated intervertebral disc ("slipped disc"), lumbago, sciatica, rheumatism, tendonitis, and osteoporosis
• Arthropathies and related disorders	710-719	Arthritis; joint pain and stiffness; and other diseases of the connective tissue which supports and connects internal organs, forms bones and blood vessel walls, and attaches to bones
• Dorsopathies	720-724	Swelling of the spine; herniated, slipped, and ruptured disc; rheumatoid arthritis of the spine; lumbago; and sciatica
• Rheumatism, excluding the back	725-729	Swelling and degeneration of joints, muscles, tendons; tennis elbow; and bursitis
• Osteopathies, chondropathies, and acquired musculoskeletal deformities	730-739	Fracture caused by bone disease; osteoporosis; curvature of the spine; flat foot; hammer toe; and development of deformities of the nose, toes, feet, legs, arms, and hands
<b>Congenital anomalies</b>	740-759	Spina bifida; cleft palate; harelip; and various chromosomal anomalies, such as Klinefelter's syndrome
<b>Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period</b>	760-779	Maternal high blood pressure; maternal malnutrition; ectopic pregnancy; breech birth; fetal malnutrition or slow growth; injuries related to birth trauma; and perinatal jaundice

<b>Symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions</b>	780-799	Blackout, chills, dizziness, fatigue, pallor, abnormal weight loss, undiagnosed chest pain, and heartburn
• Symptoms	780-789	Hallucinations, fainting, convulsions, dizziness, fatigue, fever, sleep disturbance, rash, headache, sore throat, chest pain, nausea, vomiting, and heartburn
• Non-specific abnormal findings	790-796	Abnormal x-ray, blood, stool, and urine test results
• Ill-defined and unknown causes of morbidity and mortality	797-799	Senility; asphyxia; respiratory arrest; nervousness; and unexplained death within 24 hours of onset of symptoms
<b>Injury and poisoning</b>	800-999	Dislocation of joints; sprains and strains of associated muscles; concussions; bruises; cuts; internal injuries from crushing, puncture, tearing, or blunt impact; burns; blisters; poisoning; frostbite; heatstroke; and complications of medical or surgical care
• Fractures, all sites	800-829	Cracks or breaks of any bone
• Dislocations	830-839	Separation of a bone from its normal socket or joint
• Sprains and strains of joints and adjacent muscles	840-848	Strains are injuries to muscle from overuse or stretching the muscle beyond its normal limit; sprains are injuries involving tearing or overextending the ligaments of a joint
• Intracranial injuries excluding those with skull fractures	850-854	Concussions; internal bruises; and bleeding within the head without a fracture of the bones of the skull
• Internal injuries of the thorax, abdomen, and pelvis	860-869	Bruising, crushing, tearing, or rupturing the chest, abdomen, and pelvis and the organs within these areas of the body
• Open wounds	870-897	Animal bites; cuts; lacerations; punctures; and amputations, excluding the arteries and veins

- Other injuries and late effects of external causes

900-999 Miscellaneous injuries, including injuries to the arteries and veins; problems that occur an extended period of time after the injury has taken place ("late effects"); superficial bruises and abrasions; burns; post-injury shock; poisoning; toxic side effects of chemicals; heatstroke; electrocution; and altitude sickness
  
- Supplementary classifications related to personal or family history of disease**

V10-V19 Covers situations in which the person is not ill or injured but has a personal or family history of problems, such as cancer, mental illness, allergies, or arthritis that may affect his or her risk of illness
  
- Supplementary classifications related to health care for reproduction and child development**

V20-V28 Problems related to pregnancy, postpartum care, contraception, outcome of delivery, and physical development of child
  
- Contact with health services for reasons other than illness or injury**

V50-V59 Care for workers who have been treated previously for an illness or injury that is no longer present but who receive care to complete treatment or prevent recurrence

**NOTES**